
From: Ama_Cu
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 5:02 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Hawthorne Firework Ban

Hello,

I saw that a firework ban is being proposed for the city of Hawthorne, and I think it is a wonderful idea to help keep our community safer and more enjoyable. Thank you.

Amabel C.

From: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:41 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Communication

Mr. Ruben Sanchez contacted the City Clerk's Office on 8/10/2021 stating that he is in favor of the continued sale of legal fireworks in Hawthorne.

Thank you,

From: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:45 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Communication

A resident who did not give their name left a voice mail on 8/10/2021 stating that they would like to support ban on fireworks.

Thank you,

From: V Culajay
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 5:05 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Illegal fireworks in Hawthorne

Hello,

My name is Vilma, I would like for fireworks to be illegal in the city of Hawthorne. This past 4th of July 2021, my neighbor kept firing illegal fireworks. I've even call the police but nothing was done. My dad has a heart condition and can be scared easily by the loud illegal bombs.

Not to mention our veterans, young kids and animals who are also affected. I would like to see stronger reinforcement or laws to stop illegal fireworks I. The city of Hawthorne.

Sincerely,

Vilma
Sent from my iPhone

From: Bree Severe
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 5:11 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Firework ban Hawthorne

Hello. I am a homeowner in Hawthorne. My neighbor informed me that there is a proposal to ban fireworks in Hawthorne. I am for this proposal, and I would like to know more about how it will be enforced.

Thank you,
Bree Severe

From: Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 5:56 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: [BULK] BAN ON FIREWORKS IN CITY OF HAWTHORNE

Importance: Low

I would like to see a ban on fireworks in the City of Hawthorne.

Last night I heard LOUD fireworks near my home. This went on for about 5 minutes before they moved on. Very uncomfortable for humans as well as animals.

Lisa Gould

From: Melvi Perez
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 6:33 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks ban

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Hawthorne and I would love if we could ban all fireworks moving forward. Fireworks are harmful for the environment, lead to tremendous littering, they scare animals and those with PTSD. Almost all surrounding cities have banned fireworks and it is time Hawthorne joins in and makes the city of good neighbors an even better place to live. I am happy to sign or call in for meetings in which this topic will be addressed.

Best,
Melvi

From: Ben Jakovljevic
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 7:01 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks ban

Hello, I support a fireworks ban in Hawthorne. They disturb the peace, pollute our air and streets, and also happen to be dangerous. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
Ben Jakovljevic

From: Sandi Paccione
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 7:04 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: [BULK] Fireworks

Importance: Low

Dear city clerk,

Please ban personal fireworks in Hawthorne. I'm a business owner and homeowner in Hawthorne and have been very patient on the 4th every year, hoping the craziness of the fireworks would either get better or eventually be banned. It has increasingly gotten worse! It has been like a war zone. How is celebrating our Independence Day to be like blasts of war? It is ridiculous! It makes me want to move away! Please, for the sake of our veterans and pets and our sanity, put a stop to this.

PS it's no longer limited to the 4th, it's weeks before and after. It continues to this day. Not to mention, on the 4th going constant from 8pm to 2am!

Thank you,
Sandi Paccione

From: Christina Gomez
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:04 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks Ban

Hello,

I support a fireworks ban in Hawthorne. They disturb the peace, pollute our air and streets, and also happen to be dangerous. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

From: Sara Grimm
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 7:46 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Please do NOT ban fireworks in Hawthorne!

Hello,

I would like to ask to NOT ban fireworks in Hawthorne. We look forward to July 4th and seeing the wonderful fireworks every year. It's one day out of the year, people should lighten up.

Thanks, Sara Weeks Hawthorne resident

From: David Buck
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 7:56 AM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks

I'm in. Ban them all.

Dave Buck

Manhattan Beach

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: C Colon
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 8:38 AM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Firework ban

Good morning,

I understand that there will be a ban on fireworks in Hawthorne. My household fully supports this ban. Some of the residents take it too far and it disrupts the whole neighborhood. They do it at all hours and use the illegal ones. I've even seen the fire dept come out and treat one of these idiots.

There are dogs on the block that get very upset and I have a high functioning autistic little girl who cried June through August and January because of these illegal fireworks that they shoot.

Please continue to push this ban and majority of the neighborhood would appreciate it.

Thank you,

The Purchases

From: Jimmy Garcia
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 11:19 AM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks

Please don't band the fireworks. Think of American the family gathering bbq, childhood memories in Hawthonre, CA.

Thank you,
Jimmy J. Garcia

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ernie Bucher <
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:23 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks

Hello Hawthorne City Council,

Do not ban fireworks in our area the large majority of the neighborhood really enjoys it. In fact my friends and family from outside of the neighborhood all look forward to the spending 4th July with us to watch the fireworks.

Don't listen to the whiney Karens, they don't speak for all of us.

