

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Farfan

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: It is sad that you want to erase the Mexican culture. by band rodeos, how was this helping people.

Communication from Public

Name: Luke McClanahan

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The city of Los Angeles has a long history of western culture and lifestyle. The National Finals Rodeo was there in 62-64. Western films had a huge hand in making Los Angeles the entertainment hub it is today. Banning rodeo and western sports is not inclusive and goes against the foundation of Los Angeles.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Don't ban rodeo

Communication from Public

Name: Heather Wyatt
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:49 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Do not van rodeo

Communication from Public

Name: In Defense of Animals

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Animals used in the rodeo, such as calves, bulls, and horses are tormented with electric prods, bucking straps, spurs, and other devices. These devices are used to make them buck wildly, causing immense fear, stress, injuries, and even death. Thank you to Councilmember Blumenfield for introducing the ordinance to ban rodeos in the city of Los Angeles. Rodeos are archaic and outdated and have no place in a modern, progressive society. On behalf of In Defense of Animals and our thousands of Los Angeles area supporters, we are asking the Los Angeles city council to vote yes on the L.A rodeo ordinance, Council File 20-1575, and put an end to the suffering of animals in rodeos in our city. Thank you for making the ethical choice. Rodeos do not belong in the city of Los Angeles or anywhere else.

Communication from Public

Name: Jocelyn cuevas

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Banning rodeo's is taking away a culture of people that have lives in Los Angeles and surrounding areas away. It brings family's and communities together. It also brings revenue to the city and a lot of people travel from afar. This would be ridiculous to please everyone and their ideologies but the people that do not know what it is to live this lifestyle will never understand that it's more than cultural, it's therapeutic it's a necessity to some lives. Don't ban the rodeos or use of animals as they serve a purpose. I've seen more people abuse alcohol and drugs than abuse these animals. They are family and are treated and cared for.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please, do not ban our rodeos. These are our traditions that do not harm animals in any way. We care for all animals and ensure that they are safe, healthy, and happy. You colonizers take our land, now don't take away our traditions.

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Stop the ordinance to eliminate equestrian events and celebrations. Culture is not up for negotiation it is a fundamental right. This is just another effort to suppress and control diversity with political agendas. Equestrian events unify and promote community in a positive way. Stop pushing political views that marginalize communities and jeopardize fundamental cultural rights.

Communication from Public

Name: Karena Kahlberg

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo has been a life here in California since the beginning. These animals are not mistreated. In fact, several of the animals are treated better than our homeless people that are in your streets. Rodeo has protected and secured a life for my daughter and her family without it. She would've gone down the wrong path of drugs and alcohol. To ban Rodeo, because you're ignorant to the situation, and how the animals are kept, is truly ignorance .

Communication from Public

Name: Brenda Marciano
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:14 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: This is a racist ordinance that only targets Mexican rodeos as it excludes Polo & Dressage.

Communication from Public

Name: Terrin Mason

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It hurts to hear and read what's happening, banning The Black rodeo / Rodeo's.. and for what ??? Because someone don't like rodeo's and talked others to jump on the ban wagon? Saying cowboys are hurting animals???? Now does that makes sense?? I'm Black and a Cowboy and a Bullhauler and I think it's a joke that Los Angeles county would want to take away History period , when it's not just a sport , but a lifestyle for many . The rodeo is something that you would want to keep around , getting folks involved more in the country community (LESS DRAMA) , things are changing and for the worst but it's something about a rodeo that brings everyone together on a positive note, you notice more and more country things / cowboy things are evolving everywhere and more more and in the black communities are or wanting to get involved... but taking that away will hurt for those that want to learn the history and be apart of something Amazing , especially when they're are some folks that never knew there were black cowboys and have never thought outside the box or never taught different only what is seen in the streets .. Every other state , town I know have blackrodeos / rodeos or trail runs , groups etc.. seems like Los Angeles is trying to have its own bubble own little HOA that's sad , I can see why folks are moving out . Keep it country and cowboy up ,Enjoy the passions and lifestyle .

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy Boyle

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo, wonderful family sport. American way of life. Animals teach children to Be responsible, and respect your competition. One sport every one stands for the flag, puts hand on their heart. Rodeo brings, in Millions to communities and Non Profits. Please keep rodeos open and accessible.

Communication from Public

Name: Elisa
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:40 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Unrightfully vilifies the equestrian community in Los Angeles and safe rodeo sports such as Charrería. Instead of a ban, perhaps the council can require safety checks for the participatory animals to be submitted to the city. A ban is unnecessary and unlawful.

Communication from Public

Name: Mariline Ozuna

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: It is an outrage that the a city of Los Angeles wants to ban the use of animals for rodeos, something prevalent to Hispanic culture which brings us together. Then to add salt to the injury by allowing animals for games like polo a game played by the wealthy white community goes to show where the council stands with the Hispanic community. They are using “animals rights” as a scapegoat and when it comes time to vote election time I hope our people remember who was on the side to ban us from our roots and who fought for us. Furthermore, if the council really is about protecting animal rights then ban everyone from their use or ban no one. What’s right for one is right for all.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Rosales

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban rodeos this is part of my roots and culture. Not only are rodeos popular in Mexican culture but in the United States american rodeos have become popular as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Genesis

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: You are trying to take our culture away. Rodeos are an important part of our traditions. Bulls are not killed here like in other countries. If this is for animal welfare then start by banning Santa Anita first. You are targeting our culture.

Communication from Public

Name: Chiara

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop the rodeo ban. I grew up riding western in the Angeles National Forest. I think we often misunderstand cowboy culture as abusive and dangerous. The animal issues that need to be rectified in our society are the shelters burdened with the task of caring for hundreds of animals due to lack of care. Failure to neuter and spay dogs and cats places a much larger burden on our society than rodeo does. California is a major part of western culture and your failure as a council to understand the rich history and lifestyle that comes from our state is truly disheartening. Most equestrian owners spend thousands of dollars caring for their animals to perform a job. We don't consider dog shows abusive, but due to the animal's size, or perhaps jobs asked of them, you are erasing a part of California's history. A rich history that spans race, culture, and social class. California would not be the booming agricultural state it is without the help of horses and livestock prior to industrialization.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Hezz

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against removing equestrian, rodeo, cowboy culture from Los Angeles county. Palos Verdes has been equestrian community as has Compton and other areas in the county. I suggest you focus on the homeless and increasing green areas. Shame on Councilman Blumenfield for proposing this and everyone who supports him in this issue.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Stop the rodeo ban!!

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel P

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 02:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding.

Communication from Public

Name: Javier Jaime

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 02:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Support for the Continuation of Rodeos in Our Community To Whom it may concern. I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation of rodeos in our community and to share my thoughts on the matter. Rodeos have long been an integral part of our cultural heritage, bringing together people from all walks of life to celebrate our Western traditions. They not only provide entertainment and excitement but also serve as a platform for showcasing the skills and talents of our local cowboys and cowgirls. Rodeos foster a sense of community pride and unity, bringing people together in a shared experience that is both thrilling and educational. Moreover, rodeos contribute significantly to our local economy. They attract visitors from near and far, boosting tourism and generating revenue for local businesses. The economic impact of rodeos extends beyond the event itself, as attendees often explore our community and patronize local establishments, further supporting our local economy. It is important to note that rodeos prioritize the safety and well-being of both animals and participants. Professional rodeos adhere to strict regulations and guidelines to ensure the humane treatment of animals, with veterinary care and oversight being of utmost importance. Additionally, rodeo participants are trained professionals who dedicate their lives to mastering the skills required for these events, and their safety is a top priority. While I understand that concerns may arise regarding animal welfare, I believe it is crucial to emphasize that rodeos have evolved over time to prioritize animal care and safety. Organizations and committees dedicated to animal welfare are actively involved in overseeing rodeo events, ensuring that the well-being of animals is never compromised. In conclusion, I urge you to consider the immense value that rodeos bring to our community. They are not only a cherished tradition but also a vital economic driver. By continuing to support rodeos, we can preserve our cultural heritage, promote local businesses, and provide our residents with a source of entertainment that is both thrilling and educational. Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of our community. Sincerely, Javier Jaime

Communication from Public

Name: Karina Chavez

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance guised as animal welfare and protection, targets community and culture. There are better ways to support animal welfare starting from the animal shelters. Shelter relief helps the community on a larger scale while this ordinance targets the American rodeo culture. Last year dozens of dogs were euthanized on a daily. Media sponsored more support and relief during those months while the city council took no accountability. This year on March 16th alone 17+ dogs were euthanized in the riverside animal shelter. The city council never intervened or took any accountability for these massacres.

