

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle M Gamerdinger

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Comments for Public Posting: - The health and safety of the animals in bull riding is paramount. These animal athletes get the best care and live a great life – extending four to five times as long as the average bull. - PBR stock contractors make their living by breeding, training, and working with their animal athletes. They truly love these animal athletes, treat them as a member of their own family, and have many safeguards in place to ensure their care. - The bulls in PBR are not wild animals forced to compete – they’re bred and trained for their jobs. Bulls buck because of their genetics. They are not abused or coerced to compete. The flank straps and dull spurs used in PBR do NOT harm the bulls. This ordinance is unnecessary – PBR already takes great care of the bulls. - In addition to bringing millions of dollars of economic impact to LA, bull riding teaches important values like hard work, charity, respect, responsibility, and honesty. The sport is inclusive and promotes equality. Everyone is welcome. We need to celebrate all cowboys, their strong values, and all the great things they stand for, not prevent them from showcasing their stories and skills in Los Angeles.

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Name: Carolyn Conner
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Comments for Public Posting: Banning the Professional Bull Riders event from Los Angeles is a very sad proposition. It is a wonderful and thrilling sport to watch and to root for your favorite athlete... rider or bull! Several years ago, I personally witnessed a top bull (Troubador) returning to his home in an air-conditioned air ride trailer and ushered into a treatment chute where he received vitamin shots and a chiropractic treatment with rubber mallets which he obviously enjoyed! Rodeo bulls and horses only work 8 seconds a day, get to travel and receive the utmost in care and training. We should all be so lucky! Please reconsider banning one of my favorite spectator sports!!

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Name: T Simpson

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't block Professional Bull Riding from Los Angeles. The bulls used are raised as athletes and are treated with great respect and love. They are pampered and used for bull riding for a brief period then are used to breed. They are not turned over to the meat trade. The spurs and straps used by the riders are not sharp or inhumane. The health and safety of these bulls is the most important thing to professional bull riding. These bulls live 4 to 5 times longer than average bulls. They are not wild animals forced to compete. Please vote NO. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany Sokolow

Date Submitted: 05/17/2021 03:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the PBR in Los Angeles. I'd like to express my opposition to the proposed ordinance that will ban rodeo and bull riding in Los Angeles. I live in Los Angeles, I have attended events at the Staples Center and the PBR event has been one of my favorite things brought to LA. I have a pet and I have been behind the shoots and have seen first hand the love the owners and trainers have for these animals. These bulls are treated better than you would imagine. Any bull riding fan knows the health and safety of the magnificent animals in these events is very important to all involved. Rodeo people make their living by breeding, training, and working with the animal athletes. They make sure these animals get the very best care. They give them a great life. These are not wild animals forced to compete – they're bred and trained for rodeo. The bulls are not abused. The flank straps and dull spurs don't harm them. The bulls compete for a few years and go to stud. They are treated like a member of the family and die a natural death on a ranch. They do not enter the food supply like bulls not fortunate to compete in PBR. Bull riding teaches important values like hard work, charity, respect, responsibility, and honesty. The sport is inclusive and promotes equality. Everyone is welcome. These values are needed today more than ever. Especially for our youth. If this ordinance goes forward, it will ban PBR and rodeo in Los Angeles. We need to celebrate all cowboys, their strong values, and all the great things they stand for, not prevent them from showcasing their skills in Los Angeles! I urge you to please not move forward with this proposal – it is unnecessary because PBR already protects its great animal athletes, and it would be detrimental to Los Angeles in many ways. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, My name is Kevin and I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I'm also an Iraq and Afghanistan combat veteran. I grew up on a small piece of land with horses, donkeys, dogs, and other animals. Those animals and their care were an integral part of my childhood. I learned a labor of love. I learned how to put the needs of others before my own. I learned about responsibility, integrity, hard work and sacrifice all at a young age. Some of my best memories as a child are rodeo events with my parents and siblings. The events not only teach valuable lessons but give the animals a place to showcase the byproduct of their hard work. Rodeo animals receive the best veterinary care otherwise unavailable to beef cattle and animals in the wild. The athletes have a genuine love for the animals and rodeo events are performed as a unit. It requires trust and respect between animal and athlete to perform those events. It gives kids something to aspire to with values rooted in positivity. Cowboy values encompass loyalty, respect, honor, integrity, hard work, and courage. Kids enamored by rodeo are sure to learn those values, their importance, and develop a true love for animals if they aspire to have a life in rodeo as toxic behavior isn't tolerated in true cowboy circles. Before making assumptions about the sport of rodeo, it's athletes, and animals, please take a deep dive into what rodeo means to people and how the animals are actually treated. Folks who know little of the sport or cowboying make assumptions based on fiction they heard or read online or ideas driven by emotion and not facts. Rodeo does more good for the people of Los Angeles, the animals and the athletes than harm. Banning rodeo would be a detriment to the city, the animals, athletes, and the sport. The animals would be out of a job and people couldn't afford to care for them anymore. They would be sold and likely end up on someone's dinner table. Athletes would be out of a job. Kids would lose something of substance to believe in and perhaps turn to other toxic behaviors. Ask yourselves what you're trying to achieve with the ban and if your actions are really getting you there. I'd also like to encourage you to take a trip out to some of the ranches where bulls and other rodeo animals are cared for to see what that life really looks like. You won't find cruelty, just a labor of love. Thank you in advance for your time.