

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is disappointing that this council continues to believe the extremist lies that rodeo is inhumane. Not to mention the continued attack on Black and Hispanic heritage: by pushing to ban rodeo you will also ban rodeos that commemorate Bill Pickett and the Escaramuza heritage. Show me another sport that gives their animal partners massages, frequent hoof trimmings, and hot and cold baths. Listen to the experts: the veterinarians, the livestock owners, the rodeo managers. They know the real reasons that some people are trying to ban Rodeo, and it's all part of a bigger plan to remove All animals from our lives. This is a reworked, anti-animal ownership bill and also an anti-American bill. Just say no and don't remove the memory of Bill Pickett from our lives. Don't take such a source of so many Hispanic livestock owners away. Don't take more of the American Heritage away.

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is tradition, when I was young I remember stables on Van Nuys Bl. My dad used to take us to the rodeo at Corraginville in Semi Valley, this is when I developed a connection with the sport and the people involved in it. People involved in rodeo love their livestock and go out of their way to make sure they are healthy and fit. At rodeos contestants are always under scrutiny of other contestants. Beyond this there are rules dealing with how the livestock is treated. Also there are always veterinarians on the scene keeping an eye on things. Please do not let another tradition slip away from us. Our youth need outlets to keep them busy and out of trouble, and keeping livestock will keep them very busy. Youth rodeo develops character as well.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aubrey E. Sloan, DVM

**Date Submitted:** 02/22/2024 10:04 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Ladies and Gentlemen, I am a Veterinarian and commercial Cow-calf producer with over 45 years experience in treating and caring for large and small animals in California. Rodeo and equine sports are an integral part of California's history and traditions dating to the 1600's. As a practitioner of Veterinary Medicine for 4 1/2 decades I have cared for multiple species involved in Western and English style competitions. It has been my experience that very, very few injuries occur in, for example, roping cattle or bucking bulls used in these events. These animals are extremely well cared for by their owners and competitors alike. Most "work" for a few seconds per week and spend the rest of their time eating and relaxing with their counterparts in safe corral systems or on pasture. On the rare occasion that one is injured they are promptly treated to care for their injury. Rodeo, team roping, cutting, sorting and other sporting endeavors are traditions in a number of ethnic groups in California and elsewhere. Black cowboys rode the ranges and trails of 1800's driving and caring for cattle on the big ranches of yesteryear. Hispanic Vaqueros brought cattle and other livestock handling to California and have a huge membership in events of today. Anglo cowboys took their name "Buckeroo" from the California's Vaquero, pronounced "Bakero", ergo Buckeroo. These are traditions followed by a huge group of diverse men and women who have a common bond of keeping the skills and sentiments of our forefathers alive. Every time someone attends an equine event be it rodeo, cutting, sorting or roping they are experiencing the skills of the American West and those souls who pave the way for modern civilization. The claims of extremist animal right groups have no merit concerning the modern day events of those activities mentioned above. These animals are respected and cared for in every way possible to safeguard their health and wellbeing. If it is truly the welfare of animals that you wish to address, money and time should be invested in routing out those who would not care for their animals and abuse them as I have seen throughout my career. Even the well-meaning animal owner who gathers animals to themselves in the effort to care for them and find them doing more harm than good due to overcrowding and lack of resources. I respectfully ask you take a better look at this ordinance and realize this is not the way!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alan Douglass

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**Comments for Public Posting:** HERE YOU GO AGAIN, MESSING WITH SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS TRYING TO CONTROL. I AM TOTALLY AGAINST YOUR CONSIDERATION OF A RODEO BAN IN LA, AND THINK THAT YOU HAVE FAR GREATER ISSUES TO DEAL WITH IN A CITY THAT IS CONSUMMND WITH HOELESS PROBLEMS, RAMPANT DRUG ISSUES, CRIME, ETC. RODEO IS PART OF ARE AGRICULTURALL HERITAGE IN THIS STATE AND AGIN YOUR ARE COWTOWING TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND NOT THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO YOU REPRESENT. LEAVE OUR RODEOS ALONE.