Communication from Public

Name: Maryan Riojas

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 04:26 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The ordinance to ban rodeos without consulting the equestrian community is absolutely unacceptable. No one disagrees that animal safety and welfare is a priority - which is why any concerns should be discussed with participants rather than outright banned. It's clear what this is - criminalizing culture. As a lifelong California resident and former resident of Los Angeles, I am extremely disappointed to see this from an area with such rich history. I urge the council members to reconsider their approach to this concern.

Communication from Public

Name: Silvia Perez

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:20 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo needs to be properly represented and protected as it is a Mexican tradition preserved by many Mexican Americans. Stop attacking and erasing our cultural traditions and roots here in L.A. We have been here since the treaty of Guadalupe.

Communication from Public

Name: Roy Miyaji

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 04:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am against the banning of rodeos in LA City limits. Rodeos do take precautions and care with their animals. Public looks forward to black, Hispanic, and professional rodeos. If LA bans it then they have to go elsewhere like Honda Center or LA fairgrounds making money for other communities. Keep the rodeos in LA City limits.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey Aloise

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:11 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kelsey Aloise I am here today to request that the L.A. City Council work with the western community to come up with common sense policies. I'm deeply concerned that wording of this animal welfare ordinance, not only contains inaccuracies about the treatment of animal athletes, but wording so broad that it could result in an outright ban of rodeos, movie shoots, show jumping, polo, etc, and potentially impact equestrian events at the 2028 Olympics. Banning rodeos and rodeo-related events would result in an immeasurable cultural loss for the city of Los Angeles. Please protect our western heritage. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote in opposition of this ordinance and in support of a multi-cultural heritage and important industry. Animal care in the rodeo sporting world is extensive and if the Council is concerned about animal welfare then the policy-making should be centered on education and collaboration with rodeo organizers and the public for best practices now and in the future, rather than outright bans. Do we ban football because of the number of concussions the human players receive? Do we ban monocrop agriculture, which produces the majority of ingredients in plant-based foods, because of its extensive destruction of animal populations and habitats? Our American system, and California especially, is based upon free choice - if someone wants to get an abortion, they can, even if others believe it is killing life. If someone does not support the rodeo, they do not have to attend one, just as if someone does not want to get an abortion or eat meat they don't have to. In a free country and free economy, one person or policy should not ban or hinder the lifestyle and culture of others. Do not ban the rodeo. Do not make a policy that will impact the lives, opportunities and livelihoods of many. Do not attend the rodeo if you don't support it, but do not create an ordinance that is out of line with Los Angeles and California's approach to free choice and multi-cultural support. Promote animal welfare in methods that do not ban entire industries that have been a deep part of cultures and positive community opportunities for centuries. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Eileen Hidalgo
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:25 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: American Rodeo and all other extensions are important in equestrian culture and animal keeping. If the concern is about animal welfare, there are other alternatives to uphold animal rights and their well-being instead of banning a communities cultural traditions.

Communication from Public

Name: Nina
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:26 AM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am an opposition to this ban. All of the issues that you are trying to ban have already been addressed. Electric prods have not been used in at least four years. Spurs Rowels have been addressed. They are not allowed to be sharpened. Flank straps do not compress The bull's testicles. The Calves are not allowed to be back flipped anymore and you get fined. The rope quality has been addressed as well. The rodeo brings many many dollars to LA. Not just the Rodeo itself but practicing, riding, etc. brings a lot of money to local communities. It also helps the youth to have something to do that's healthy and avoid crime. The Rodeo culture in Southern California in LA County as much ingrained has palm trees.

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Martinez-Ramirez
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:32 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't banned rodeos.

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Name: Ben
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:37 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: It's a part of the American culture let America live on

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 05:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I stand with Armando Carmona and everyone who is against the criminalization of the American rodeo. You can do more to help the animals if that's what you're actually concerned about without criminalizing our lifestyle.

Communication from Public

Name: Noe Ibarra P

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Good Morning I would like to highlight that the banning of Rodeo and Charrería by the Los Angeles City Council is an attack to our right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness and a violation of our constitutional freedoms. Furthermore it is also an attack on culture for many people and not just a ban on a specific “event”, but a ban of a lifestyle for those whom have grown up in this environment. It is not only classism but also racism to specifically ban rodeo while excluding dressage, polo, and some other equestrian sports which are typically practiced by the wealthy and deal with millions of dollars. Charrería and rodeo is an escape for many marginalized and isolated minority youth to reconnect with culture and history while avoiding gangs, drugs and violence in areas where the city hasn’t been able to do enough to provide resources. Rodeo and Charrería provides mental and social support for many minority hispanic and black youth, allowing the development of talent and skill demonstrated by the presence of young ladies and men competing in Charrería competitions all the way in Mexico, or the world reknown reach the Compton Cowboys and other Black-Americans in rodeo has had. The bond these youth create with their horses is incomparable, and to take that right for these kids to destress and escape violence, crime and drugs that are rampant in the city is cruel. Additionally this proposal is silencing the voices of the many who practice these events as well as those who support and enjoy going out to these events, the city should not cater to the ideologies of the few entitled wealthy individuals such as Kate Mara, Chris DeRose, animal rights groups or even Chief of Staff Councilman Bob Blumenfield who make assumptions about these events and don’t care about the impact it will have on those people, rather they prefer to highlight their own self-centered beliefs demonstrating the lack of tolerance for other cultures and ideologies. This lack of tolerance is the opposite of America, and the opposite of what this country stands for. If Bob Blumenfield has an issue with rodeo, he should have placed a ban within his district and not the rest of the city where he has no idea what the people desire. It is dictatorial for a public leader to impose his own beliefs on a whole city. To highlight the disparity and misconceptions between those whom would like to ban rodeo and those whom support and take part in it, earlier this year at the PBR event I

want to at the Crypto.com arena filled with 10,000+ people a group of 15 or less individuals were angrily yelling, harassing, and calling slurs to the people attending the event in the presence of children, being inconsiderate of the excitement and wonder the kids were looking forward to seeing cowboys, and reminiscing on a lifestyle they have nearly no opportunity to experience in the highly urbanized city of Los Angeles. With great sorrow and desperation, I urge the Council of the City of Los Angeles, to reconsider this rodeo ban that is inherently classist, racist and an attack on culture, to stop the rodeo ban. Sincerely, Noe Ibarra P

Communication from Public

Name: Mikayla Lebetsamer

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To ban of the historic event of rodeo is to take away part of our history, we've made great lengths to improve the care of the livestock used and animal rights extremist ignore that. Our equine partners are treated like queens and kings, our cattle aren't over worked and often have protection in place. A working bull works less than a minute a week, and these animals love to work, it's what the are meant to do. Don't take away rodeo, commend the changes we have made and help us to continue to improve the sport. Just because it's not part of your idea of "fun" or "not your history" doesn't mean you should take it from those of us that love the sport and want to see it continue in the future.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 06:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Stop the ban of rodeos. Rodeos are not only a sport but a way of life not just for people for animal welfare. Money made in these events are beneficial for animals and agriculture. They also help charity. Charrería is the #1 sport in Mexico and it can not happen unless horses, and bulls are well taken care of. There's a purpose behind auction when it comes to stockshows that's how much cowboys care for the animals. Also being vegan is a choice not a law.

Communication from Public

Name: Shirley Carr
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:46 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cancel the Bill Pickett Rodeo. It represents a Culture's contribution to the U. S. and the world.

Communication from Public

Name: L.Z.

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:48 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I stand in solidarity with the people of Los Angeles. No one disagrees with the fact that the animals need to be taken care of and cared for, I just do not want Los Angeles to become a leader in criminalizing culture. This ordinance is discriminatory and specifically targets Rodeo and Equestrian events that emerge from working class communities and communities of color. It is pretty convenient that it excludes sports like Polo and Dressage, two events that are more prevalent in wealthier communities. I am proud to stand in unity with the people of Los Angeles and stop the small group of people that want to impose themselves and completely erase a culture.

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Callanan
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:27 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban rodeo. It is an essential part of western culture and heritage dating back to the Spanish vaqueros.

