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# Survey Results: Fireworks

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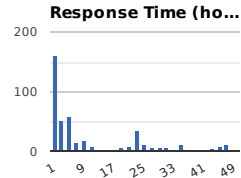
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## 445

**Total  
Participants**

353 of 519 initially invited (68%)  
92 others  
Margin of error: ± 5%

Applied Filter:  
**Locals only**  
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**341**



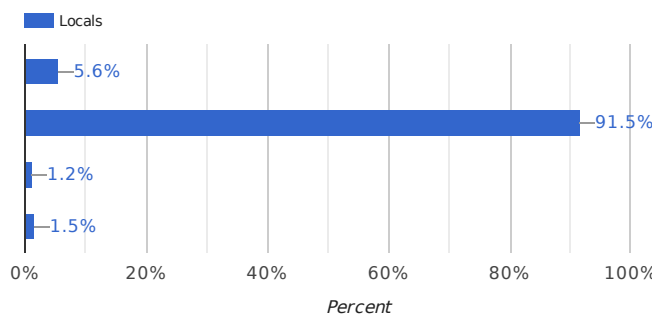
Started:  
**Jan 26, 2021 11:09am PST**  
Ended:  
**Jan 28, 2021 11:00am PST**  
Target Participants:  
**All Pacifica**

**Q1** The City of Pacifica allows the sale and use of “Safe and Sane” fireworks. This includes sparklers, cones, fountains, smokes and novelties such as smoke balls, snakes and pop-its. Fireworks that fly or explode are prohibited by State law. Safe and Sane fireworks can only be discharged in the City from June 28th to July 5th.

Prior to reading this, which best describes what you knew about fireworks restrictions in Pacifica?

(341 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (341)
I didn't know there were any restrictions like Safe and Sane	5.6% (19)
I knew about the Safe and Sane restrictions on what you could buy and use	91.5% (312)
I thought no fireworks of any kind were allowed	1.2% (4)
Not Sure	1.5% (5)

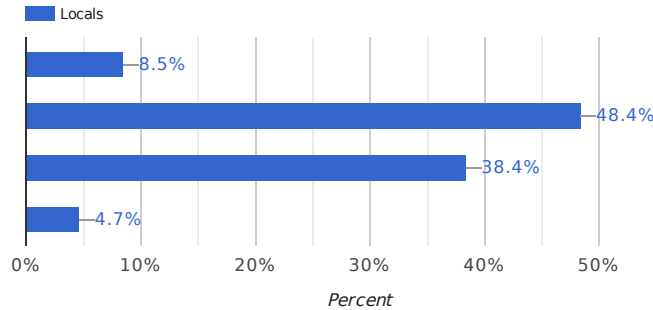


**Q2** Which of the following best describes what you think about the sale and discharge of fireworks in the City of Pacifica?

(341 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (341)
I think all fireworks should be allowed	8.5% (29)
I think only Safe and Sane fireworks should be allowed	48.4% (165)
I think no fireworks should be allowed	38.4% (131)

Options	Locals (341)
Other:	4.7% (16)



people illegal think  
july safe sane  
restriction  
beach fireworks control  
display show city sale  
go  
discharge groups allowed

Professional fireworks display on July 4, only. No fireworks sales.

Only safe and sane but no date restriction July 4th is not the only holiday people celebrate.

The city should put on a show --that may help the issue of illegal fireworks shows

I think they should be allowed as long as the proceeds go to local social causes (PRC, schools, etc

I think we should continue The charity sales of safe and sane and Have a municipal display @pier

I would like to see S&S sold until a viable funding alternative can be found for the groups it sup

Safe and Safe is okay, but not when we are under red-flag conditions or other fire risk warnings

While I generally agree with safe and sane, every once in a while the big ones are fun to watch too

I feel that the groups that profit from the sale of fw should be responsible for dealing with them.

Since the city doesn't offer a public fireworks display I guess safe and sane are better than nothi

Pacifica should have a controlled city show to prevent as many illegal fireworks

S & S fireworks should be allowed w/permitted people or departments getting to discharge "illegals"

I do not know what the description of safe and sane fireworks is.

The city should support a simple fireworks show on 7/4 at Linda Mar Beach and stop all additional.

