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## **Councilmember Kent Lee Proposes Rodeo Ban in the City of San Diego**

SAN DIEGO – Councilmember Kent Lee announced today that he will introduce an ordinance banning rodeos in the City of San Diego. The proposal will be introduced to the Land Use and Housing Committee, which Councilmember Lee chairs.

**“Entertainment is not a justification for cruelty toward animals,”** said Councilmember Lee. **“The City of San Diego has a history of caring for animals, including investing in our shelters, community vet clinics, and providing grants to local animal rescue nonprofits. This ordinance will ensure that no more animals will needlessly suffer under the guise of entertainment in San Diego.”**

**“We stand united in advocating for a ban on rodeos in the City of San Diego and beyond, as we firmly believe that entertainment should never compromise the well-being of animals,”** said Gary Weitzman, President and CEO of San Diego Humane Society. **“Rodeos, with their common use of inhumane tools perpetuate cruelty rather than genuine entertainment.”**

Councilmember Kent Lee was elected in 2022. He represents Mira Mesa, University City, Kearny Mesa, Sorrento Valley, Miramar, and Scripps Ranch. He serves as the Chair of the City Council’s Land Use and Housing and Budget and Government Efficiency committees.

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