Communication from Public

Name: Miriam

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:29 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Equestrianism withing marginalized communities in Los Angeles and Southern California has been an important aspect and something that cannot be criminalized. Understandably, other events that include animals, such as the Spanish bullfighting that actually focus on the harm of an animal, should rightfully be banned. However, in other sports, such as equestrian sports, there is a fundamental difference in that the aim is to show the mutual respect and understanding between the horse and the individual and how well they interact. My question is, why weren't other sports, such as polo, not included? Could it be because they are associated with more affluent communities? Had there been a thorough research into the history of horses in Los Angeles, it is evident that it is an important aspect - just as important as maintaining La Placita Olvera, or acknowledging Black History Month. Let us not forget the racist comments and past of this council, for I am Oaxacan too. Before filing a petition to ban rodeo events, it is important to acknowledge racist and discriminatory behavior and biases as well as performing an extensive investigation as to how the petition can affect marginalized communities versus affluent communities in order to have a well rounded city council that actually represent the people. I love my culture and my heritage so I understand how important equestrian culture can be for individuals who have a rich history with the sport. It is my hope that this petition will be reevaluated and perhaps have guidelines for the caretaking of horses that do not infringe on the actual sport.

Communication from Public

Name: Felix Martinez Jr
Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 08:54 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: STOP THE RODEO BAN

Communication from Public

Name: Johanna Sagrero
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:59 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please stop trying to segregate us from working out horses, these are working horses and to stop our culture is wrong and discriminatory.

Communication from Public

Name: Justine Block

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:00 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the L.A. Rodeo Ordinance, on the L.A. City Council file #20-1575. Rodeos and stand-alone bull riding events involve severe animal abuse. For example, horses and bulls do not buck naturally. These are scared animals bucking to escape torture devices at rodeos, such as electric prods, flank straps, and spurs (“tools of torment”). Afterwards, animal injuries can be numerous; broken bones, ripped tendons, torn ligaments, and snapped necks. Please stand against animal cruelty in voting to pass the LA Rodeo Ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Bill

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 08:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (council file #20-1575). Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped and tormented for entertainment. Animals like horses, bulls, steers, and calves can suffer painful injuries, including broken ribs, backs, legs, and tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks and agonizing deaths. This abuse is horrendous and unacceptable and there is no excuse for it.

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Name: Natalie
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:03 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please Do not Ban Rodeos in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Geena B.

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance is discriminatory as it only attacks cultural events like rodeo whereas “white” and rich events like dressage are deemed “better for the animals.” Why is one considered safer than the others, when they all keep their horses at the same stables? Do not pass racist and classist ordinances that actually do nothing to protect animals in our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheana H.

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Do not van rodeo! This is a way of life and under our constitution a pursuit to happiness for most all of anyone involved in rodeo. These animals are very very well taken care of! Save Rodeo!

Communication from Public

Name: Javier Alvarez

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Removing the equestrian life from our communities will be a deep burden to all of us who practice in it and live by. Banning rodeos and charrieas will do nothing but hurt all the people who live their life by the horse. Ranches have always been apart of our beautiful state and our communities. The equestrian life is beautiful thing... please don't take it away from us. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Keep our equestrian community rodeos and charreadas!! Our traditions are special to us!!

Communication from Public

Name: Yvonne
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:29 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I stand with the rodeo community !

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I can't believe a major western city is even thinking about banning rodeos. This is ridiculous! It's a sport. It's like banning sled dogs in the Pacific Northwest. Los Angeles needs to be ashamed for considering a ban on an important part of Western Culture. Is Spain banning Bull Fights and outlawing Matadors? As an Arizona native, I support rodeos. Pick on something else that is warranted.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Gilbeaux

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:34 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo's are essential to keeping our history alive. Rodeo's help development the respect and loving treatment of animals. Our young people are taught much about what a Rodeo means and so many life lessons learned along the way. There have been so many misconception on how our horse's, bull's and calf's are treated. We treat our animals who are our rodeo counter parts with love and care. We invite anyone to get with cowboy's so that people are probably educated in the treatment of our animals. I ask that Los Angeles City Council please continue to allow Rodeo's in Los Angeles. It would be a great disservice to people in not allowing Rodeo's to continue in Los Angeles. I ask this in the spirit of One Love ???????????

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Gallardo-Butts

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As someone who has attended small local rodeos as well as the large rodeo put on by the professionals at the major arenas, it is such a great experience being able to attend a rodeo in your own hometown. It has such a different feeling and sense of pride. You get to experience the awe and wonder in the faces of those who do not get the opportunity to attend those larger rodeos, whether due to finances or logistics. The local rodeos make is accessible for everyone. Often times this is also some people's only chance to get up close to these animals and competitors. As far as protecting the animals goes, the livestock owners take great pride in providing healthy animals, they aren't going to risk their animals lives if there was a chance they were going to lose them. Great care is taken to make sure they are safe and on the occasion on is suspected of being injured I have seen an immediate veterinary and care handler response to care for the animal, which in my experience has been rare. There is also an individual present who observes and documents how the livestock/animals are treated from the time the arrive. The rodeo is a family tradition for many; it is a great way to watch some sportsmanship, great competition, and see the strength and power of some of these powerful animals (bulls).

Communication from Public

Name: Nyah Toomes

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:46 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Banning the American Rodeo as well as criminalizing anyone who participates in the American Rodeo is wrong on the count of sheer racism and lack of cultural understanding. America is supposed to be a land where people of different cultures can exist and be celebrated. Animal rights and welfare is important. Those that participate in these rodeos would agree that their animal's health means the most to them. The way that this ordinance excludes Polo and Dressage leads me to believe that this ordinance is discriminatory and using animal welfare as a shield. People of all walks of life deserve to participate and hone the rich culture of equestrian events without the separation of class or color.

Communication from Public

Name: Emek Echo
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:52 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Hi, Please ban rodeos of all kinds forever in Los Angeles, CA. We love animals and we want the best for them. We want a cruelty free LA. Rodeos like any venue that uses and abuses animals are cruel and must be declared illegal. We are all animals. All animals deserve the best lives with their family at their home in nature. Freedom is every animal's birthright. It's more important today to end all animal exploitation to prevent the extinction of all life. Thank you for caring for animals and your dedication to make life better for lil animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Nayellie Diaz
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:54 AM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am a member of the equestrian community, co-founder of Equestrian advocacy group in the East San Gabriel Valley - Union de Ranchos SGV and I am in opposition of the proposed Rodeo ban. The Rodeo ban overall, has racist implications and does not take into consideration the impacts that the ordinance will have on Black and Brown communities. I come from a long lineage of ranchers and charros from Durango and Sinaloa, my family to this day still relies on sustaining our livelihoods by raising and CARING for our animals. The amount of time, care, and dedication that is placed on each animal, far surpasses the notion that we mistreat or don't care for how our animals are raised and cared for. Essentially, this proposal favors wealthier equestrian activities that use many of the same tools by allowing them to continue unaffected, while directly impacting activities predominantly practiced by communities of color. 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. Furthermore, the fact that the ordinance disregards events such as polo and hunter jumper really shows how discriminatory and racist the proponents and supporters of the ordinance including extremist animal rights groups truly are. The city council of LA already has a long history of racist and discriminatory practices towards communities of color, by passing and supporting this ordinance, you are perpetuating the racist narrative's fabricated by so called animal rights groups and you are destroying a centuries long economic system and haven for those of us that have long standing traditions in these events and way of life. Nobody cares more for our animals than we do. Our animals that are raised and trained for our events, live better lives than the dogs and cats that are constantly subject to euthanasia in the crowded facilities they are sent to. Stop the racist and classist rodeo ban. We deserve to practice events related to our heritage. Focus on cleaning your backyard before you start impeding our livestock from performing in our already regulated events.

Communication from Public

Name: Preciouz Miranda
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:55 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban our heritage or culture.

Communication from Public

Name: Tina Ladd
Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 01:14 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: STOP ABUSE & CRUELTY IN RODEOS.

Communication from Public

Name: Ynez Garcia
Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 05:18 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't ban rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:40 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: This is our culture our traditions. Please don't ban rodeo to the future generations !!

Communication from Public

Name: Preciouz Miranda
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:58 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the rodeo ban.

Communication from Public

Name: Debra Lichstein
Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 09:45 AM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The time has come to ban rodeos in Los Angeles! Bulls used in rodeos are prodded, whipped, and electric shocked, and routinely suffer debilitating injuries including torn ligaments, broken bones, and even paralysis. It is time for Los Angeles to take a stand and no longer allow these cruel events to take place in the city.

