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October 13, 2023

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
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Attention: Ms. Heleen Ramirez, Office of the Mayor

**RE: RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT
RODEO EVENTS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES – COUNCIL FILE NO. 20-1575**

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. **RECOMMEND** to the Mayor and City Council that the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) be amended to prohibit rodeo events in the City of Los Angeles; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to transmit the recommendation to the Mayor and City Council and request the City Council to request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending the LAMC to reflect the recommended changes.

At its meeting on October 10, 2023, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners considered and approved a recommendation to request an amendment to the LAMC to prohibit rodeo activities in the City of Los Angeles. Additional information concerning the Board's recommendation can be found in the attached approved board report.

If you have any questions with regards to the recommendation, please contact Francine Acuña, Executive Administrative Assistant at (213) 482-9597 or via e-mail at francine.acuna@lacity.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Staycee Dains
General Manager

Attachment: October 10, 2023 Adopted Board Report – Recommendation to Amend the Los Angeles Municipal code to Prohibit Rodeos in the City of Los Angeles

cc: Jacqueline Reyes, Office of the City Administrative Officer
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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: October 10, 2023

PREPARED BY: Staycee Dains

REPORT DATE: October 6, 2023

TITLE: General Manager

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT RODEO EVENTS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1. **RECOMMEND** to the Mayor and City Council that the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) be amended to prohibit rodeo events in the City of Los Angeles; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to transmit the recommendation to the Mayor and City Council and request the City Council to request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending the LAMC to reflect the recommended changes.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the City of Los Angeles host rodeo exhibitions or contest in which participants perform various activities involving animals, including riding broncos, roping calves and/or wrestling steers. These events can be harmful to the health and well-being of the animals that are used in the rodeo competitions and shows, at times resulting in injuries such as sprains and broken limbs.

The City Council is considering the adoption of an ordinance that would amend the LAMC to prohibit the use of harmful implements at rodeos in the City (CF #20-1575). While this is a commendable proposal, the Department recommends that the City go further and completely prohibit rodeos in the City to protect the animals involved in these events. The Board should weigh in before the City Council takes final action on the proposed ordinance.

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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT RODEO EVENTS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

SUMMARY:

In keeping with the City's practices regarding the welfare and well-being of animals, the Department is recommending the prohibition of rodeo events in the City of Los Angeles. These events should include bull riding, bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, and similar events and activities.

Other local cities including San Francisco, Pasadena, Irvine and Chino Hills, California have already instituted regulations to restrict or prohibit rodeos taking place in their cities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The prohibition of rodeo events in the City of Los Angeles may result in some impacts to future revenues to the Department from the collection of permit fees for rodeos.

Approved:



Staycee Dains, General Manager

BOARD ACTION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Passed	Disapproved	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passed with noted modifications	Continued	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	New Date	<input type="checkbox"/>