We need time restrictions. Fireworks should not be going off at midnight

**Q3** Fifteen local non-profit organizations, many of which are youth-oriented, are licensed to sell the Safe and Sane fireworks, with the sales providing a major part of their annual revenue.

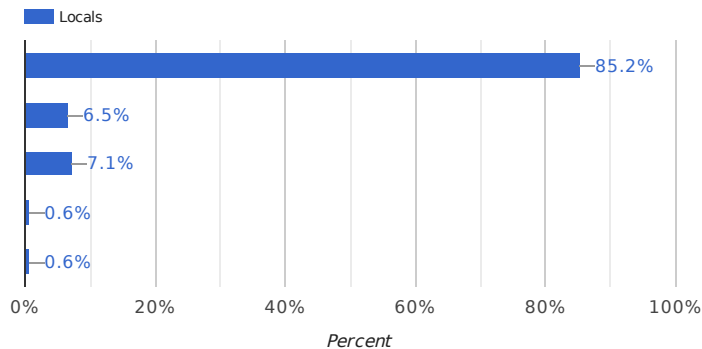
How does this affect what you think about Safe and Sane fireworks, if at all?

(338 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (338)
I already knew this, so it doesn't change what I think	85.2% (288)

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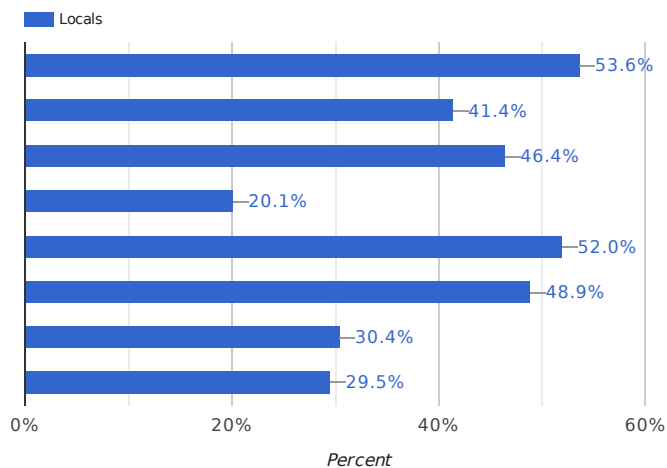
I didn't know this, but it makes me more favorable toward fireworks sales	6.5% (22)
I didn't know this, but it doesn't change what I think	7.1% (24)
I didn't know this, but it makes me less favorable toward fireworks sales	0.6% (2)
Not Sure	0.6% (2)

**Q4** Which of the following are TRUE for you, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(319 responses by locals)

**Options****Locals** (319)

I think the Safe and Sane fireworks create a litter problem	53.6% (171)
I think the Safe and Sane fireworks can start serious fires	41.4% (132)
I think that fireworks are an important part of celebrating the July 4th holiday	46.4% (148)
I think the Safe and Sane fireworks are dangerous to use	20.1% (64)
I think the Safe and Sane fireworks are fun to watch and use	52.0% (166)
I think that having some fireworks legal makes it harder to enforce violations for exploding and flying fireworks	48.9% (156)
I think that prohibiting Safe and Sane fireworks would lead to more people using exploding and flying fireworks	30.4% (97)
I think:	29.5% (94)





Given fire hazards it would irresponsible of council not to act to restrict fireworks sales

people are going to light off fireworks no matter what the rules are

Ban safe and sane because of climate change and fire hazard

There's probably other ways to support revenue for the Youth Organizations

Stronger PPD resources-monitor& arrest scofflaws.Offer 1 approved fireworks show. Reduce pollution.

People will set off illegal fireworks regardless but having no fireworks may help with apprehension

Ban all fireworks except for organized fireworks events at the beach on July 4.

A lot organizations profit from the sale of fireworks, which is a good thing. But too many people u

Our properties are too valuable (million dollar homes) to allow ppl starting fires.

That this transgression of our safety needs to be stopped through vigorous enforcement. No exceptio

As a City, we're crazy to permit them after all of the recent fires.

Fireworks cause issues for vets and others with PTSD, pets and wildlife that are not considered

People set off fireworks many more days than what is allowed. They set off the illegal flying ones

We need better enforcement and stricter quiet hours

Make the non profits address the issue, if they can't, then there should be no fireworks at all.