Communication from Public

Name: John S Daily
Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 11:02 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I'm in favor of the rodeo. There is no permanent harm to the animals. This is how several several people make a living.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Mills, coordinator, ACTION FOR ANIMALS

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 11:25 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I write in STRONG SUPPORT for the proposed Los Angeles rodeo ordinance. Even Cesar Chavez was a vocal critic; ditto Pope Francis. Rodeo is condemned by nearly EVERY animal welfare organization in North America due to its inherent cruelty. Rodeo has almost NOTHING to do with ranching. For most of the animals, the rodeo arena is merely a detour en route to the slaughterhouse. Real working ranch hands never routinely rode bulls, or rode bareback, or wrestled steers, or barrel raced, or practiced calf roping (terrified BABIES!) as a timed event. Nor did they put irritating flank straps on the horses and bulls or work them over in the holding chutes with painful "hotshots," kicks and slaps. Some "sport"! Indeed, rodeo is not a true "sport" at all. Rather, it's a bogus, macho exercise in DOMINATION. It needs to end. And the media needs to stop promoting this blatant cruelty. I was present at the 1995 California Rodeo/Salinas when FIVE animals suffered and died, all in the name of "entertainment." Only in the aftermath of the mayhem did the PRCA adopt a rule requiring on-site veterinarians at all their events. The great majority of the estimated 5,000-10,000 U.S. rodeos don't provide even this basic care, and animal injuries and deaths are commonplace. Even Cesar Chavez was an outspoken critic; ditto Pope Francis. The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales) outlawed rodeos back in 1934, followed by Germany and the Netherlands. Can the U.S. be far behind? Rodeo has had its brutal day and now--like those Confederate statues--belongs in the Dustbin of History, R.I.P. BOYCOTT ALL RODEOS, THEIR ADVERTISERS & SPONSORS. FOLLOW THE MONEY. x Eric Mills, coordinator ACTION FOR ANIMALS Oakland, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Park
Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 01:15 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: In addition, Rodeo is already regulated and has been found to be humane.

Communication from Public

Name: NB

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 04:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose legislation that regulates or denies the practice of a time-honored wholesome sport. Request that the Rodeo sports continue as they benefit families and industry.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 05:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (council file #20-1575). Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped and tormented for entertainment. Animals like horses, bulls, steers, and calves can suffer painful injuries, including broken ribs, backs, legs, and tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks and agonizing deaths. This abuse is horrendous and unacceptable and there is no excuse for it.

Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Bullock

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 05:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (council file #20-1575). Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped and tormented for entertainment. Animals like horses, bulls, steers, and calves can suffer painful injuries, including broken ribs, backs, legs, and tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks and agonizing deaths. This abuse is horrendous and unacceptable and there is no excuse for it. Thank you for reading my comment, and I hope you will vote for the ban. Sincerely, Debbie Bullock

Communication from Public

Name: Margaret A DeMott

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 05:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

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Communication from Public

Name: Chris Dacus

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 06:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

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Ban rodeos!

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Rubio

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 08:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand our sport at all. We are true caretakers of animals, who are born to buck, get great care, and live a long life. Our sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" as supporters of the ban would like you to believe. The ban also takes away a critical part of the culture and tradition of Western sports, which includes people of all backgrounds. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding.

Communication from Public

Name: David McKinney

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 10:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: My wife and I recently purchased 4th row seats at a PBR event in LA and really enjoyed the night. We met our son and ate a meal locally before the event. No person or bull was injured. They are extremely professional handling the bulls and protecting the riders. These events will be held and they will continue to be managed well - only question is will the citizens of this state be given the free choice to attend. We don't need babysitting - and this council is not the culture police - please just stick to the job and manage necessary services and taxes. I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand our sport at all. We are true caretakers of animals, who are born to buck, get great care, and live a long life. Our sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" as supporters of the ban would like you to believe. The ban also takes away a critical part of the culture and tradition of Western sports, which includes people of all backgrounds. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding.

Communication from Public

Name: Fred Buckmaster
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:02 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban Rodeos. We support rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: Celina Carrillo

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:26 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos have been a tradition for many years it's a family event that we all enjoy and we take care of our animals the horses as well as the bulls

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Dalenberg

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Animal torture and abuse for entertainment is perverse. I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (council file #20-1575). Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped and tormented for entertainment. Animals like horses, bulls, steers, and calves can suffer painful injuries, including broken ribs, backs, legs, and tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks and agonizing deaths. This abuse is horrendous and unacceptable and there is no excuse for it.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Arguello Phillips

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:46 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos have been in California before California was part of the United States. Rodeos are an important part of the Hispanic culture. It brings multigenerations together and shows ranching skills. My family held title to Rancho Tia Juana for over 100 years. We now ranch in northern California. Removing Rodeo is equivalent to removing our culture and marginalizing Hispanic people. The allegations of animal abuse are false. Just as pony rides are animal abuse. Why this focus on rodeos? We have people living in the streets and going hungry. And your focus is on removing rodeos!! I believe this is a veiled attempt to try to cancel our culture. Just as was done to Father Serra's history by lies! Our eyes are on you today. We get it and see the great racist injustice that is being pushed through by lies. We vote !!!! Viva Alta California !!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Debra Adewale

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 02:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the ban on Rodeos. I have multiple generations who have enjoyed this event. To eliminate the Rode in Los Angeles would be an educational and cultural loss for future generations

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 05:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos one of the greatest traditions left In this day and age. One of the sports that still give the glory to God, take a look at the livestock for your selves they are better cared for than some of our human brothers and sisters in this country. They're not beaten or mistreated they are respected and are surrounded by contractors showing their talents rather than weakness! These animals are athletes and if you recorded the time they actually have to perform is so little in their entire lifetime.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 05:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Jesus protect the freedom of practicing simple ranching and doctoring techniques. Rodeo

Communication from Public

Name: leigh yasumura

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 10:34 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This is ridiculous! Bull Riding is a sport like any other sport and should be treated with respect! Why is it that we continue to kowtow to a minority opinion just because they are the loudest? It needs to stop and we need to be part of the process! Bull riding is a part of a long heritage of the Mexican Vaqueros and the American Cowboy. I think that to put an end to it for short-term political pressure is wrong. We need to keep the sport of bull riding a part of our heritage and allow it to continue.

Communication from Public

Name: Maruska
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:10 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: DON'T BAN RODEO!

Communication from Public

Name: Knox

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please spend a day at a rodeo to see how well these animals are cared for like family I've been part of the rodeo life for 40 yrs also rodeos save small towns if there wasn't a rodeo they wouldn't get the revenue that a rodeo brings in. So please reach deep in your heart and save rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: Ken Wagner

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 05:34 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I would strongly urge the City Council to NOT put on the ballot a measure to prohibit rodeo's in the Los Angeles area. I have been around Rodeo's for decades and have seen first hand the care and love that rodeo participants have for their animals. They train with these animals on a regular basis. In most cases, the animals are a member of the participants extended family. People who attend rodeo functions love the experience. The competition between participants is intense and loved by all. I have been to several Hispanic rodeos which are well attended by members of the Hispanic community. To deny this avenue for these families to enjoy something that has been passed down thru the generations of the Hispanic culture would truly be a shame. I would encourage you not to put this on a ballot measure and let this tradition rich culture to continue in your community.

Communication from Public

Name: Judith Ladney
Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 08:36 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE PASS THE BILL TO STOP ALL RODEOS!! The abuse to the horses and the cattle is atrocious.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Johnson
Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 09:14 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please ban the rodeo!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 09:21 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (council file #20-1575). Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped and tormented for entertainment. Animals like horses, bulls, steers, and calves can suffer painful injuries, including broken ribs, backs, legs, and tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks and agonizing deaths. This abuse is horrendous and unacceptable and there is no excuse for it.

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 09:21 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Leilani Lloyd
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:25 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: My family and I look forward to the rodeo every year. It would be an abomination for it to cease for something that is untrue. Please don't ban the rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Galvan

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 04:51 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I was not able to attend today, however I do want my voice to be heard. I grew up on a Ranch animals n all. Our Community deserves to keep Our Culture Alive, seeing Roderos, Our community is country style n I wouldn't want to see it in any other way. Keep this for our young children focused n our way of life. In our culture it's highly respected. Again I was not able to be there to support others. But I was able to write this to be read. Thank you Christine Galvan

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:15 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: STOP THE RODEO BAN!! LA talks about being inclusive and embracing culture but by banning rodeo you are excluding rejecting a culture and heritage that is embraced by many cultures. Please stop the BAN. LA has bigger things that you should be focusing on.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:16 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: STOP THE RODEO BAN

Communication from Public

Name: Angela M Tejada

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:40 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: In this life where culture has been eradicated by government officials who don't even participate in day to day activities with the community yet think they should be able to decide what we can no longer do because it doesn't fit their agenda, causes a big impact when majority of the city is Urban as you like to label, now we are being stripped of rodeo activities. Does this also include regular horse back riding or horses that are being used for polo or white activities like dressage? Is this just a direct hit to others so you can have your social stature intact to look down upon us? We the people are against this new ordinance that not only discriminates but just keep getting our rights and privileges taken away without a say so to the people who are out there day to day working hard up to what point! When will enough be enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Jorge Contreras
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:55 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attachment.

