

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara S. Greenwood

Date Submitted: 08/08/2023 07:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This event personifies "animal abuse." Why are we, humans, treating other living beings so inhumanely? Please take this off the table. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 08/09/2023 11:09 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the L.A. Rodeo Device Ban. There is no excuse for animal abuse!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 08/09/2023 11:16 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the L.A. Rodeo Device Ban. There is no excuse for animal abuse!

Communication from Public

Name: Compton Cowboys

Date Submitted: 08/09/2023 04:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Compton Cowboys is teaching youth in our community to prepare for self-sustainable living, which in our way of life involves using spurs to direct the horses we ride and lassos to catch cattle for food [for example, if we were living on the land providing for ourselves as opposed to depending on factories and technology]. Passing this ban would send a hurtful message that our organization, and others similar groups who have done immensely positive work in the community, are "cruel" and "inhumane" to animals. Any legitimate time spent with us and our animals would reveal the opposite is indeed true and obvious. In fact, we and practitioners of Western sports go to great lengths to provide the highest levels of love and care for our animals. They are our family, alongside whom we build a well-rounded and fulfilling life.

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TO: Los Angeles City Council
FROM: Randy Savvy, Managing Member, Compton Cowboys

RE: "Rodeo Ordinance," purporting to regulate rodeo in Los Angeles by banning various implements used in rodeo and other equestrian activities

Dear LA City Council Members:

I am reaching out to you on behalf of my organization, Compton Cowboys, who use horseback riding and equestrian culture to provide a positive influence on inner-city youth, combat negative and historically inaccurate narratives surrounding the City of Compton, and pay homage to African-Americans in western and equine heritage.

I am writing to oppose the proposed Los Angeles Ordinance 20-1575 (Blumenfield), a measure the City Council is considering that would ban the use of various types of important and necessary riding and safety equipment used in rodeo or rodeo-related events in the City of Los Angeles.

This ordinance would effectively ban the use of equipment that is safely and humanely used in long standing traditional practices that are deeply rooted across a wide array of equestrian and farming cultures. It could lead to the elimination of one of the most accessible activities through which many members can engage with animals, and would negatively impact local career opportunities.

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We oppose this ordinance as drafted because of the detrimental cultural and economic impact it would have on not only our group, but also on all Angelenos.

Sincerely,

Randy Savvy
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