

**Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
September 20, 2022  
General Talking Points for item #101**

**I oppose item number 101 on the agenda.**

I oppose the banning of spurs, flank straps, tied ropes and wild cow milking.

Spurs, flank straps and tied ropes are safe and human tools I use as an equestrian / as a rancher / as a rodeo athlete

You are banning essential tools we use as equestrians, ranchers and in the sport of rodeo that allow us to safely manage livestock. These are tools we use to cue our animals – they do not harm the animal.

As ranchers we have the right to manage our

You are not trying to ban the equipment we use, you are trying to ban rodeo.

At a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeo there are more than 70 rules governing animal welfare that must be followed. According to PRCA regulations and California State Code we are required to have a veterinarian on site during rodeo competition.

Our animals are our first priority. Injuries to livestock in rodeo are extremely rare – annually they are less than 1% nationally.

**We respectfully request the Board amend the Ordinance to delete Section 5.08.177 of the Ordinance –**

The ordinance is not necessary for a sport that already protects livestock, and would be detrimental to Professional Rodeos like the Rowell Ranch Rodeo and Livermore Rodeo.