December 5th, 2023

Dead Councilmembers,

Bob Blumenfield's relationship with Last Chance for Animals ("LCA") should be scrutinized. While Last Chance for Animals may exhibit a veneer of moderate animal welfare advocacy, their director Chris DeRose is clearly among the more prominent animal rights extremists in the region. Thus, their effort to classify rodeo instruments and tools as instruments of torture without establishing a clear protocol to support that designation raises concerns by concerned community members who feel their rights are being violated as the Council prepares to adopt the proposed Rodeo Ban.

Beyond a survey and limited testimony of a sole veterinarian, Blumenfield has failed to submit data that warrants or justifies the Rodeo Ban. More importantly, the process has been riddled with poor community and stakeholder engagement that is wholly inadequate coming from this agency.

The most glaring issue is the failure to classify *all* eligible equestrian events within city limits as part of this ordinance. The absence of polo and hunter-jumper equestrian events indicates a clear bias which favors one equestrian tradition over another.

Meanwhile, Mr. Blumenfield has gone to great lengths to dismiss opposition to the proposed ordinance by insinuating that all criticism against the proposal are paid industry lobbyists. It is important to clarify that the condescending demeanor of the Councilmember constitutes an ongoing effort to silence the voices of working-class Latinos, Blacks, and Native Americans.

Mr. Blumenfield suggests that his "constituents" within animal welfare advocacy circles are much more numerous than opponents of the Rodeo Ban. Again, the community is concerned the ordinance is *even* being considered for a vote given the lack of data that corroborates the alleged animal abuse. As constituents we believe the Council should due its due diligence and OPPOSE the motion.

There is a distinction here, though, which is the pro-Rodeo effort is fighting to preserve an existing culture and sporting practice. Blumenfield, who is

proposing to eliminate rodeo altogether, has tailor-made an ordinance that will eradicate jobs and equestrian events to match *his* beliefs. This should have necessitated a higher burden in proving that current regulation is insufficient and to offset the lack of transparency and input.

Community members questioned the appropriateness of this entire process and whether it was based on an identifiable framework or a coincidental campaign of last chance for animals. This apparent effort to collude with a troubling special interest group has allowed that special interest an unprecedented opportunity to push a narrow policy agenda.

The actions of Mr. Blumenfield raise valid concerns as to whether the Council is further perpetuating racial bias within the decision-making process of the chambers. If we review articles, such as those written by LA Mag, it states:

...Blumenfield said that anecdotal evidence runs counter to what his office has seen and heard from Angelenos.

‘We have gotten tens of thousands of people contacting us in favor of this. The animal welfare community is not only active, it’s extremely large in Los Angeles... If you actually look at the letters and the calls that everyone on the council is getting, the animal welfare folks are way more numerous and they’re actually Angelenos.’¹

However, letters, such as that submitted by Dale Gibson of the Equine Advisory Committee challenged Blumenfield:

Los Angeles has an extensive horse culture. An estimated 90,000 horses reside in the city and county, said Dale Gibson, president of the city’s equine advisory committee.

He accused the council of failing to consult with the panel on the motion, which he said would not only

¹ <https://lamag.com/news/inside-l-a-s-last-rodeo-cowboys-take-on-the-city-council>

‘crush dreams of our young riders, but will push another multibillion-dollar industry out of Los Angeles.’

‘These animals are fed and cared for at the highest levels to ensure long careers,’ Mr. Gibson said in a Feb. 10 letter to the council. ‘In exchange for a few seconds of riding, bucking, or roping, they are accorded a long and productive life.’²

Not only has there been poor due diligence within this process, but also a failure to consider language access accommodations for constituents at every juncture prior to consideration of this matter.

Mr. Blumenfeld’s declarations not only demonstrate a dismissive view but raise concerns that the proposed Rodeo Ban ordinance changes the designation of a life experience—one that is very much shaped by the experiences of working-class communities of color—by representing this same conduct as “cruelty” towards animals.

The impact of this reclassification resulting in further disenfranchisement of key constituents. I would urge the City Council to investigate this matter. According to Form 990 filings with the IRS, Last Chance for Animals earned \$3,134,535 for the fiscal year ending in December 2021.³ The operations that have played out are not isolated to concerned animal welfare activists, but rather, a concerted campaign by well financed political operatives to set a precedent for a special interest lobby.

Blumenfeld’s Close Working Relationship to LCA Warrants Scrutiny

The organization's methods and motives come from its founder Chris DeRose who founded LCA in 1984. While DeRose considers himself a “leader” in the animal extremist space, he has virtually no experience with animals and livestock. He does, however, have a Hollywood background and acting experience.

DeRose naturally follows the usual talking points of extremists in the media. In one instance he compared a stray dog being taken to an animal shelter

² <https://lamag.com/news/inside-l-a-s-last-rodeo-cowboys-take-on-the-city-council>

³ <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/954013155>

to a child being dropped off at an orphanage. DeRose claims he wishes to fight animal cruelty non-violently. However, like so many others in this space, he considers himself above the law and has “proudly” served time in jail for a high-profile break-in at a University of California-Los Angeles research lab.

LCA Agenda and Mission

Last Chance for Animals is an organization that considers its work to be “investigating, exposing, and ending animal exploitation.” As such, LCA abides by the same general rules of the extremist movement. They believe that animals exist for their own reasons and should not be engaged in any service to humans and therefore oppose any usage of animals for food, clothing, entertainment, or scientific advancement.

In the political arena, LCA works to push legislation, ordinances, and campaigns which will further their agenda. They also actively support lawmakers whom they can influence with their agenda. According to their website, their philosophy is, “To enact humane laws, we need to elect humane lawmakers.”

Much of their political action is leveraged and centered around petitions, swaying politicians, and public protests. They rely heavily on the use of public petitions and misinformation spread through undercover footage and social media.

LCA’s Extremist History

LCA maintains a list of movements they have publicly supported. Their website lists campaigns that include fighting laws that protect farmers and ranchers from ideologues who seek and gain employment with the sole purpose of discrediting animal agriculture. The group also promotes the banning of puppy breeding, lab animal transport, elephant sanctuaries, zoos, and more. Right in their own backyard, LCA has pushed their agenda on the LA Zoo’s elephant exhibit and supported other California bans. On the national level, LCA was among the many groups that made false claims against Ringling Brothers Circus and worked to ban the circus from performing in Los Angeles and other cities. The group also aligned with fellow animal extremists Grey2K to end all Greyhound racing in the U.S. under the Greyhound Protection Act H.R. 3335.

Rodeo is the New Target

With the goals accomplished of banning the circus and greyhound racing, the group has now set its sights on other forms of animal exhibitions. Rodeos are now in the top spot and center of their agenda.

In 2021, LCA first put out a petition calling for a ban on rodeo events in the city of Los Angeles. This comes right on the tail of the Los Angeles City Council passing a vote which asked the Los Angeles City Attorney to write ordinance language that will ban the use of equipment used in horseback riding, training, and handling of livestock and animals as well as rodeo events.

On LCA's petition website, they erroneously call rodeo events "exhibitions of animal cruelty" and cite the sport as using "tools of torment." This characterization is troubling for many reasons. The City animal services website defines animal cruelty as the following:

The California Penal Code defines animal cruelty as the malicious or intentional maiming, mutilation, torture or wounding of a living animal. Any person who overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary food, drink or shelter, cruelly beats, mutilates or cruelly kills an animal is guilty of a misdemeanor or felony. Any person who possesses or trains a dog with the intent to engage the animal in exhibition fighting, as well as any person who is knowingly present as a spectator at an exhibition of fighting of dogs, is guilty of a misdemeanor. *In addition, any person who willfully abandons any animal is guilty of a misdemeanor.*⁴

Here, the above definition refers to animal cruelty as either malicious or possessing intent. The cruel treatment can also be inadvertent in some cases, but what stands out is that the classification for cruelty towards animals requires awareness of the harm being inflicted.

Given the cultural and lifestyle roots of rodeo and charrería, a participant would be aware of the harm because a.) having complied with the rules and regulations in place, they would not be in a position to harm the animal,

⁴ <https://www.laanimalservices.com/animal-cruelty>

or b.) they would be ineligible from ever participating in rodeo activity without violating the provisions of that would make them in violation of engaging in animal cruelty.

The implications from a criminal justice standpoint are concerning. This ordinance could be broadly interpreted with minimal probable cause and would effectively punish someone for participating in a cultural activity. Here we look at the assessment by a sociologist of vegan extremist movements and their relationship to white supremacy.

White Veganism

...[White] Rank-and-file activists fail to consider how anti-speciesist comments could offend or even oppress disenfranchised humans. Because privilege tends to be invisible to those who have it, this propensity to hurt others frustratingly does not register with many white vegans.