All groups that are selling fireworks to fund their organization need to fundraise in other ways.

Fireworks Suck

The city should work with the fire department to make a public fireworks display

They also scare our veterans suffering from PTSD, and our pets

fireworks ok if they aren't the loud ones setting off car alarms, frightening wildlife & veterans.

it's past time to ban them all!

Pacifica should hold a firework show

Why doesn't the City host a short fireworks show to satisfy those who love fireworks?

During these times of extreme fire danger, the City needs a zero tolerance policy.

The organizations that fund-raise by selling fireworks will find other ways to make money.

expl. and flying fw should not be sold but still be allowed by certain agencies for the city

A very limited amount of Safe and Sane fireworks should be available but enforcement is needed

We could find other fundraising opportunities for the groups that currently sell fireworks

Pacifica should follow other Bay Area cities and not allow any fireworks.

The non-profit groups and youth orgs should seek alt revenue sources to wean off of fireworks sales

There are too many rules

I am over all the fireworks that people constantly light year round!!

Enforcement of illegal fireworks needs to be increased to become the proper deterrent.

Put your ear out the window on July 4th and you'll hear lots of support

police should find something better to do than arrest people for having cool fireworks.

More work needs to be done to enforce violations for illegal fireworks

There should be patrols toward the back of the valley and areas with trees on July 4

All the statements are true. The issue is complicated, emotional and economic.

many people don't consider the difference between Safe + Sane and illegal, destructive fireworks

1. Ex Military PTSD, pets & wildlife are traumatized (legal or not).

We should set policies based on data, not tradition. Fireworks are dangerous.

Safe and sane fireworks are easily differentiated from unsafe and insane fireworks

Safe and Sane Fireworks are a fun way to celebrate July 4th holiday.

Someday, there will be a major fire started by fireworks, esp. with increased temps.

It would be fun to have a city provided fireworks show on the beach

safe and sane are of limited interest and the weather never cooperates. I see less every year.

Pacificans have far exceeded "safe and sane". 4th of July is like Beirut war. Not safe! or Sane!

There should be a festival like Fogfest for the youth groups to make money on the Fourth of July.

these questions are loaded towards banning all fireworks. Groups DO NOT get MAJOR funding sales

It's terrible for pets and wildlife

It's important to enforce littering laws and increase trash pickup and accessibility during the 4th

fireworks are bad for the environment and the youth orgs should be better funded by the city

Do a BIG educational campaign about how to use "Safe and Sane" emphasizing potential fire danger.

We need to effectively enforce illegal fireword

We should only allow official safe fireworks shows like Sonoma. There are safer ways to raise money

I think there are a lot of Pacifica residents that are NUTS about major exploding & flying firework

Allowing safe and sane provides cover and/or justification for illegal fireworks.

We need an anonymous number to text when we see neighbors lighting illegal fireworks.

We should have a fireworks display from the water in Linda Mar Beach like 50 years ago. When safe

Ban all fireworks. Money (from fines & reduced cleanup costs) should be given to charitable orgs.

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about fireworks in Pacifica?

(170 responses by locals)



There were kids setting off illegal fireworks right next to my house on the fourth of July and nary a police cruiser in sight the whole night. There were multiple fires one that caused the tragic destruction of the Ortega Elementary Greenhouse. I'm starting to think that we need to outlaw ALL fireworks to keep this from happening again, or have a better way of catching and fining these arsonists. There just isn't enough organizations to keep this from happening again if things continue as they have been.

I'm really glad we allow more fireworks than most places in California, and I'm glad we designate places to set them off on the beach and such. My only real complaint is that non-Safe and Sane fireworks are set off year round, often in the dead of night, and I really wish there was a way of keeping that from happening as much.

Crack down on illegal fireworks. Increase fines. Increase enforcement. Offer rewards for videos of suspects.

I am against further regulation of fireworks.

Offensive. Excessive noise. Litter. Fire danger. Disrespectful of the law and of neighbors! Thanks for asking.

Hire a licensed professional to put on a nice display for July 4, and perhaps other special occasions. Stop with the "safe and sane" stuff. It's not that pretty, and it's not always well controlled.

