

## 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>

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**Name:** Samuel Cowley  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** The rodeo industry is blatantly trying to manipulate the Los Angeles City Council by hiding behind the claim that its culturally insensitive. Over 70 percent of Black respondents and 67 percent among Latino respondents support an ordinance on rodeo in Los Angeles. Don't let the rodeo industry fool you. "Big Rodeo's hired guns are sneaking around the halls of the City Council using Los Angeles's Black and Latino communities as a prop so they can keep torturing animals for profit," DeRose said. "This cynical use of the race card is not only offensive, the polling data shows it is also dishonest. If these people were worried about oppression, they wouldn't be oppressing animals for entertainment.  
<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/poll-shows-72-percent-support-la-ordinance-banning-tools-of-torment-from-rodeo-301677266.html>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nina King

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeos should be banned because they are detrimental to the minds of children. 'Studies have also consistently demonstrated that children and young people learn cruel and callous behavior from those around them, and that witnessing and participating in animal abuse often precedes cruel, callous, and even violent behavior toward their fellow humans. It is therefore not surprising that a number of school shooters had a history of cruelty to animals. We are living in an era where public violence is becoming disturbingly commonplace. Why would we support events such as rodeos that result in another generation of citizens being desensitized to the consequences of such behavior?'  
<https://www.thegazette.com/guest-columnists/rodeos-can-have-harmful-effects-on-children/>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt King

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**Comments for Public Posting:** All it takes is a little common sense to see that rodeos force animals to perform. Electric prods are not used to make the animals buck, but why are they at events at all? Because if the animals decide they don't want to be involved that day they know they're going to get electrocuted. Rodeos should prove that the animals like it by ditching the electric prods, but they won't, because they know as soon as you get rid of that tool the animals will not comply and rodeos cannot function. Pittsburgh banned electric prods in 1992 and there hasn't been a rodeo there since. Please ban rodeo in Los Angeles!