

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gary Myrup  
**Date Submitted:** 12/30/2022 10:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the bill to ban rodeo and other similar events.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia  
**Date Submitted:** 12/30/2022 10:34 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I vote no banning!!! Keep Rodeo alive!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joanna M

**Date Submitted:** 12/30/2022 11:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not stop the rodeos, we have had this tradition for many years, and it has helped my teen not get in trouble and appreciate the culture and traditions. It keeps him busy and away from social media as well as off the streets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 12/30/2022 12:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Animals should not be injured or killed for entertainment and that is what rodeo is. It bears no resemblance to ranching. I grew up on a cattle ranch in North Dakota and spent 8 years as a ranch veterinarian there. My ranch clients did not ride bulls, speed rope calves or make their expensive horses buck. Rodeo is not American "tradition". As a former bareback bronc rider, pathologist and large animal veterinarian, I have both the experience and autopsy proof that rodeo injures and kills animals. Dr. Robert Bay from Colorado autopsied roping calves and found hemorrhages, torn muscles, torn ligaments, damage to the trachea, damage to the throat and damage to the thyroid. These calves never get a chance to heal before they are used again. Meat inspectors including Drs. Haber and Fetzner who processed rodeo animals found broken bones, ruptured internal organs, massive amounts of blood in the abdomen from ruptured blood vessels and damage to the ligamentum nuchae that holds the neck to the rest of the spinal column. Dr. C. G. Haber, a veterinarian with thirty years of experience as a USDA meat inspector, stated "The rodeo folks send their animals to the packing houses where I have seen cattle so extensively bruised that the only areas in which the skin was attached was the head, neck, legs, and belly. I have seen animals with six to eight ribs broken from the spine and at times puncturing the lungs. I have seen as much as two and three gallons of free blood accumulated under the detached skin." Animals and humans share the same pain and fear centers in the brain. The fear center is the amygdala. The pain centers are the pre-frontal cortex and the hypothalamus. Animals feel pain and fear the same as humans! As a former state criminal lawyer, we prosecutors have all had cases where criminals have abused and tortured animals before abusing or killing humans. What are we teaching our children when we cheer when a calf roper knocks down and drags by the neck a bawling calf? Kids cry at rodeos. Time to end animal abuse at rodeos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachael Edwards

**Date Submitted:** 12/30/2022 01:10 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a part of our western history. Please research and visit ranches where the bucking and rodeo stick are raised before you knee jerk react to social pressures. Do NOT ban rodeo in LA county.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexander Ramirez  
**Date Submitted:** 12/30/2022 05:40 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear members of the L.A. city council, I am writing as an individual who stands with Western Justice and all who claim that the ban of rodeos and western/equestrian sports is a mistake. I am personally speaking from first hand experience that rodeos and other western/equestrian events take excellent care of their animals and show no signs or traces of abuse in any way. The people who own and work with these animals have a love for them and are willing to put in so much time, energy, and money for the welfare and safety of these animals. The tools used in these events (ropes, saddles, flank straps, etc.) are all necessary products to maintain control of the animals to ensure the safety of both them and the people around them. As a sidenote, the animals not only are given the best feed and care, but they also are doing activities that you would see them do both in the wild and on ranches. They are not forced into doing anything out of the ordinary. They simply are bred to do their actions to a much higher capacity to challenge the competitors more and bring more excitement to the audience, but at the end of the day they are still doing what they would normally do in their natural environments. Even if a bucking horse, a bull, or a roping steer trips and hurts itself in any way, professional large animal vets will be on stand by to tend to that injured animal; just like how EMT paramedics are there to tend to injured cowboys/competitors. Ranching, rodeos, and horsemanship have been a part of California's history ever since it was colonized by the Spanish Conquistadors. Any event that showcases horsemanship, ranching, or any equestrian/western discipline is in my opinion a tribute to what all of our ancestors have done in the past. And even then, it has brought excitement, joy, and thrill to many for generations and continues to do so to this day. And it is all because of the animals. Without them, there would be nothing. Horses have served man before the time of Alexander the Great. Native Americans worshipped their horses for guiding them throughout the frontier. Brave warriors (both in America and Europe) have ridden brave horses through the field of battle for centuries and law enforcement still use that same trust in their mounts to apprehend criminals in areas that vehicles are unable to reach. And the image of the cowboy on horseback chasing after his wild cow has been an image forever linked to the imagination of the western frontier

throughout history. It did not matter if he or she was Caucasian, Hispanic, or African American; because they just saw a cowboy. The American west may be a thing of the past, but its spirit lives on in the imagination of the people of this great nation along with our neighbors both north and south of our borders. It is a passion that all of us share and the idea of abusing any of our animals is a thought that never crosses our paths, because passion and abuse do not go hand in hand with each other. Those who claim that western/equestrian sports is abuse have no knowledge of what is needed to tend and care for these animals (they are not like domestic house dogs and cats). They simply look at what they see on mainstream media and immediately jump to conclusions without even taking the time to know what is even going on to begin with. They also have no sense of history because they simply look at the dark moments of our nation's history and feed off of that only. And if you believe that shutting down rodeos and equestrian sports will put an end to their protests, I will tell you that it will not be the case. This is because they will find something else to complain about and then find another because they are the type of people who will never be happy with what is going on in this world. I hope that you trust in what I tell you and that you cancel this ban on rodeos and western/equestrian sports. It is a mistake that is being supported by ignorance followed with a lack of knowledge and a sense of history. I do not want to downgrade anyone, but this is the reality of such things. I ask you to not fall into their ignorant ways and let us continue taking care of our animals and enjoying them. Thank you so much and have a wonderful New Year.