

**Fwd: RODEO DEVICES BAN - CITY OF LOS ANGELES - SUPPORT**

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To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>

LOS ANGELES CITY CLERK

2/23/21 AGENDA - ITEM #20 - RODEO ISSUES - SUPPORT.

Please forward this email of support to all Council members.

Thank you.

x  
Eric Mills, coordinator  
ACTION FOR ANIMALS  
Oakland

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February 21, 2021

TO: MEMBERS, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: ERIC MILLS, COORDINATOR, ACTION FOR ANIMALS - Oakland  
RE: PROPOSED RODEO BAN - SUPPORT

Rodeo has had its day, and now belongs in the dustbin of history.

Be aware that EVERY animal welfare organization in North America condemns rodeo due to its inherent cruelty. Animal injuries and deaths are commonplace, veterinary care rare. The PRCA has required on-site vets only since 1996, after FIVE animals were killed at the 1995 California Rodeo in Salinas. For the majority of these exploited animals, the rodeo arena is merely a detour en route to the slaughterhouse.

Most of rodeo is bogus from the git-go. REAL working cowboys/girls never routinely rode bulls, or wrestled steers, or rode bareback, or barrel raced, or practiced calf roping as a timed event. And they certainly did not put flank straps on the animals, or work them over with painful "hotshots," kicks and slaps in the holding chutes. Some "sport"! Indeed, rodeo is not a "sport" at all. It's a macho exercise in domination.

The United Kingdom banned rodeos back in 1934. Can the U.S. be far behind? Lest we forget, COVID-19 was HUMAN-caused, a direct result of our gross mistreatment and abuse of animals, both wild and domestic. There are connections to be made here, folks. Are we up to the task?

Relatedly, see enclosed link to recent, prize-winning rodeo documentary short, "BUCKING TRADITION" - [www.buckingtradition.com](http://www.buckingtradition.com)

PLEASE OUTLAW ALL RODEO EVENTS WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES CITY LIMITS.

Sincerely,

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P.S. - And this, from a treasured letter that Cesar Chavez wrote to me on 12/26/90:

"Kindness and compassion toward all living things is a mark of a civilized society.  
Conversely, cruelty, whether it is directed against human beings or against animals,  
is not the exclusive province of any one culture or community of people.  
Racism,  
economic deprival, dog fighting and cock fighting, bullfighting and RODEOS  
[emph. added] are cut from the same fabric: violence. Only when we have become nonviolent towards all life will we have learned to live well ourselves."