

## Communication from Public

**Name:** R L Hansen

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly encourage you to continue to support all types of Western Sports in your community. The Western Sports world demonstrates some of the best ethics in the entire livestock industry. The animals involved in rodeos, fairs, pageants, and so forth are among the best cared for animals in all of the world. Each species of animal that performs or is exhibited, is bred to do the specific job they are asked to do, and enjoy the performance aspect of their lives. Many of the specialized skills these animals exhibit are inherent to their breeding. They are born to run, born to buck, and depending on the animal, have special abilities to turn quickly, sort other livestock, jump, have a special gait, or numerous other unique qualities that have been bred into them. They are not coerced to do things that don't come naturally to a specific animal. The animals used in various aspects Western Sports receive the best nutrition to assist their bodies in performing the tasks they are bred to do. Those animals are checked on a constant basis to insure they have a sound structure, good bone and muscle, are eating well, and are kept in the best environment available. Many times exhibition animals even have a physical therapist or massage therapist available for their care. (These animals probably receive better care than the majority of the human population!) The livestock used in Western Sports not only represents the source of income for the owners, but also the bond between the animals and their owners is incredibly close, due to the care and connection that exists between them. The tradition of keeping Western Sports not only alive, but thriving, is vitally important. The opportunity for families in urban areas to see livestock on display and in various working and performing aspects, connects urban lifestyles with rural lifestyles. These experiences have the opportunity of showing how we are all connected. Western Sports bring education about history and past lifestyles, as well as current practices. These experiences can benefit the individuals that are unfamiliar with the rural lifestyle. I would urge all members of the Council to speak directly to livestock owners, stock contractors, and any other participants in Western Sports. I guarantee they will be more than willing to share their expertise in livestock care and management. These are the people you should be hearing from prior to making any kind of decision on the pending proposal. These are the people that in

many instances have raised their animals from birth, and cared for them throughout their lifetime. These are the people who have personal knowledge about the treatment of their animals. These are the people that have relevant information, education and background with livestock. The "opinions" of people without experience in the livestock world are only "opinions" of their view of the reality of animal welfare. Please consider that point heavily when making your decision. Thank you for your consideration. R L Hansen Rancher and Livestock Producer

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeos have long been PASSÉ. Animals are not sharing our planet with us to abuse, and mistreat for our entertainment. The vast majority of the public agree the practise of rodeos are inhumane, and should be abolished.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paul Moss

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Los Angeles Rodeo Ban. There is no excuse for animal abuse.