I love fireworks but the misuse of dangerous illegal fireworks in the city of Pacifica has soured me on their use completely. Often (any time of year), "bombs" detonate that practically shake the house and yet repeat offenders go on doing their thing

with no restraint or consequence. Pets are traumatized and many of us scan the hillsides for possible fires. The BIG explosions are alarmingly louder and heavier every year. The Fourth of July is becoming a tie many people dread.

All kind of fireworks should not be allowed in PACIFICA.

We should allow safe and san fireworks unless we can enforce prevention of folks using more dangerous fireworks. Tolerance should only be permitted if it can be enforced.

As a child here in Pacifica over 30 years ago, I remember hillsides catching on fire due to fireworks and at other times kids playing with model rockets. I haven't seen that happen in decades, I don't think the fireworks are as dangerous as many like to believe, and as with all things, it is up to the user to exercise caution and responsibility. Fireworks are a part of our local culture and I don't want to lose them.

Keep the Safe & Sane fireworks!

I am tired of the fundraising aspect being used to justify an dangerous and environmentally hazardous practice. I would gladly pay the non profits to NOT sell fireworks

July is the dry season. We have many dry grass/weed areas near homes. The fire dept. really should weigh in on this danger and help educate the public.

Christmas and New Years and the week after there were many illegal fireworks being set off near the pier/beach blvd on the promenade near salada and Santa Maria

The illegal fireworks come from the same locations every year. I love watching them, but there really should be a way to hold these people responsible. With the fire danger our community is under, these cannot continue year round.

It is a huge source of revenue for youth groups.

Safe and sane fireworks are absolutely necessary to many community organizations in this town.

The city needs revenue. Fines on fireworks are revenue. Make the fines high and send police to ticket the house owner at every damn explosion-themed party.

I would really like to see another "large display" be added for the whole peninsula community, possibly working with other coastal towns to do so. It is so sad there is only SF, Foster city and mountain view to see displays. This is the problem. While ofcourse we don't want the ocean to be at risk of debris, seems like a beach front or HMB airport) display would be possible or even skyline's campus somehow if the trees could be sure to not be at risk.

I think fireworks in Pacifica is a wonderful tradition and needs to continue. It would be nice if there was a city-run display either in the old quarry or off the pier, but the way the community comes together to celebrate July 4th with fireworks is absolutely great!

Police need to be able to issue fines or penalties based on video footage like that from security cameras. Only enforcing whencaught in act is silly and ineffective.

I think the days they are allowed to be used needs to be narrowed to just the 4th, perhaps +/-1 day; but the current window is too wide and too hard to enforce. I would support allowing folks to use them on residential streets but strictly limiting them to "safe and sane" products with clearly communicated personal responsibility and accountability for use.

I've enjoyed using and watching fireworks for years in Pacifica. I hope to continue to do so.

We need a more sophisticated way to stop illegal fireworks. The use of mortar launched, airborne fireworks needs to stop. We have it every year and no one seems to get caught and fined or jailed.

Have a day of fun with "big" fireworks show at night - start a volunteer committee to man it and plan it. Illegal fireworks are a pain-should be enforced more. Pacifica has a reputation as a war zone around the 4th.

we should discourage and prosecute people who set off illegal fireworks in pacifica

if you ban them, that will result in more illegal ones being set off and take a look at the cities that banned them! You still see them going off. Illegal ones are being sold everywhere and are cheaper for the most part.

Let's not kill a great holiday tradition that promotes community engagement in many ways and lets us celebrate our nation's birth. Safe and Sane fireworks are not the problem - they are not a "gateway" for illegal fireworks.

It would be best to re open the beaches(not the parking lots) to fireworks. There is little fire danger on the beach and it is my and many other folks observation is that closing the beach only led to more fireworks in residential areas. Closing the beach makes things worse not better.

Fireworks create fires. Last July 4th a dozen fires were reported. When some fireworks are sold, it gives license to all fireworks.

Fire danger is real, climate change is real, stop all fireworks. Remember one of the biggest fires in CA history started with a firework.

If you could encourage those shooting illegal fireworks to pool their money, Pacifica could have its own fireworks show shot safely from the end of the pier that could be a major event for the city and could be viewed on the beach or from many homes around town. It could "defuse" the desire for locals to shoot their own if we offered a city alternative.

