

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Rondou

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to respectfully urge the discontinuation of rodeos in Los Angeles. I believe that these events do not align with the values and culture that our city upholds. As a progressive city in a forward-thinking state like California, it is time for us to move beyond outdated practices and embrace more compassionate and ethical treatment of animals. Celebrating our city's culture should reflect our commitment to modern values and humane practices.

Communication from Public

Name: Cory Mac

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of CD 13 and i support Councilmember Blumenfield's rodeo ordinance. Animal cruelty should have no place in our city.

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: "Advocating for animals isn't about being against a particular culture; it's about promoting a culture of kindness and compassion, and that's something that I think everybody, universally, can appreciate and take part of." Please enact ordinances to protect animals (and children?) from harmful rodeo practices. Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (former) Chairman Keith Martin: "Do I think it hurts the calf? Sure I do. I'm not stupid." Humane Society Veterinary Medical Alliance: "Numerous animals – including calves, steers and horses – are routinely injured and killed in rodeo events. . . Rodeo not only injures and kills many animals, but it exposes children to sanctioned animal abuse. . . Children who attend rodeos witness riders and ropers dominate and injure animals. . . They see brutal riders winning prizes. Animal abuse can become acceptable to them."
www.hsvma.org/rodeos_inherent_cruelty_to_animals Pasadena Code of Ordinances Chapter 6.40: It is the intent of this chapter to control hazards to the physical and mental health of the public and to promote the protection of animals by restricting the display of animals for public entertainment or amusement in the city. "Animals are not the only victims of the cruelty they suffer. . . The damage violence to animals can cause for children who witness it has long been flagged by psychologists. A recent review in the Journal of Adolescent Trauma concluded that "[w]itnessing violence predicts and increases a child's engagement in maladaptive behaviors, including the perpetration of violence towards humans?and?animals. . . The U.N.'s recognition that children have a right to be protected from exposure to violence against animals is a momentous step toward a more holistic understanding of the damage animal suffering can cause." www.humanesociety.org/blog/un-recognizes-childrens-right-be-free-exposure-violence-against-animals Please listen to what veterinarians say about rodeos: youtu.be/i9BDHkhc6IQ?si=7tT5AyBg_H8IG3so The Humane Society Veterinary Medical Alliance also says: A number of cities across the country have passed ordinances eliminating rodeo's most common devices--the electric prod, spurs and the flank strap--all of which use pain to force the animals to "perform." It is no accident that where these devices are eliminated, rodeos disappear."
www.hsvma.org/rodeos_inherent_cruelty_to_animals After their short and painful "careers," animals in rodeos are sent to the slaughterhouse. Dr. C.G. Haber, a veterinarian who spent 30 years as a federal meat inspector, describes the animals discarded from rodeos for slaughter as being "so extensively bruised that the only areas in which the skin was attached [to the flesh] was the head, neck, leg, and belly. I have seen animals with six to eight ribs broken from the spine and, at times, puncturing the lungs." . . . Every national animal protection organization opposes rodeos because of their inherent cruelty. www.peta.org/about-peta/faq/whats-wrong-with-the-rodeo Why is it so easy to be kind to dogs but so difficult to be kind to calves and their parents? Please host events that celebrate compassion instead of harm to animals - and, quite probably, children. Please enact ordinances to protect animals (and children?) from harmful rodeo practices today! The State of Texas banned horse tripping, and six cities in Texas banned the electric prod, steer wrestling, calf roping and other harmful devices and techniques used in rodeos. [Some other places] "Within the United States [include]: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - by prohibiting the use of electric prods, shocking devices, flank or bucking straps, wire tie-downs, sharpened or fixed spurs, and rowels in rodeos, the rodeos can't force the animals to 'perform'. Pittsburgh is a blackout city for rodeos and their cruelty. Leestown, Virginia has also effectively banned rodeo by restricting the use of flank straps, electric prods and spurs. San Francisco, CA prohibits rodeos. Nevada prohibits steer roping. Nevada's state veterinarian says steer roping causes animals to get "hurt too often". State of Ohio bans use of flank straps. California prohibits the use of electric prods once an animal is in the chute, and a written report of animal injuries must be submitted to the CA State Veterinary Medical Board within 48 hours of the conclusion of the rodeo. Rhode Island and Alameda County, CA requires a veterinarian present at every rodeo. Southampton, NY effectively bans rodeos by prohibiting the use of electric prods or shocking devices, flank or bucking straps, wire tie-downs, sharpened spurs, bull hooks and bullwhips at rodeos.
www.sharkonline.org/index.php/animal-cruelty/rodeo-cruelty/755-locations-with-prohibitions-or-restrictions-on-rodeos-or-rodeo-events