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From: Zoila Lubin <zoilalu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 5:42 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Fireworks Ban

Hello I am a resident of a home in Mid city located 1225 S Douglas St. I am emailing you because I do not think fireworks should be banned in Santa Ana for many reasons. The first reason is the sales of those fireworks help many clubs, teams and schools in Santa Ana. These same sales also help create memories and experiences our Santa Ana kids need. Another reason is I find it unfair that because of the unlawful neighbors and non residents of Santa Ana that sell and use illegal fireworks we the law abiding residents will have to lose something so special. You see, we are a military family. My husband was in Iraq and even though these fireworks triggered him for many years he would never take that experience away from his kids. We are careful with how we use and where we use our fireworks every year. Perhaps we need to study where the main problems are with the legal fireworks and then make laws for those places like small apartments and so on. I also do not think we should ban legal fireworks because of the illegal ones. I think that is another problem for other solutions. Please do not vote to ban legal fireworks in our lovely city of Santa Ana. Thank you for your time and protection.

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From: Leon Raya <lwrpsr1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 4:16 PM
To: eComment
Subject: City Council Meeting April 19 Item 28

Dear Mayor Vicente Sarmiento and City Council,

I am writing regarding Item 28 on the April 19, 2022 City of Santa Ana City Council Business Calendar - Charter Review of Ad Hoc Recommendation on Fireworks, to let you know we are against a ban of the sale and use of Safe and Sane fireworks in Santa Ana. The RAYA Foundation and many other outstanding Santa Ana nonprofits rely heavily on the proceeds generated by the sale of fireworks during Fourth of July. These proceeds allow us to provide low-cost and free sports activities, workshops and events to the youth of Santa Ana.

The concern expressed by those opposed seems to focus on the health aspects of the use of fireworks. We believe the health and safety impacts are minimal. There are other health and safety items in the City that should be a greater priority for the City Council such as the unavailability of affordable healthy food, educating the community the benefits of nutrition and exercise and increasing Parks and Recreation activities and improved access to affordable health care. In addition, Safe and Sane firework sales are for three days a year and are heavily regulated and policed by the City. It is also our understanding that the incidents of injury and damage caused by fireworks in Santa Ana are caused by illegal fireworks.

It is the increased use of illegal fireworks that is the primary health and safety issue. We believe that instead of a broad ban on all fireworks, the City should increase policing of the sale and use of illegal fireworks. It's not hard to see and find illegal fireworks being set off during any time of the year in particular Christmas, January 1, and Tet New Year let alone during Fourth of July.

The banning of the sale of Safe and Sane fireworks not only deprives non-profits who provide services to youth and families a prime source of proceeds, it also denies families the choice of celebrating the Fourth of July with traditional fireworks. In my neighborhood, Ward 3, this past year I observed 80 percent of the households on our block (Sharon Road and River Drive) enjoying Safe and Sane fireworks. Banning Safe and Sane fireworks is a step too far.

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From: Krista Schweers-Ganga <kschweersk25@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 1:10 PM
To: eComment
Subject: FIREWORKS COMMENT

I've been a resident of Santa Ana since 2011. One of the perks of living here is being able to celebrate the 4th of July with safe & sane fireworks. It's literally one of the reasons we moved here. We live in Sandpointe and haven't had any issues with the safe & sane fireworks. Banning those is going to do absolutely nothing about the illegal fireworks that are used. Not only are you destroying our celebration if you ban all fireworks, you are hurting the MANY youth groups that depend on the sales of those safe and sane fireworks. I'm HIGHLY against this ban on all fireworks and request that this is NOT put into action.

Dr. Krista Schweers-Ganga

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From: Valerie Ashcraft <valtalavera@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 12:53 PM
To: eComment
Subject: FIREWORKS

Good Evening,

I wrote this letter to urge the Council to allow the sale of "Safe and Sane" fireworks. I am a parent of a Segerstrom High School Varsity Baseball player and without these funds we raised at last year's fireworks stand, our program will not be in the shape it is in right now. With the sale of fireworks, we have been able to get new batting cages netting, new turf in the batting cages and two windscreens on the outfield fence. Can the City or School District help with the mentioned items? Probably not. I myself ran the stand last year and volunteered my time for over 60 plus hours, not to mention the time other parents put in. The banning of "Safe and Sane" fireworks would not only hurt the program or other programs throughout the City, but allow more illegal fireworks into Santa Ana.

Thank you,
A Concerned Parent who Cares for the Boys

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From: Ginelle Hardy <ginelleann@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 7:33 AM
To: eComment
Subject: KEEP FIREWORK STAND SALES & INDIVIDUAL USE OF LEGAL FIREWORKS AN OPTION & INDIVIDUAL RIGHT IN SANTA ANA!

Honorable Mayor & City Council,

Please keep sales and use of fireworks legal and available for purchase & use in the city of Santa Ana.

- **Additional Orange County, CA cities that have firework sales and use for the public include Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Midway City, Santa Ana, Stanton, Villa Park and Westminster.**

- **At least 2 Orange County, CA cities have reinstated sales and use of fireworks after a ban!**

Sale and use of fireworks on designated days before and on the 4th of July in the Orange County cities of Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Midway City and Santa Ana (where family members have residence) has been and is a tradition near and dear to my family.