Regards
Ernest Bucher

From: Ryan Paiz
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:27 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks Ban

Hello my name is Ryan I am a homeowner in the city of Hawthorne. My wife, puppy and I stand behind this ban. Fireworks go off all year long and are far worse during holidays and sports events. It is very disruptive and animals all around are scared constantly. Not only that but the people blowing up the fireworks leave a tremendous amount of trash on the streets. They never pick up after themselves. It makes our streets look dirty and nasty.

We need to ban Fireworks.

Thank you

From: Nina Velasquez
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:32 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks

I am writing to show my support for any measure against fireworks. We have had enough! If the city does not move on this issue the various communities in this city will have no alternative but to begin picketing city hall.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Janina Velasquez

Hawthorne, CA 90250

From: Delia Passos
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:27 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks ban

Hi,

I heard about the proposition to ban definitely the fireworks from our city Hawthorne and I'm very happy to hear that the city even considered to hear us!

Every year I have to go somewhere on 4th of July to scape the insanity of some terrible neighbors. We have many war veterans and tons of pets in the neighborhood and they are very disturbed with these fireworks. This fireworks happen almost every day and late night.

THIS HAS TO STOP!

Also allows the fireworks stores to be in the area.

NO FIREWORKS IN HAWTHORNE!!

Please!!

Thanks!

Delia Passos

Hawthorne

Sent from my iPhone

From: Giannina Meidav
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 2:00 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks ban

Hello,

I support the fireworks ban. I was fine with the fireworks had it been more controlled and didn't last weeks on at a time. It's unfortunate that those who took advantage of being allowed to have fireworks messed it up for everyone.

If it was on the Fourth of July, the day before and the day after, great but it's a week to two weeks beforehand and a week to two weeks after of noise. Anywhere from 1am to 4am in the morning. It's ridiculous and so incredibly inconsiderate.

It was one of the things I loved about Hawthorne when I first moved here and now I can't stand it. It's awful for the sleeping children, vets, and dogs. It's just too much.

Best,
Gia

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Best,
Gia Meidav

Pardon the brevity and grammar; This message was sent on the go.✦✦

From: Holly Compton
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 3:33 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Firework Ban

Hello,

I am writing in support of the firework ban. Every year, we are forced to find a rental in a city that does not allow fireworks. I have two dogs and live with a US Military veteran. The fireworks bring extreme stress to our house. I am also concerned about the amount of animals who run away and overcrowd our shelters during the month long firework events.

Due to the fact that the city of Hawthorne allows fireworks, it is impossible to stop people from using illegal fireworks and M80s that are now a common occurrence in the months surrounding the holiday. When we take down our fireworks stands and post that no fireworks are allowed, it will help control the usage of illegal fireworks. I personally have had shrapnel fall on my car from the neighbor's use of fireworks. Not only is this unsafe to our neighbors, but it can also spark fires, which the state of California is struggling with.

Perhaps we can ban the use of fireworks, but put on a neighborhood event at one of the local parks. This might help build community and bring people together while keeping people safe.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this and consider the ban on fireworks in Hawthorne.

Sincerely,

Holly Compton

Rotary



August 9, 2021

RE: Maintaining Safe and Sane Fireworks Sales in the City of Hawthorne

Dear Honorable Mayor Vargas and Hawthorne City Council Members,

The Rotary Club of Hawthorne-LAX-Lennox has served and maintained a presence in the Hawthorne community for 95 years. We have an established tradition of providing needed services to Hawthorne residents, youth and educators. The Interact clubs we sponsor at Hawthorne High School and Da Vinci Science Academy provide an additional source of in-person support for a broad range of community events and service projects.

On an annual basis, Hawthorne-LAX-Lennox Rotary provides teacher mini-grants to K-12 educators, holiday food baskets to needy families, literacy projects including pocket libraries, and scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors. We also partner with the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club to recognize the Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year.

The primary funding source of these valuable service projects is our bi-annual operation of a safe and sane fireworks booth in Hawthorne. Our most recent experience with this fundraiser resulted in a net return amount that will enable us to maintain, and perhaps expand, our activities over the next two years. As we emerge from the current pandemic, we believe the viability and presence of community service organizations is needed more than ever.

As the Hawthorne City Council considers how to protect the community from the adverse effects of illegal fireworks sales and use, we respectfully request that our comments be considered. We particularly urge you to continue to allow the sale of safe and sane fireworks that enable community organizations such as ours to provide worthy service projects. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the Hawthorne community and seek to continue this tradition for many years to come.

Yours in service,

Lisa Wellik
Club President 2021-22
Rotary Club of Hawthorne-LAX-Lennox

cc: Dr. Paul Jimenez, Hawthorne City Clerk

Rotary Club of Hawthorne-LAX-Lennox
P.O. Box 181, Hawthorne, CA 90251

From: Jerry Flory
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 10:06 AM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fire works in Hawthorne

Importance: High

Good Morning :

I understand that the future of safe and sane fireworks are on the agenda.

I have been participating for over 25 years as District 37 Little League Baseball & Softball to help the four leagues in Hawthorne keep the financial burden to the parents down so more kids in Hawthorne can play.

I am also the President on the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club and all the money from the fireworks stand goes back to help kids and scholarships to help High School student in Hawthorne.

