

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council President Krekorian, I'm a community member in the San Fernando Valley and I'm strongly opposed to the Rodeo Ordinance. This ordinance is too broad and will result in confusion and unfair enforcement impacting many important cultural events and activities happening in our communities. The catch-all definition including "rodeo-like events" leaves room for confusion as to what other cultural events will be impacted, such as Mexican charreadas. Charreadas may be lesser known to the average Animal Services employee but may become subject to this new rule when they are called out to enforce. The ordinance also regulates certain tools labeled as inhumane but only considers them inhumane in the context of a Rodeo, impacting certain communities (especially those of color) and sports in the city, while allowing others that use the same tools to continue unaffected. For example, a polo player wouldn't be included in the Rodeo ordinance and therefore allowed to use spurs however a participant of a charreada using spurs will be subject to city fines and enforcement. This is unfair and does not support humane animal practices or a level playing field. It is important to note that charreadas are a common weekend family event in the northeast San Fernando Valley. This is not an irrelevant issue or antiquated practice in Los Angeles, it's a tie to the heritage of many Angelenos and why we choose to live in equestrian zoned communities like the San Fernando Valley. Please vote no on this ordinance to avoid unfair enforcement and ending various cultural events and activities.