Keep safe/sane fireworks work legal in Pacifica with police and fire dept to educate school kids about why the larger fireworks and shooting off the ground fireworks are dangerous and why they are considered illegal. Giving them reason for being called illegal will at least make them think twice - this is a long haul strategy

Police need to enforce citations and arrests of those setting off illegal fireworks.

Utilize existing gunshot technology to locate illegal BOOMS. This would greatly assist Pacifica Police in citing the every year illegal ordinance scofflaws. <https://www.security101.com/blog/gunshot-detection-technology>

I would like to see professional fireworks displays set-off from the end of the fishing pier. Would also like to see this on more than just July 4th. Perhaps Memorial Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day. I predict that if city council put this idea out there, organizations, companies or individuals would sponsor such events.

I understand that the schools and community organizations use fireworks as a fundraiser but there are so many fundraising options available nowadays that do not put their community at risk. Allowing fireworks of any kind puts the whole community at risk for fires, opens up the use/risk of illegal fireworks, and the use of legal and illegal fireworks outside of the allowed designated time. Would love to see these organizations find creative fundraising ideas that benefit the community versus doing harm and creating risk.

I know fireworks are a big debate, but really it is the illegal ones that do the most harm to people and animals. I feel Pacifica should spend their time coming up with a way to enforce illegal fireworks that actually deterred people from using them rather than worry about safe and sane fireworks.

The vague language used around the organizations selling the Safe and Sane products was not subtle.

We dread this time of year. Our pets are terrified during the illegal activity. Law enforcement does not engage. Every year we have "casings" of illegal fireworks on our roof and in our yard. The city is liable for their inaction. Where is the accountability?

The costs and risks of fireworks far exceed any incremental fundraising benefit for a few nonprofits

They are stressful to pets.

More enforcement for biggest fireworks

Our non-profits MUST find other ways to raise money without contributing to litter and the near impossibility of enforcing ILLEGAL uses of bombs, etc. in neighborhoods. Must figure out how to use the local host ordinance more effectively and respond more quickly

I always feel sorry for the cops who get called on random fireworks going off, because they can never find the person who set them off, and how could they.

A professional Big Fireworks show each year would be great.

My child's elementary school green house burned down in July of 2020. The council member I discussed didn't really care about my concerns, only her agenda

Viable funding for non-profs must be found before sales are stopped. They provide way too much cover for the ever increasing illegal fireworks

People come from far and wide to set off fireworks in Pacifica, because they know we allow some fireworks and figure they won't get caught. While the fines are nice, since the police can only issue them if they personally see the infraction, it means that very few are issued.

Crack down on illegal fireworks. Enforce and fine

I like what we have and would not like to see it changed.

Fireworks are a hazard and encourage illegal use of NON authorized fireworks. This is a continuing cost to the police and a community problem. The argument that youth groups raise money is a non-starter. There are other fund raising options and it burdens the community with the police and cleanup costs.

I like that it supports non profit youth organizations so in order to say no and not allow is difficult. I think an alternative would be needed to sway my decision/thoughts to alter. I do believe though that they are dangerous and cause a litter problem on our beaches etc so welcome possible alternatives

Fireworks are not safe or sane.

City government must do better on dealing with illegal fireworks. It is traumatic to be exposed to sudden explosions & wildfires are a massive concern.

There should be stricter enforcement of illegal fireworks both on July 4th and year round. We have a terrible problem here with illegal fireworks and it seems no consequences for doing it.

I think we need to find another way for our youth to make money than selling products that pollute the environment and are a danger to our homes and city. I would love it if we would charge more for parking for those who use our beaches, maybe some of that money could go to our youth programs.



Illegal fireworks seem to cause the most problems for those opposed to fireworks but being able to effectively enforce the laws have not worked for many years.

fireworks should be banned

I feel we should look into better ways to enforce Illegal fireworks (we are worse than Oakland) and ban Safe and Sane fireworks. We should find other ways to fundraiser and not tie Fire hazards to charity.

Eliminate all fireworks and aggressively fine those who use them

Illegal fireworks are out of control on the 4th in Pacifica. I get the feeling that nothing will change until a serious fire ( houses or wildland) caused by illegal fireworks happens and then it will be too late.

Don't understand most of the illegal stuff is fired off from same location's year after year that some kind of sting operation is not setup to target to arrest them and increase fines after 1st offense!

