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Title:	WHEREAS, in 1992, Pittsburgh City Council enacted a ban prohibiting the use of devices that cause pain and suffering to animals, such as those used in rodeo events; and,		
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WHEREAS, in 1992, Pittsburgh City Council enacted a ban prohibiting the use of devices that cause pain and suffering to animals, such as those used in rodeo events; and,

WHEREAS, last year's Pennsylvania state budget included a preemption passed without transparency or discussion that stripped Pittsburgh and other municipalities of their authority to regulate rodeos and thus the undue stress, injury, and suffering of animals in these events; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill 492 of 2025 has been introduced in the Pennsylvania House and Senate Bill 412 of 2024 in the Pennsylvania Senate to repeal the rodeo preemption language and restore local authority over enforcing humane policies; and,

WHEREAS, repealing this preemption will restore the City of Pittsburgh's commitment to ensuring the humane treatment of animals and stands with local advocates and animal welfare organizations who promote the ethical and humane treatment of all living beings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pittsburgh supports House Bill 492 and Senate Bill 412 and urges the Pennsylvania Legislature to repeal the rodeo preemption language, restoring Pittsburgh's ability to enact and enforce humane policies for the welfare of animals and public safety.