A firework “show” option on the 4th of July provided by a city is not something my family supports or attends because we prefer a personal visit to a firework stand to purchase fireworks and a personal at home use of fireworks.

Please support and vote - YES TO CONTINUED SALE & USE OF LEGAL FIREWORKS FOR ALL IN SANTA ANA!

KEEP FIREWORK STAND SALES & INDIVIDUAL USE OF LEGAL FIREWORKS AN OPTION & INDIVIDUAL RIGHT IN SANTA ANA!

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From: isaisf@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 8:39 AM
To: eComment
Subject: 4/19 Comment on Fireworks

Thanks for finally bringing this up. The fireworks are out of control for months before and after 4th of July and for any major holiday or LA sport team victory.

The SAPD does nothing. My wife and I call repeatedly and even have video of neighbors shooting off illegal fireworks and nothing happens. The numbers they publish from PD on calls have to be inaccurate.

The safe and sane fireworks are just the cover for all the illegal ones. Ban them all. Im sorry so many orgs fundraise with fireworks. Thats a sad reflection of our city's program funding not of the benefit of fireworks. Lets find other ways to fund programs. Its sad to live in and love Santa Ana and have to take our dogs to Irvine on 4th of July. Its sad to have to give our dogs calming medications for weeks before and after.

It also sad that everyone claims to support police and our military and doesn't care about people with PTSD. They also don't care about people with other mental health conditions or people with breathing issues like asthma and emphysema. They don't care about our wildlife and pets. How on earth is Santa Ana a bird sanctuary?

Francisco Isais
Ward 5 resident

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From: preacherbillandhiseagles@netzero.net
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 1:01 PM
To: eComment
Subject: fireworks agenda item #28

SIRS,
MY NAME IS WILLIAM ELLIOT AND I HAVE PASTORED THE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE LOCATED AT 4601 W. McFADDEN AVE SINCE AUGUST 1984
WE HAVE ONE MAJOR FUND RAISER EACH YEAR SINCE 1985 AN ANNUAL FIREWORKS STAND WITH FUNDS THAT WE EARN FROM THOSE
SALES WE PROVIDE FUNDS TO VARIOUS MISSIONARIES OUTREACHES IN UGANDA, UKRAINE, INDIA, AND MEXICO
WE ALSO HELP THE
HOMELESS POPULATION IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH CLOTHING AND FOOD AND SUPPORT YOUTH ACTIVITIES THAT KEEP OUR CHILDREN
SHELTERED FROM GANG INFLUENCE IF THE FUND RAISER IS FOR ANY REASON LIMITED OR DISCONTINUED THESE OUTREACHES OF
FINANCIAL SUPPORT WOULD DEFINITELY SUFFER AND MAY EVEN BE DISCONTINUED ALTOGETHER AS WE ARE A SMALL CONGREGATION
AND FINANCES ARE STRETCHED TO THE BREAKING POINT DUE TO THE RECENT PROBLEM OF INFLATION AND RISING TAX FEES WE
WOULD URGE YOU TO STRONGLY CONSIDER THESE FACTS WHEN DECIDING THE FATE OF FIREWORKS SALES AS WE ARE SURE THAT OTHER NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ALSO FACE THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THANK YOU FOR YOU KIND CONSIDERATION
REV WILLIAM ELLIOT
CHURCH OF THE BIBLE

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From: Michael Jones <cminc2@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2022 6:38 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Santa Ana Fireworks Agenda Item #28 April 19th, 2022

Dear Sirs:

Orange County Worship Center (Orange County First Assembly of God) along with Master Piece Foundation (Friendship Ministries to Mental/Physical persons with Disabilities) have had TNT Fireworks booths in the City of Santa Ana for over 20 years and have used/relied on the charitable income to assist with the operation of the church(s) Day to Day Ministries such as; Christian Outreach, World/Local Missions, Food outreach for Santa Ana's residents, Home Assistance, Royal Ranges, Deaf Outreach, Men/Women Ministries, Youth, Children's, Audio Visual, Home Repair, Benevolence Funding, Seniors, Prayer, etc. There are over 40 different Ministries supported within the Church.

All of our assistance at the Fireworks Booths is Volunteer and we always have an abundance of church members and non members signing up to assist during the Four days of Sales.

Its hard to understand how Air Pollution and Safety would be of a concern with Safe & Sane Fireworks. As you well know the City of Santa Ana hosts a Extremely Large amount of Illegal Fireworks Storage and Use throughout multiple past years. Most frequent use seems evident around the 4th of July and New Years. However, the City of Santa Ana "Daily", is home to Multiple Explosions and Aerial displays of Illegal Fireworks.

Therefore, removing Safe & Sane Fireworks, such as TNT sells within the City, will not deplete the daily use of Illegal Fireworks. Please have the Fire Department and Police Department report on the number of Injuries and Violations caused by Safe & Sane Fireworks within the city. I'm sure you will discover the numbers are Very Low. Further, please compare the level of Air Pollution generated by Safe & Sane Fireworks vs. Illegal Fireworks all year long, I'm sure the differences would be surprising.

I have personally managed our Fireworks booths for almost 10 years and see the Financial support received substantial, all generated with Volunteer's. Its wonderful to see the Church come together annually for the Fireworks Sales event 4 days per year.

Please do not Remove SAFE & SANE Fireworks Sales from the City of Santa Ana.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Jones
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