

BOILERPLATE NOTE FOR ALL SUPPORTERS OF COALITION

My name is (*Name*), and I'd like to express my opposition to the proposed ordinance that will ban rodeo and bull riding in Los Angeles."

- You can add here

- *If you live or work in LA (where/how long, etc.).*
- *If you've been to, and enjoy, rodeo events in California.*
- *If you have family who has been employed through a rodeo/PBR/charro event in LA/So Cal.*
- *If you are a pet owner...and briefly explain your love for this animal(s).*

Anyone who is a fan of western sports knows that the health and safety of the animals in these events is very important to all involved. Rodeo people make their living by breeding, training and working with the animal athletes. They make sure these animals get the best care.

These are not wild animals forced to compete – they're bred and trained for rodeo. They are not abused. The flank straps and dull spurs don't harm the animals, who are actually treated very well.

Rodeo teaches important values like hard work, charity, respect, responsibility, and honesty. The sport is inclusive and promotes equality. Everyone is welcome. These values are needed today more than ever. Especially for our youth.

If this ordinance goes forward, it will ban in Los Angeles rodeo, bull riding and various equestrian events— affecting the *charros* rodeo, the all-Black rodeo planned for STAPLES Center, PBR, any future PRCA rodeos, Compton Cowboys exhibitions, and even several Olympic equestrian sports. This is not just banning sports that bring economic impact to LA but even worse, equestrian events and exhibitions here that change lives. We need to celebrate all cowboys, their strong values, and all the great things they stand for, not prevent them from showcasing their skills in Los Angeles!

I urge you to please not move forward with this proposal – it's unnecessary for a sport that already protects its animal athletes as a model steward in caring and treating for these animals, and it would be detrimental to Los Angeles in many ways. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.