I understand the complaints from the illegal fireworks but without the safe and sane the problem will get worst and the illegal will take over the City.

Safe and Sane are need to help the community with the illegal problem

Jerry Flory

Little League District 37 Administrator

Also President Hawthorne Kiwanis Club

From: Thomas Quintana :
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 11:21 AM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Safe & Sane Fireworks Sales Discussion

Mr. City Clerk, please include the following request in the testimony for the Safe & Sane Fireworks Discussion at the August 10, 2021 City Council meeting.

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hawthorne City Council

As a native of Hawthorne and a proud City of Hawthorne retiree, and even prouder member of the Hawthorne LAX Lennox Rotary Club as well as a Life Member of Hawthorne VFW Post 2075, I am asking that the Hawthorne City Council to not eliminate the sale of safe & sane fireworks in Hawthorne. And I totally support any effort to eliminate the sale and discharge of illegal fireworks in our city.

Up until the recall of three city council members in 1983, only the member organizations of the Hawthorne Veterans Council were permitted to sell safe & sane fireworks. The groups included World War I Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary, Hawthorne Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2075 & Ladies Auxiliary, and Hawthorne American Legion Post & Ladies Auxiliary. The trade off was the Veterans Council conducted a free fireworks show for the community at Hawthorne High School.

One of the campaign promises of the three individuals who were elected as a slate to fill the vacant seats after the recall was that the city council would open up the fireworks sale to all eligible Hawthorne-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. A limit of 10 stands was established and a lottery style selection process was implemented due to the fact that a large number of organizations intended to apply.

Since then literally hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised which is turned back into the community to provide vital support to programs that support youth, education, senior citizens, education, law enforcement, fire service and veterans.

Eliminating this essential revenue source for our dedicated service club organizations and veterans organizations at this critical point, as our society emerges from the throes of the pandemic, would definitely hamper our community's ability to fully recover.

Please do not eliminate, or implement any further restrictions to the existing fireworks ordinance, regarding the sale of safe & sane fireworks.

Best Regards,

Thomas H Quintana

From: Barry Colston
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 11:39 AM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fireworks discussion

My name is Barry Colston and I am the current Commander of Hawthorne VFW Post 2075. I DO NOT support efforts to ban ALL fireworks in the City of Hawthorne. Enforce the laws already on the books and arrest/fine those that sell and distribute the "illegal" fireworks. The fireworks that leave the ground are the ones that create the majority of hospital visits not the "Safe and Sane" that the VFW and other civic organizations sell.
Thank You.

Barry Colston
Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Hawthorne Post 2075

From: Johnny Brown
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 4:10 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: Safe and Sane Fireworks

Categories: Blue Category

Dear City Council;

It's been brought to my attention that the City Council of Hawthorne will be voting on whether to continue to allow safe and sane fireworks in the City of Hawthorne. The Veterans at the Hawthorne American Legion would like to request a vote to continue to allow safe and sane fireworks in the City of Hawthorne. The funds earned from the sale of these fireworks go toward helping our disabled veterans with their claims, the widows and children of our veterans who have given their all for our country, supporting our Boy's State Program, the American Legion School awards, American Legion Baseball, the USO, etc. The fireworks stand funds also help us maintain our facility. The fireworks stand is our major fund raiser for the year. Please don't discontinue this program. The safe and sane fireworks are not the fireworks that are causing all the noise and hazards. This is caused by the illegal fireworks brought in from other states or countries.

Should you require further clarification of our position on this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Johnny T. Brown, Finance Officer/Adjutant
Hawthorne American Legion

Telephone: 310/675-1313

From: Wendy Menjivar
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 4:10 PM
To: WEB - City Clerk's Office
Subject: RE: Banning of Safe and Sane Fireworks

Again the issue of fireworks comes up again. This time it's quick and fast on a Zoom meeting where the council does not have to face people. A decision that affects so many kids and parents and non-profits that depend on revenue from the stands. Every 4th we have three veteran organizations first in line to sell fireworks- so the issue that vets are against this is BOGUS. You also have little leagues, service clubs such as Moose, Rotary and Kiwanis and a parade of other non-profits waiting in line for their chance to take part in celebrating our Independence our Country's birthday.

This is a big issue to the citizens of Hawthorne - it should not be decided by a Zoom meeting, in an off year election with only a few days for people to mount an opposition to this motion.- It's a bit cowardly.

This should be left up to the voters of Hawthorne so we can see what the voters of Hawthorne really think about the safe and sane fireworks. The problem is the Illegal fireworks that people fill the sky with. WE ARE ALL AGAINST THAT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE ON THE BALLOT NEXT YEAR AND THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT THE CITIZENS REALLY WANT NOT A POLITICAL STUNT TO SATISFY A FEW THAT SCREAM EVERY YEAR.

PLEASE consider voting NO on this motion or at the very least put it on the ballot and let the voters decide. It shouldn't be up to the council members to decide...Why not come up with a motion to stop illegal fireworks.

Thank you,

Ms. Menjivar