On the night knowing which are being used is difficult when some are allowed and some are not. They scare animals and sales tax could be increased to support charities affected by banning all fireworks

Although I like fireworks, I worry that the fire risk is too great and that unfortunately we should stay away from setting off fireworks in the community.

The fire and personal injury dangers are the most important considerations in developing a fireworks policy in Pacifica. The solution demands a multi-faceted approach. Some changes we CAN make: 1) send a clear message that NO personal fireworks are permitted (sane or illegal) 2) hold individuals (perhaps households?) accountable for infractions 3) support neighborhood watchdog groups 4) Pacifica provides a fireworks display for all (I'm not sure I am 100% behind this, but if it can be done in a safe and environmentally-friendly way then it may provide the "firework outlet" many residents want/need for the holiday. 5) identify alternative fund-raising options for the youth non-profit organizations

I know it is hard to enforce this because by the time police arrive at a site, those who set them off are back inside their houses but hopefully something can be done, especially about loud booms at 2 and 3 AM all during the year which happens frequently in the manor district.

I think police should focus more on preventing illegal fireworks in the community and not spend so much effort attempting to enforce on the beach. They end up looking like keystone cops running back and forth on the beach trying to stop people when the beaches are the safest places for the illegal (but fun) fireworks.

I have lived in this community since 1956 and have always wanted to see them outlawed. As a former law enforcement officer, I have seen too many injuries caused by both legal and illegal fireworks. It is time to put this issue to bed for once and for all and ban them!

i'm tired of random fireworks in my neighborhood at all hours of the night. no-one ever cleans up after themselves. people come from out of town to shoot them off, and that creates even more of a hazard, including the litter they leave.

I've long been a supporter of the Safe and Sane because it helps community groups who'd otherwise be in dire need, and it provides funding for Police and Fire which is greatly needed. The illegal works are not likely to go away if you ban the others, so we need that funding for the emergency workers!!!

Lead to LOTS of litter, they are used outside of legal times and dates and they are traumatic to pets.

On the shot spotter. This may help ID the violators. The more you catch and fine, the less others will be brazen enough to try. At any rate, law abiding citizens should not be punished for the deeds of the few or the one.

The enforcement in this city is a joke. The police let most of these criminals off because they know them. If they can't handle the job then bring in outside law enforcement to crack down. Fine the criminals \$10k and take them to jail that night and anyone else aiding and abetting them. Convictions should carry a week in jail. Add a reward tip line for \$5k for those convicted. But the major issue is that Pacifica PD has proven they are not capable of doing their job so we need to bring outside law enforcement who can do the job of these incompetent enablers.

STOP ALL FIREWORKS NOW.

I believe council already passed an ordinance to phase out fireworks sales, please do not go back on this. Please move forward and phase sale of all fireworks in Pacifica.

A curfew on how late fireworks can be set off legally

Most other cities have financed their programs after they stopped selling fireworks. The amount of illegal explosions in Pacifica is tramatic, and allowing some fireworks seems to subtle a difference for most of the yahoos who like to blow stuff up. Please make it STOP

Other cities have banned fireworks and were able to come up with a plan for supporting local causes. Even legal fireworks bring a lot of outsiders to Pacifica to set off fireworks. It creates a huge mess

Better regulation, arrests and huge fines. Law enforcement turning a blind eye is part of the problem, Pacifica is a magnet for everything imaginable to shoot off by drunks, high. Irresponsible novices.

With the ongoing climate changes and the fires we've seen this year a proactive response would be the elimination of fireworks used by the general public. All for fireworks handled by professionals, but I think it the risk is not worth the reward.

Pacifica should put on a fireworks display at the beach

Would love to see a professional fireworks display over the water in addition to allowing Safe and Sane fireworks in Pacifica.

See previous. Especially related to the illegal fireworks that safe and sane encourage- Linda Mar Valley is stressful & noisy war zone like area- sound pollution, fire hazard, human injury hazard -all with limited city services to contain -for the weeks around July 4th. Set up an permitted single vendor legal fireworks show. The schools and others who sell fireworks for income- come up with more planet and people safe income streams.

Over the years, and I've lived here since 1978, Pacifica has become more and more and more restrictive. I like that the fireworks sales are fun raisers.