This is a pivotal problem because the Nonhuman Animal rights movement regularly targets the actions of marginalized groups as “low-hanging fruit.”

While white vegans may not be conscious of this fact, the speciesist actions of minorities are easy for the movement to pick on because society at large already oppresses these populations. Campaigns that target minorities are more likely to garner support from a white supremacist public because suspicions of Nonhuman Animal cruelty become yet another reason to discriminate. Examples include dog fighting, cock fighting, bear baiting, fur wearing, the consumption of dogs and cats, whale hunting, poaching, and hoarding. These are all traditionally associated with marginalized demographics such as lower-class persons, women, people of color, and non-Westerners. Vegan researchers have noted that it has typically been these forms of speciesism that the movement rallies behind, while the actions of society’s privileged go ignored or under

resourced. Racist campaigns resonate in a racist society.

Moral Relativism

Anti-racist vegans are sometimes charged with “moral relativism” when challenging the presumed race neutrality of anti-speciesist claims making.

...“Color blind” vegans retort that pro-intersectional vegans must not care about Nonhuman Animal suffering. Nonhuman Animals, they argue, are left vulnerable to protect political correctness.

...The “moral relativism” defense is merely a deflection that seeks to protect the status quo and avoid critical examination. Nonhuman Animal suffering is thus exploited and objectified to protect the superiority of white veganism.

...The argument is only that creating single-issue campaigns that sensationalize the behaviors of people of color is racist. These campaigns reflect white privilege in that they provide white vegans the power to judge others as lesser and protect the in-group sense of superiority. Such an approach is offensive to marginalized groups. It exactly explains why the Nonhuman Animal rights movement is overwhelmingly white and has historically had huge difficulties building links to other movements.

A White Supremacist Origin

People of color are institutionally oppressed by a racist criminal justice system which continues to believe that Brown and Black peoples are inherently cruel, evil, and in need of control. Should the vegan project be complicit with this dangerous stereotyping? Surely not, as the animalizing of people of color is not only an injustice to people of color, but also reinforces the cultural belief that the animal is bad.

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... When white vegans insist on avoiding a racialized lens, they actually underscore veganism's racialized nature. You see, white is a race, too, and protecting its supremacy in a social movement is a political act with consequences. Veganism is not, never was, and never will be "color blind."

White vegans can advocate for other animals in ways that do not ostracize or alienate underprivileged people (see the work of Dr. Breeze Harper). This will involve self-reflection and awareness when planning. It also requires *dialogue* with those who have historically been denied participation in decision-making [*emphasis is mine*].⁵

When viewed through this lens, the actions of Bob Blumenfield raise concern as to whether true dialogue was considered as part of this ordinance or if an equity analysis might be warranted to affirmatively support that the actions taken by the Council did not contribute to, or reinforce, white supremacist views.

The observation is made because of the close friendship between Blumenfield and Chris DeRose. The nature of this friendship should be investigated prior to any Council vote. Chris is quoted in the LA Times, acknowledging his extremist views:

"The animal problem is just so big," DeRose said. "Maybe in 100 years, people will realize that a mouse has as much right to live as a human being." In the meantime, DeRose said, animal-rights activists may become more aggressive. He said he does not encourage arson, which has occurred at several animal-research facilities, but if no one is hurt, "I'm behind it," DeRose said.

⁵ <https://www.coreyleewrenn.com/on-moral-relativism-and-animal-liberation/>

“In the civil rights movement, they got disgusted and started fighting back,” DeRose said. “I’ve been for passive resistance and civil disobedience all along, but you can only be pushed so far.”⁶

If you go on the Last Chance for Animals website, you’ll notice a special page dedicated to Jonathan Paul, who is identified as a member of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF). The webpage states:

Jonathan was involved in animal liberations through the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), an international, underground organization of animal rescuers who seek to free captive animals from research labs, fur farms, factory farms and anywhere else animals are being caged and mistreated. For two decades, Jonathan liberated dogs, cats, monkeys, mice and rabbits from research labs where they were held in tiny cages to be surgically operated on (often without anesthesia) for their entire lives. He released wild horses that were captured by the Bureau of Land Management and auctioned to the highest bidder to be slaughtered for their meat.⁷

It should be cause for concern for members of this Council that the onus of the *corroboration* used to support this ordinance, largely stems from a well-financed animal rights extremist fringe group, which has reliably called upon Blumenfield to deliver. While some animal welfare advocates might harbor sympathies for individuals such as Chris DeRosa, I would recommend Councilmembers scrutinize the role and influence Chris DeRose has had in shaping the ordinance, and whether extremist ties by Mr. Blumenfield prior to any vote to adopt this ordinance might upholding white supremacy and other forms of institutionalized racism.

Best,

Jorge Contreras

⁶ <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1988-02-08-me-27893-story.html>

⁷ <https://www.lcanimal.org/index.php/get-involved/animal-advocates/jonathan-paul>

Communication from Public

Name: Marisol

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:58 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The LA county trying to erase part of it's people history is not something i wish to see. Charros or any horse riding is part of southern california tradition and culture. We all agree these animals need to be kept in good conditions and most of them are in excellent conditions as their charros have to take care of them.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Cisneros
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 09:18 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, As a constituent of Los Angeles I'm commenting on the very discriminatory ordinance that is set forth to criminalize the American Rodeo, The Black Rodeo, and Charrería. I'm vehemently opposed all of these new bills that seem to target communities of color.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:52 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I stand in solidarity with the people of Los Angeles - do not ban the american rodeo and all rodeo events including charrería

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Santiago
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:06 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: STOP THE RODEO BAN

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a Mexican-American, it is important for me to stand up against this as banning rodeos would be targeting our culture. Charrería events are how Mexicans come together to bond over our culture, it brings a part of Mexico to the United States. Rules and more regulations could possibly be put in place but banning would be targeting our culture.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesus Guzman

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Im asking you to please not Ban the rodeo events because it is a part of our culture that is prevalent for many people of Los Angeles like hispanics who like charrería and enjoy it because it is a pastime we would attend to. Many come to argue against but are ignorant in knowing what really happens in a rodeo and charrería, the animal are always taken care of and never mistreated.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:58 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This is an attempt to criminalize and vilify anyone that participates in the American rodeo, black rodeo and Mexican traditions of Charrería. This ordinance is DISCRIMINATORY and targets rodeo and equestrian events. This ordinance is designed to impose & erase a culture that is deeply rooted in communities across the country, specifically Southern California.

Communication from Public

Name: Chloe Amaro

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Stop trying to criminalize rodeo. The animals are well cared for, and not mistreated. Banning rodeo does nothing to promote the proper treatment of animals. There are other steps to take if you truly care about animals, and this is not it.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:00 AM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Hi folks, I was raised in the city of Jurupa Valley where the community thrives off charrería and rodeó culture. I want to stand in support of those that are speaking out against this ordinance as it could set a terrible precedent and negatively impact our way of living. We agree that the safety and well-being of animals should be a top priority, but this ordinance isn't focused on the welfare of the animals—it is instead hoping to eliminate centuries old traditions without taking into account that more affluent sports like polo and dressage won't be affected and we as a public SEE that discrepancy. Our traditions are very similar to those two sports. There is similar equipment involved, the same animal, and the same venue, but people that practice the less affluent of sports are facing backlash. I urge you all to consider the way this is phrased and how it is targeting cultures and communities of far less income differently. Cities like Norco and Jurupa Valley in the Inland Empire have a rich history of connecting their identities to horses, the rodeo, and the western culture. And our local Cal State - Cal Poly Pomona also digs into that culture to cater their programs to that deep seeded connection and way of life. Criminalizing rodeos altogether is not the way to protect animals. Providing education and ensuring that equestrian communities of all sorts have access to resources is vital. Please keep our communities in mind as you decide on this and know that there is a better way to keep this culture alive while still making animal safety a priority. Thanks so much for your attention!

Communication from Public

Name: Diana
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:46 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: It's discriminatory and specifically targets Rodeo and Equestrian events that emerge from working class communities and communities of color.

Communication from Public

Name: Mayra

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:47 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Destroying important culture is no one's right. Rodeos are important not just to hispanic culture but black culture as well. The animals involved are taken care of very well more than anyone thinks. They are well maintained and they're always revicing great care. There is more to rodeo than meets the eye. It is not cruelty nor criminal. It is culture.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Nolasco

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the Rodeo Ordinance, the ban on bull riding, and the ban of rodeo practice overall. You are taking away not only from a community, but from a culture that has been here in the United States for a very long time. You're taking away the chance of younger generations being exposed to their roots and family traditions.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Espinoza
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:03 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban rodeo

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:30 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Eradicating The Equestrian community is simply uncalled for and unfair! If this is in the interest of the welfare of animals, then make it fair across the board and also remove the sport of polo. Targeting the working class, the Hispanic community (charreria), is unfair!

