

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Bell

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**Comments for Public Posting:** RODEOS: NO FUN FOR BULLS Animals in rodeos are beaten, prodded, kicked, whipped, screamed at to perform for the public – such disgraceful displays of brutality to animals should never be entertainment and brings only shame on all those involved. These poor, terrified bulls. Please can we as a society finally evolve from using cruel animal acts for entertainment?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Coraima Hurtado  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Western rodeo is a vital part of many people's culture and identity, particularly in regions with deep-rooted agricultural and ranching traditions. For countless families, rodeo represents a way of life passed down through generations, embodying values of hard work, respect for nature, and community. Banning rodeo in Los Angeles would erase a significant cultural heritage for many, disregarding the positive role it plays in bringing communities together and preserving a historical legacy that is important to the Western identity. Contrary to claims of animal cruelty, many of those involved in the rodeo are deeply committed to the ethical treatment of animals. Participants, ranchers, and rodeo professionals have a strong bond with the animals they work with, treating them with care and respect. Strict regulations ensure the safety and well-being of animals, and modern rodeo practices prioritize minimizing harm. Rather than banning the sport, fostering a better understanding of its cultural significance and humane practices would honor both the tradition and the animals involved. As a Mexican American raised in Los Angeles and other parts of Los Angeles County, I have been deeply influenced by both American Western culture and the Mexican rodeo tradition, known as charrería. These two traditions have shaped my identity, connecting me to my heritage and community. Charrería, like the Western rodeo, is not just a sport but a reflection of the skills, values, and way of life that are integral to many families, both Mexican and American. To ban rodeo in Los Angeles would be to dismiss a vital part of my cultural experience and the diverse tapestry that makes up our city. It is crucial to recognize the significance of continuing both traditions. Rodeo and charrería are more than entertainment; they are living expressions of history, pride, and respect for the land and animals. Growing up, I saw how families and communities bonded over these events, where respect for the animals was always a priority. Preserving both the American and Mexican rodeo traditions in Los Angeles allows future generations to connect with their roots, maintaining the cultural richness that defines who we are.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sally D  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo. Rodeo loves animals, they are well fed, taken care of, vet cared, and loved.