

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina King

**Date Submitted:** 12/22/2024 08:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's far past due for a progressive city like Los Angeles to ban rodeo. Veterinarians dedicate their lives to understanding animal behavior and are the experts, not rodeo professionals, who only desire to make money and manipulate the public. An entire veterinary coalition stated this, 'In contrast to this, rodeos normalise cruelty, supported by the legality and promotion of these events.' (1) Please ban rodeo in Los Angeles! 1.  
<https://www.sentient.org.au/rodeos>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christian Animal Rights Association

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello Los Angeles City Council members, Our ministry intends to speak for the Christians in Los Angeles. The veterinarian and former bareback rodeo bronc rider Peggy Larson, DVM, stated, “Based upon my extensive large animal experience, I have concluded that rodeo events are inherently cruel.” (1) That’s an expert’s testimony. Additionally, an entire veterinary coalition stated this, ‘In contrast to this, rodeos normalise cruelty, supported by the legality and promotion of these events.’ (2) From a Christian perspective, the Bible condemns animal cruelty in Proverbs 12:10, stating, “Good people take care of their animals, but wicked people are cruel to theirs.” Furthermore, the Bible condemns hurting animals for entertainment like rodeo. For instance, Genesis 49:6 states, ‘May I never join in their meetings; may I never be a party to their plans. For in their anger they murdered men, and they crippled oxen just for sport.’ Please move forward with the Los Angeles rodeo ban. We believe this would be God-pleasing and satisfy the Christians in Los Angeles, as well as be the best thing to do for the victims. 1. [https://www.hsvma.org/rodeos\\_inherent\\_cruelty\\_to\\_animals](https://www.hsvma.org/rodeos_inherent_cruelty_to_animals) 2. <https://www.sentient.org.au/rodeos>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samuel David Cowley

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo was banned all the way back in 1934 in the United Kingdom. It's time for the United States to catch up and Los Angeles can lead the way! Please outlaw rodeo in Los Angeles!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt King  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** The public outrage to Michael Vick and his involvement with a dogfighting ring was because it is ethically wrong to hurt animals for entertainment. Rodeos (like bull-riding) do the exact same thing as dogfighting, because they injure and terrorize animals for the sake of entertainment. Bull-riding is inherently harmful for the animals. For instance, a 2017 study states, 'Results indicated bucking bulls were more likely than nonbucking bulls to develop horn and sinus disorders and musculoskeletal disorders of the vertebral region and pelvic limbs.' (1) Additionally, bull-riding is emotionally distressing. One reputable source states, 'Based on observed behaviour, the evidence indicates that bull riding is a stressful, frightening experience for the bull.... Some bulls also show excessive salivation or drooling, where their saliva is thicker and contains more mucous than normal.... indicative of the animal experiencing fear or stress.' (2) 1.  
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28509635/#:~:text=CONCLUSIONS%20AND%20CLINICAL%20RELEVANCE%20Results,from%20that%20for%20nonbucking%20bulls.> 2.  
<https://kb.rspca.org.au/knowledge-base/what-are-the-animal-welfare-issues-associated-with-bull-riding/>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samuel Cowley  
**Date Submitted:** 12/22/2024 09:01 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** The rodeo industry is fighting back against this ordinance because they know Los Angeles can lead the way in banning rodeo across the country. Los Angeles led the way with the bullhook and virtually ended the circus animal industry. The same should be done with the rodeo industry. It's time for the United States to end the frightening and hurting of animals for the sake of entertainment. Please criminalize rodeo in Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt K  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Fort Wayne, Pasadena, and St. Petersburg have all effectively banned rodeo. Los Angeles should join the list and prohibit rodeo!