



NELSON W. WOLFF  
COUNTY JUDGE  
PAUL ELIZONDO TOWER  
101 W. NUEVA STREET, SUITE 1019  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205-3482  
(210) 335-1326 • FAX (210) 335-2926  
Email - [nwolff@bexar.org](mailto:nwolff@bexar.org)

February 1, 2021

Nancy Loeffler  
Chairman of the Board  
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo  
723 AT&T Center Parkway  
San Antonio, TX 78219

Dear Nancy,

Let me first thank you for your leadership of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition (SALE) and your concern for the safety of our citizens. I have enjoyed working with you and have found you to be sensitive and caring for the wellbeing of our community.

I was hoping by this time we would be in much better shape than we currently are with respect to COVID-19. While we are having some success in bringing down the number of infections and people in the hospitals, local health officials remain concerned. It will take us several more weeks to control the spread of COVID-19 and to significantly bring down hospitalization. On average, some 1,400 people are still being infected each day. As of our Sunday report, there are still 1,169 people in the hospital, 385 in the ICU and 247 on ventilators.

We should also remain cautious of large gatherings due to the very recent detection in the United States of more dangerous variants of COVID-19 from Brazil, South Africa and Great Britain that has put all of us at greater risk. Those variants are much more contagious, and some studies have shown them to be more dangerous.

In light of our current COVID situation, this past Saturday I shared with you my serious concerns regarding the rodeo and entertainment events to be held in the coliseum. I suggested that it would

Page Two  
RE: San Antonio Livestock Exposition (SALE)  
February 1, 2021

be best to postpone the rodeo for now. With attendance at 4,000 each night, some 56,000 people will attend over the 14-day rodeo.

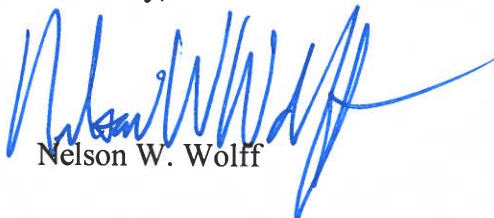
I also shared with you that Austin had just canceled their rodeo scheduled for March 13 through 27. Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo postponed their rodeo scheduled for March 2 through 21 until May 4 through 23. Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo canceled their rodeo scheduled for January 6 through February 6. I believe all of those counties will continue with their Jr. livestock show because the general public does not attend that event.

Recently, the City of San Antonio had to take extraordinary efforts to enforce protocols at the Valero Alamo Bowl football game held at the Alamodome, even removing people who did not wear facemasks. In the event that SALE moves forward, then SALE must be prepared to do so as well. The Bexar County Office of Emergency Management will also be on hand to help with compliance.

You have every right to proceed under the current lease with Bexar County as long as SALE follows the Governor's emergency orders. Should SALE not postpone the rodeo, I know the leadership of SALE will do their best to protect attendants. Facemasks, social distance, sanitation, and temperature tests are all good protocols. However, these protocols will be difficult to enforce with large crowds.

The decision to move forward is your decision; just realize the difficult situation you will face in enforcing compliance and the risk that doing so presents. If you continue with your event, I would encourage you to follow the guidance issued by our local public health officials to make the event as safe as possible for all attendees.

Sincerely,



Nelson W. Wolff

cc: Cody Davenport, Executive Director & CEO, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo