



MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jessica Matson, Legislative & Information Services Director/City Clerk

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information
Agenda Item 8 – June 13, 2023 City Council Meeting
Community Comments and Suggestions

DATE: June 13, 2023

Attached is correspondence received before 4 PM for the above referenced item.

cc: City Manager
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director
City Attorney
City Clerk
City Website (or public review binder)

From: [Linda Drummy](#)
To: [public comment](#)
Subject: Ban fireworks City Wide
Date: Monday, June 12, 2023 3:12:49 PM

> Year after year, we all hear stories and see what happens with all the fireworks that people shoot off in our community and around the country. As we come up to another, Fourth of July... Fireworks typically go on for weeks. I feel that the City Of Arroyo Grande needs to put a halt on ALL fireworks and their sales.

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> The noise, smoke and debris left behind, puts many people, their pets and wildlife at risk!

> There is no benefit to fireworks... except for a cheap thrill for some homeowners, and those that enjoy disrupting peoples lives with their cherry bombs thrown on or near peoples homes... Oak Park and Grand Avenue to name a few. These go on for weeks.

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> People should be able to watch and enjoy the Pismo Beach fireworks or other shows put on by cities. Some cities ban fireworks outright, and there are huge fines if you do shoot them off. Arroyo Grande has never made a citywide ban... Which they should!

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> Our recent storms have caused increases in grass and weed growth. And now they're all dry and brown and are fire hazards .

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> If Arroyo Grande continues to allow fireworks, then they should only allow them at one or two controlled locations. With all the churches we have in Arroyo Grande... most have large parking lots where a carnival like atmosphere can be had during the day... a flat rate per person or family can be charged and hotdogs hamburgers, other food and beverages can be sold,. Games can also be played by children. That's the excitement of celebrating our country's Independence Day. And safe and sane fireworks can be distributed there to families and their children. These also must be used up prior to them departing the event.

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> Displaced, injured or deceased pets and wildlife, dramatically increases when fireworks go off. The rationale that certain clubs need to raise money, somehow... is ridiculous. Raise money by bake sales, crafts sale, rummage sales or something else. Not something that is destructive that affects or injures people, pets and wildlife! They also causes fires also results in property damage, injuries, deaths, etc. etc. And the ability to have access to these fireworks needs to be completely stopped. There's no reason at all that we can't just celebrate our country's Independence Day by having a good old fashion family gathering with a barbecue and games.

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> It is a fact that between July 4 and 6, our country sees an increase in lost pets by 40 to 60%! If only the council members would have a missing pet or a pet that was injured, or killed because of these... Maybe, just maybe... They might think twice about allowing fireworks in Arroyo Grande.

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> There are also people throwing senseless, noisy and destructive cherry bombs, etc. they should receive mandatory jail time.

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> I know I'm not alone, but most people won't speak up on the subject because they don't want to be blasted by those that disagree.

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> Do the only thing that makes sense to keep our neighborhoods safe! Stop fireworks in Arroyo Grande.

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> Thank you!

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> Linda Drummy

> Arroyo Grande resident

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