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:39 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I'm commenting to pledge support to the counter opposition of the bill aiming to ban rodeo. Rodeo is a big piece of my culture, American culture and California culture. As an equestrian family we've seen a lot of our lifestyle being stripped away from us throughout the years. The city is allowing sale of parcels in riverside rancho, a district for horses first and people second, to developers for condo construction. This isn't new, you can ask old timers who saw tens of commercial stables, tack and feed stores and other equestrian businesses and land get pushed out for unnecessary residential buildings. Most recently we've seen our city's beloved pony rides in Griffith park be stripped away from the community at the hands of ignorant "animal rights activists" crying lies of animal abuse and cruelty. Ponies are not a work horse. Many people cannot afford to keep them as pets. Putting these creatures out of their cushy job doing one hour rotations with grazing, unlimited food water and healthcare in between, puts them in danger of ending up as glue or being euthanized when no one can afford to fit them in a sanctuary. It also robs thousands of children of their first experience with a horse. In many cases this leads to a lifetime passion. So many friends and family rode their first horse at Griffith just as their grandmother and great grandmothers before them. Not anymore. This proposal attempts to further prosecute the great western tradition of equestrian sports by erasing and criminalizing a part of American culture for many peoples. Rodeo is for all Americans. Mexican, Black and European Americans all share this culture and lifestyle and have for many years. Passing this bill on unfounded claims of animal cruelty sets an awful precedent in criminalizing the beloved culture of many working Americans from all backgrounds. I urge you to go to a rodeo and experience our culture first hand before passing this racist and anti- animal bill. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Nicholas

Communication from Public

Name: Mayra
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:26 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't ban equestrian lifestyle!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Mayra Nunez

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This ban feels like a ban on my culture, because it is. Charrería is such a beautiful sport. Instead of trying to stop us why not come to an event and see for yourself how amazing it actually is? Educate yourselves before you go trying to ban somebody else's passion.

Communication from Public

Name: Esteban Escobedo

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning council. I'd like to remind you that we live in the land of the free. Our great nation gives us the right to express our passion and cultural traditions. California's history especially in LA goes back over 100 years where charrería, vaqueros, and rodeos protected our land and their livestock. You have a state because our ancestors who worked the land and carried out our practices. Animal Welfare has been the most important implement we have followed to care for our beloved animals, and since then to be able to continue our competitions and showcase our animal athletes. This ordinance will kill our sport of Charrería as amended along with the dreams and hopes of our younger generations that look forward to be like us. Allow them to carry their legacy of becoming the next Cowboys, Cowgirls, Charros, and Escaramuzas who live to protect their livestock and embrace their sport and reason to belong. Rodeo is charrería. Exempt rodeo if you're going to exempt charrería. We might wear different hats, but we are all family.

Communication from Public

Name: Norma Herrera

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As member of a family that can trace her family back six generations of farmers, rodeos enthusiasts/participants consider this petition a personal attack and infringement of my rights as an American of Mexican decent. It is wrong and inhuman to exclude and seek to abolish traditions that are foundations of my culture and that of many others like me. I expect my council representative to advocate for my rights to exercise my practices within my culture that have been so freely exercised since the 1700s.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth De La Torre

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:39 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I stand in solidarity with the equestrian community whether it be of lower income or affluent. There should be equal treatment and expectations for all equestrian communities. The love for the equestrian lifestyle should not be determined by your financial status. We have many cultures at risk that would lose their traditions and lifestyles based on a decision made against them that does not reflect equality with the affluent equestrian sports such as Dressage or Polo. Please re-evaluate your position against these communities and make them equal to all.

Communication from Public

Name: Esperanza

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:42 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Save the rodeo. The group of people trying to destroy our culture is the gentrification groups those are the only groups politicians are listening.

Communication from Public

Name: Alejandra Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Mexican Charreada and Equestrian Sports in Mexican Culture
Equestrian sports have a long and rich history in Mexican culture, with the traditional Mexican rodeo known as “charrería” being a significant part of the country’s heritage. The charrería is a competitive event that showcases the skills of the charros, or Mexican cowboys, in various equestrian activities such as horse reining, bull riding, and steer roping. This tradition dates back to the 16th century when Spanish conquistadors brought horses to Mexico, and it has since become an integral part of Mexican identity. The charrería is not only a sport but also a symbol of national pride and a way to honor Mexico’s ranching and horsemanship traditions. Equestrian sports, including show jumping, dressage, and polo, have also gained popularity in Mexico, reflecting the country’s deep-rooted connection to horses and horsemanship. Mexican cowboys are the original cowboys and this proposal is a direct threat to our community. If you want to pass such legislation you need to not exempt any other horse sport. You need to ban all and not discriminate against the sport of our community directly. Resolution that I offer regarding your concerns is to enhance monitoring that the rules are being followed. There is NO need to cancel our sport and culture. References National Museum of Mexican Art - This source provides historical and cultural information about Mexican traditions, including the charrería and its significance in Mexican culture. Federación Mexicana de Charrería - The official website of the Mexican Federation of Charrería offers insights into the history and practice of charrería as well as its role in preserving Mexican heritage. The American Quarter Horse Association - This organization’s resources offer valuable insights into the history of equestrian sports in Mexico and their cultural significance.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Frias

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: California must preserve cowboy culture and not pass this ordinance. Cowboys have been a massive part of not only American history and culture, but California's history and culture. Let us continue to celebrate this culture by not banning rodeos.

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:56 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the rodeo ban.

Communication from Public

Name: Perla L
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:44 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: We have a beautiful relationship with the horses and Charrería is a part of a Culture Nationwide, which is practice in different states and countries. This is a bias attack.

Communication from Public

Name: IBL

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: While there is a lot of discourse about how banning rodeo affects people across races and social classes, a ban on rodeo also affects the animals. A ban on rodeo would not take away rodeo, instead, it will force people to participate in secret and in less regulated fashions. More deaths and injuries will occur if there is no regulation. There has to be compromise. Little by little, anti-rodeo people have chipped away at rodeo practices and rodeo goers have complied. An all out ban is unfair to animals and people. Additionally, rodeo and charreada events are a very great economy booster in terms of food/beverage/alcohol sales, but even for small businesses that make products for rodeo goers. Stopping the rodeo ban ensures that extreme abuse doesn't occur at unregulated events and allows the LA community to flourish economically.

Communication from Public

Name: Sunnyul Haque

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 10:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen who resides in Los Angeles County I am against this ban of rodeo. It is racist and undermining working class member of this society. Understandably, animals and their conditions must be prioritized however it would be neglectful to them if this were to pass. If rodeoing is banned so should then the stables who run english style riding in Los Angeles County, -- like the ones in Burbank--which are far more accessible to those of financial means and their citizens. As a child I use to ride horses in the area and most recently I have worked on ranch which gave me an insight to the duly ignored yet iconic Americana/Western culture thus detailing the importance of heritage. For God's sake the film making studios have produce more western films/shows here in los angeles in the last past ten years. Completing this ban would be wrong and hypocrisy. Other alternative should be taken measure.

Communication from Public

Name: Alanis Krolfifer
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:01 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I'm submitting this comment in support of the American Rodeo. Rodeo participants and caretakers love and care for their animals and these events are a way to bring working class communities together. These events welcome all cultures and animal lovers and are often times educational while entertaining.

Communication from Public

Name: Emigdio Herrera
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:35 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Do not cancel our culture and heritage. Rodeo is part of our culture.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban the rodeo, this is rich history. These animals are treated like professional athletes. If they are hurt or sick they do not compete. If they get hurt during the event they are treated there by a vet and then seen again after the rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Pulido

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I stand with the people of Los Angeles against this ordinance

Communication from Public

Name: Tucker Allen

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a Professional Rodeo Cowboy who is from the LA area I hope this doesn't get passed. There is so much history of rodeo and the western way of life in Los Angeles being terminated If this gets passed. From the thousands of westerns being filmed here and the National Finals Rodeo being in Los Angeles in the 60's there is so much people can learn from the western culture in the LA area. I think it's important to keep rodeo here . It brings our communities together to go to a rodeo, brings business to the towns that have rodeos and encourages a respectful way of life. Animal welfare is something that has always been in discussion. Livestock is something EVERY stock contractor, and contestant try there best to care for and manage. Without the livestock there wouldn't be rodeo. With that said the reason these animals are taken care of so well is because without them, we wouldn't be able to compete as well. These bulls and bucking horses love to buck and compete just like us cowboys. Thank you for your time .

