

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: A ban on rodeo is unnecessary. Rodeos are well regulated to ensure the safety and well being of animals, participants, and audience. Data shows that injury in rodeo animals only occurs at 0.047%, with many of those injures being minor and the animal able to recover quickly. Rodeo is a celebration of American working class sports and the relationship between the animals and the people caring for them.

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Name: Shelene wooldridge
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Comments for Public Posting: Equestrian activities, events, rodeos, horsemanship are all beneficial to our youngsters to learn sportmanship, management, budgets, caring for another being. The livestock is very well cared for.

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to thank City Councilmembers for their support and concern regarding the conditions of animals in our shelters. It is imperative that Councilmembers have current and historical information at their disposal to inform future decision-making on trap-neuter-release (TNR), spay/neuter, and overcrowding. First, as Brenda Barnette retired in 2021, two milestones had been achieved: the EIR to allow for legal TNR of stray and feral cats was accepted by Council, and LAAS achieved no-kill status, becoming a model for how shelters could be successfully run. I know it is not lost on Councilmembers that this progress has been decimated since Staycee Dains' incumbency, and we must regain the ground we lost. When the EIR was accepted in late 2020/early 2021, the number of stray and feral cats were estimated to be from one to three million. During the lockdown, availability even for rescues to secure low cost spay and neuter services was severely impacted. As result, the numbers provided in the EIR are no longer reasonable and do not accurately inform Council. This specifically includes allocating the funding necessary to provide low-cost spay/neuter services not just for rescues or low-income individuals, but for any Angelino who wants to make a difference by taking the time to spay or neuter 'free-roaming' or community cats. This type of community engagement model has been successful in other parts of the world in limiting cat population growth while still retaining compassion for those animals. Additionally, it must be noted that the number of spay/neuter vouchers offered to Angelinos in 2023 was 275,000, which is utterly insufficient to manage and reduce the millions of stray and feral cats above and beyond the number of pets in the City of Los Angeles. This has contributed to the appalling shelter kill rate. Private citizens and rescues are bearing the brunt of the cost for responsible and compassionate treatment of animals in the shelters and those on the streets, regardless of what type they are (cats, dogs, rabbits, etc.). As a personal example, it is simply overwhelming for a small rescue like mine to collectively have team members pay out of pocket well over \$50,000 per year to respond to issues that should be addressed by the City, LAAS and especially Mayor Bass, who promised in 2022 to turnaround animal services. While I'm sure the actual negative turnaround that occurred was not her intent, corrective actions must be

prioritized. Without a significantly more committed approach to provide low-cost S/N services to anyone who requests it, literally thousands of innocent, and oftentimes terrified, animals will continue to be killed through no fault of their own. This includes senior animals surrendered to a crowded shelter because an owner has died. Prior to Staycee Dains, LAAS was at least a safe haven for a period of time to allow an animal a chance at adoption. Now senior animals are being 'redlisted' for euthanization simply because they are deaf, or blind, while young kittens that are perfectly viable get 'redlisted' for something as treatable as ringworm. On the topic of shelter overpopulation, current policies on breeder permits are insufficient and the moratorium has made no visible impact on backyard breeders or the number of animals in shelters. Please note that not only are the policies wholly uninformed, but a breeder permit is not the same as a kennel permit and has resulted in an assembly line with tragic consequences; backyard breeders will push puppies and kittens out to unwitting adopters for hundreds of dollars even if they are not healthy enough to be adopted. This forces the female into her next heat cycle and breed again. Kennels that fall below standard suffer consequences, but breeder permits allow multiple loopholes: animals under four months of age are not counted against the limit of animals someone may have as pets, having a breeder's permit does not subject you to inspections in the same way as a kennel permit, and if there is breeding, breeders are not registering for a business license. Policies must be updated so a breeder's permit is not \$250 but \$1000 per year, with enforcement that annual renewal is dependent on being subjected to random inspection of facilities listed on the permit and a business license for those selling animals. If facilities are insufficient, fines must be assessed with suspension or revocation of eligibility to have a permit. Council, every rescuer I know has a family, a job (some more than one) and we still do whatever we can to support and save these animals, at our expense, without getting paid, seven days a week. If we can show that level of commitment and sacrifice, there is simply no reason that jurisdictions can't also take responsibility to provide reasonable resources and policies to help resolve this crisis. Thank you for your time and I look forward to expeditious action by the Council and the Mayor on these issues.

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