If the city decides to eliminate all fireworks, a public display like we had in Rockaway years ago would be a good substitute

With more and more wild fires every year fireworks should be banned. People let them year round in my neighborhood so obviously are stashing some in their homes.

I would understand if Pacifica would ban fireworks for citizens here. Too many people do not use them wisely & safely.

I see/hear fireworks all year long. This needs to stop, besides the potential of starting a wildfire, some of these illegal explosives border demolition grade - the booms fray everyone's nerves. The Fourth of July is an important American Holiday - there are some alternate display technologies that are safe and exciting. The city could sponsor one of these events(coordinated light emitting drones) and create a draw for all the coast(maybe generate some tax revenue?).

Pet owners are the number one vocal complainers of fireworks that get on my radar. Yet I've been harassed by off-leash dogs many time over the years, and they don't seem to care about that so...? (off topic a little)

Don't let the noisy complainers stop great traditions of Pacifica!

I don't use fireworks, but I don't mind if Pacifica has safe and sane fireworks.

No change. Safe n sane are a great way to earn money for the organizations. If you're against this leave town for the day

Some have suggested that it would be cheaper and more effective for the City to give grants to the various groups that sell safe and sane fireworks rather than try to enforce use.

Should be a total ban

The issue is enforcing existing laws. Enforcement not just lip service

The noise from the illegal fireworks is bad for pets and some vets. But I truly enjoy the safe and sane ones. If this income is last for our schools we need to Google our how to replace it with more development. The schools are woefully underfunded.

I don't like it when people set fireworks off other times (besides July 4). Especially the illegal ones! I don't mind the ones that are legal.

We need enforcement on fireworks outside of 4th of July and New York Eve

If they are going to be sold there should be some form of licensing to prevent misuse and/or injuries.

Not fair or safe for babies. Or wildlife or pets. Our insurance bills are increasing and we fear fires. Simple

The use of fireworks in Pacifica outside of the July 4th holiday is ridiculous. We have people essentially exploding large bombs on the street and in backyards at all times of the day and night throughout the year. It is insane. We need to find a way to enforce existing laws and shut down the illegal activity.

keep fireworks in Pacifica

We absolutely love them because they represent our nation's Independence Day. Please don't stop them.

I think a possible solution might be to host a city wide function with professional fireworks and allow the non profits to charge for parking or sell other items as a fundraiser. I like fireworks, but they are out of hand. I also understand it is difficult for law enforcement to catch people lighting off fireworks in the act.

I was a child once and enjoyed myself with my friends in our neighborhood lighting sparklers and watching all the safe & sane fireworks living in San Bruno. I don't think they are legal there anymore. Many people now come over and trash our beaches and streets from other cities. That's my biggest issue.

As I have indicated here, I do not think allowing fireworks of any kind is a good idea, especially when so many of us live in wooded and/or very dry regions with lots of underbrush. However, I am aware that banning fireworks altogether is a wholly unpopular move. For that reason, I would like to compromise and say that there should be a few set areas where fireworks are allowed, and everywhere else they should be restricted. Not only would this help to reduce fire danger for those living near trees and brush, but it would also help to contain the litter problem, and hopefully participants would be able to clean up the majority if not all of their trash, and would help make our cities pet population a little happier. Additionally, this method would allow the local nonprofits to continue to make revenue from the sale of safe and sane fireworks. I propose areas such as parking lots and wide open concrete expanses be used as firework safe zones.

I would be OK with Pacifica having an official annual fireworks display on the 4th of July that is in a safe location and that is paid for by the community and is professionally managed. No other fireworks should be allowed in Pacifica, including safe and

sane. I also think that the groups that sell fireworks need to find a different way to raise their funds for their organizations and charitable work for the community that is less disruptive to the entire community.

I would love to creatively explore other things for local organizations who profit from firework sales to sell in their booths that would also still bring people to Pacifica.

Time to get rid of all fireworks due to fire risk and criminal activities that they promote.

Pacifica draws tons of visitors now but we get no economic benefit - just traffic and trash on our beaches. We need to develop smart, sustainable ecotourism solutions to our city's economic challenges and historical lack of vision.

Thanks for trying to solve this issue, I know it's heated.