Communication from Public

Name: Lane Lowry
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:55 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: There is no valid reason to cancel rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: Tierney Boyle
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 02:21 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is a huge part of my life as well as many others who are equestrians! DO NOT BAND RODEO.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Bartschi

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 02:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the rodeo ban. Banning rodeo negatively impacts our ranching and farming community. This sport provides immeasurable positive benefits to all communities. The youth athletes who participate in rodeo learn about a livelihood from a young age. It's not just a sport. It is a community. Ranchers, farmers and rodeo are entwined. A community that provides food and resources. The skills and benefits from learning accountability, discipline, caring for another animal, respect, hard work, teamwork and dedication are life changing. Generations have passed down their skills and this livelihood and lifestyle. This ban attempts to eliminate a problem that does not exist. Safety and humane practices are already taught and enforced. In fact I would argue you will not meet another group of individuals who respect animals more or treat them in higher regard. There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association also has over 70 rules pertaining to the safety of the livestock and contestants. These laws and rules already address spurs, flank straps and electric prod usage. Penal code 596.7 already restricts the use of electric prods, flank straps are fleece lined or soft rope, and sharp spurs are prohibited and locked spurs are prohibited in saddle bronc and bareback events. We take great pride in our rodeo livestock. Our animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as a rodeo athlete. Items such as flank straps are not used to hurt an animal but for the safety of the animal and the rider. Flank straps are lined with fleece and never placed too tightly as the animal will not buck if that is the case. Spurs are not sharp as often indicated and electric prods can only be used in case of an emergency when the chute gate is open and the life of the animal and/or rider is threatened. No one involved in Rodeo or the western industry was consulted by the Los Angeles City Council before they pushed the drafting of the ordinance forward. At least take the opportunity to educate yourselves about the equipment and usage before passing an ordinance. There are a number of businesses that count on the Professional Bull Riding and rodeo related activities at venues like the Staples Center that draw capacity crowds for their business. Those restaurants and businesses that gain income from the economic impact of these events will see their bottom line

negatively impacted. As stated previously businesses, athletes, farms, ranches, generations are all impacted by this decision. I oppose the ban and strongly discourage any action taken to ban rodeos in LA CITY OR LA COUNTY.

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Brazee

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:06 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The American Rodeo is part of the Los Angeles story culture and heritage. A ban is both an over reach on misunderstanding of the importance of that culture to our communities. No one disagrees that our animals should be cared for and respected. Protected and cared for animals and the continuation of rodeo and rodeo adjacent events are not mutually exclusive.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriela Ortega
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 02:26 PM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Item 15- Rodeo Ban Support. As a mother and civil servant of the City of Los Angeles, I grew up in the rodeo scene. I have raised my children in the equestrian society nestled in the City and County of Los Angeles. I disagree with the ridiculous notion that we subject our children to abuse in the rodeo environment. As parents we subject them to abuse with the lack of family interaction, personal involvement in their activities, lack of socialization, and most of all lack of a family atmosphere! The rodeos provide a safe, family, atmosphere where a child learns to interact with the animals, understand safety, establish and able to nurture a relationship, and discipline as in any other sport! Should I mention the amount of taxes the equestrian property owners pay in the County of Los Angeles? The profits the City of LA benefits with these taxes, utility services? It is ridiculous to state the rodeo culture is not entertainment. The City of Los Angeles has paid tribute and dedicated a statue to one of the biggest and most respected names in the rodeo entertainment and music industry, Antonio Aguilar? Are we backtracking City Council? Equestrian activities should be incorporated into more programs that educate our children the proper principles of this beloved sport . Use these programs to help children who are truly abused and implement programs for victims with traumas. Please concentrate on bigger issues like cleaning up all the homeless encampments and making our streets safe. DO NOT BAN the RODEO.

Communication from Public

Name: Penny Guzman

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 02:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the ban on rodeos. For many in our Latin American community it is a lifestyle, the way we were raised, how we keep our ancestors traditions and memories alive and pass them to our younger generations. I have attended many rodeo events throughout my life time, and have witnessed how the animals are well cared for. The time, care and financial investment made into these animals has them far from being neglected or mistreated. Please take extra thought into this ban and how it will affect so many families, communities, organizations, and peoples livelihoods.

Communication from Public

Name: Noel Jones

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:06 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Although an ordinance protecting animals is a beneficial action, this one is not centered on that action alone. Instead, this ordinance seeks to criminalize long standing traditions of California citizens which will negatively impact certain demographics heritage. This does not represent what the people want, it only demonstrates how ignorant and out of touch the council is.

Communication from Public

Name: Lesly Garcia

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 02:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This incredibly targeted injustice. Why is it that you're only trying to ban the American Rodeo? Something that is commonly part of Latino culture is suddenly a problem for you, but not dressage and polo which is for greedy white bastards. When is it gonna end? When will you finally see us as people and not barbarians? When will you see that we have emotions, a heart, a mind, a soul, just like you? Why take from a community that has given so much to this country? This state? Why is it all about taking? Why can't we finally just have something that's ours to keep? You racist white fuckers need to mind your own petty business. Worry about your own fucking issues instead of causing more for a marginalized group of people.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Morelan

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Anyone that seeks to restrict both cultural and community events involving animals is clearly not involved in any events that pertain. Equestrians care DEEPLY for the horses and other animals that make up these events. The proposal to restrict events such as Rodeos, Black Rodeos and Mexican cultural events surrounding horses is unfounded, plainly discriminatory and shows a deep lack of understanding how beneficial for humans the connection between horses and people is. These events are some of the only way working class families can get involved in not only the equine community but in the agricultural community as a whole. Taking away these events will promote increased disparity between agricultural communities and will continue to increase the divide between and access to the equine community in the public. There should not be class or cultural restrictions to enjoy and love horses, which is exactly what these events are for. Further more you are spitting on the history of not only Los Angeles but Southern California as a whole, as many communities and neighbors started off as Rancheros which many "events and disciplines" being proposed to be banned came from. These events are a much needed educational vehicle for the greater community of Los Angeles, as well as a way to honor history and culture.

Communication from Public

Name: Kayla vest
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 03:06 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: We of the people of Los Angeles and California do not stand with Bob Blumenfield or his stance on the rodeo ban.

Communication from Public

Name: annette kahlberg

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 03:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I started rodeo 4 years ago to get out of the house and help with my mental health. It helped me become a better person and to learn what love and trust truly is. These animals are built to trust you and you have to trust them back. You grow bonds with them that no one will understand. Each horse is breed to do what they are being put to work for. All of the cattle are breed for what they do. We pray before every rodeo to keep us cowboys and cowgirls safe but also the livestock God had given us. Rodeo is not harmful or harsh. It is a way of life and living.

Communication from Public

Name: faith
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:15 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I believe a county rodeo ban would be harmful for civilians and animals alike. This ordinance portrays as discriminatory towards Hispanic culture and it is likely such an ordinance would cause damage for multiple vital cultural communities.

Communication from Public

Name: MAX

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 03:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: DONT BAN MEXICAN TRADITIONS ! LEAVE US ALONE
!RODEOS & CHARROS FOREVER !!

Communication from Public

Name: Dan

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 11:17 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote yes on this ordinance. These actions are unquestionably cruel against the animals, and in a civilized society we should not tolerate such things. Rodeos must adapt.

Communication from Public

Name: Ilse Villegas

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 03:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I stand in Solidarity with the people of Los Angeles in order to protect and keep the American Rodeo, Black Rodeo, equestrian culture and animal keeping, as well as the Mexican Charrería traditions. Although I understand the reasons meaning to be to protect the animals, for years the animals have been well taken care of and the ban of the American Rodeo imposed the gatherings of working class communities coming together and celebrate their culture and traditions. This is discriminatory to the people of color and the working class because the Polo games that are known in upper class communities are not included in the ban. I ask that you please reconsider the banning of the American Rodeo. Not only does it bring communities together, its rich history is also involved with the American history, traditions and patriotism. The banning of the American Rodeo will wipe out years and generations of hard working people coming together. The animals have always been well taken care of and will continue to be taken care of.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Martinez

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Comments for Public Posting: Hola escribo este comentario porque no quiero que el Rodeo desaparezca. El Rodeo no es solo cultura de Mexico si no también de Estados Unidos. En Hacienda la Puente cada año ay Rodeo Americano. Mis hijos les encanta. La policía usa caballos cada persona que jinetea ama a su caballo. Su caballo llega hacer su amigo leal. Por favor queremos que siga el Rodeo.