I don't have an issue with the fireworks. In fact I think it's something that makes 4th of July in Pacifica really special. I grew up here and am raising my kids here. We look forward to fireworks here every year.

Keep fireworks part of Pacifica

It's important to cite and fine all violators. Some areas where fireworks have been common are well known. These areas should be closely watched by police.

Many people complain on Nextdoor about fireworks scaring their pets. Many illegal fireworks go off at Linda Mar Beach pretty much all night.

Pacifica is a war zone on July 4

The noise is very stressful for people who suffer from PTSD related to warfare, and to many pets. In addition to the litter, the air gets very polluted from fireworks.

There must be alternatives to funding community organizations through firework sales since very few towns permit the sales, yet the organizations still exist and even thrive in those towns. I was part of the fireworks sales for several groups (AYSO, PALL, Boy Scouts) and we made lots of money, but there must be other ways. Let's spend the time and effort to figure them out!

Make all fireworks illegal. They are dangerous and start fires. Have the city fund a safe fireworks show in the ocean so that there is a celebration, but it is safe and keeps people's attention so they don't buy their own. Tell the people that sell fireworks to find a better method of fund raising

My neighbors had a fire in their backyard-next to eucalyptus grove so difficult for Fire Dept to access, and it almost started spreading uncontrollably. I am very uncomfortable with the fire risk from fireworks. The fines are not well enforced. It feels like there is a connection between locals who buy illegal fireworks and the police department not wanting to enforce any bans. All fireworks should be banned so there is no question if they are illegal or not. The City could host a fireworks gathering in a safe location of Pacifica for families and fireworks enthusiasts. Most Pacificans I know do not want our city taken over by fireworks bullies on July 4th. It is a joke to have beach cleanups when most of the debris is washed away overnight in our ocean

Enough is enough. I'd be happier if they weren't allowed. There are other ways to fund youth programs.

Wish something could be done about stopping the loud illegal fireworks.

Let city council handle this. U fools can't even handle homeless RVs

There needs to be better enforcement of illegal fireworks use. They are a danger to the whole city especially when used irresponsibly by careless people.

The amount of illegal fireworks in Pacifica is astounding, dangerous, and sets a tone for a kind of trashy culture of Pacifica where a group of people are negatively impacting many who have no recourse. The trash that ends up in our water streams and in nature is unacceptable. The lack of enforcement of illegal fireworks is frustrating and disappointing and leads to a negative view of welfare in Pacifica. If the police department conveyed that the Safe and Sane fireworks policy was correlated with illegal fireworks (had some reasonable evidence of that correlation) I would completely support a zero tolerance policy.

Fireworks go on for days and can also be very disruptive/traumatic for pets and people sensitive to loud noises.

An enforced curfew of no fireworks after 10pm would be appreciated

I understand the concerns that people have regarding fireworks, but I think the more complaining that is done and restrictions are likely to cause more of a reaction from people in a negative way.

Possibly consider a sanctioned professional fireworks display / celebration to see if that decreases individual legal & illegal fireworks usage.

Safe and sane get a bad rap from all illegal fireworks. Some people see/hear illegal and assume it's safe and sane.

The safe and sane fireworks help our community by fundraising for local groups, if people didn't buy them here they'd just buy them elsewhere. The illegal fireworks are the problem, and it's hard to enforce when most of the police in town are part of the people firing them off.

There has to be some way to stop some of these illegal fireworks. I'm concerned that kids will get hurt

Too much sniveling about fireworks in forums like Nextdoor

I'm not sure banning small fireworks will do much when people get away with setting off large clearly illegal fireworks already. K love fireworks on the 4th of July but with climate change, we live in different times now. Avoiding fires is more important to me than seeing fireworks on the 4th of July.

It's fun. It's been like it is for a long time. Tell naysayers to lighten up (pun intended).

I love them. Tell the police to stand down.

Rather than spend money on overtime to prevent illegal fireworks, how about the City hire professionals to put on a fireworks show.

Keep safe and sane fireworks legal

I understand the concerns over fireworks, but would like to keep safe and sane ones. If possible put limits on when they can be used (only within a 3-4 day window before the 4th and not after, and not after 10 pm). And definitely step up enforcement against illegal ones. I live in Vallemar and massive illegal fireworks are always set off right by the police station. Insane that they haven't been stopped.

Selling fireworks is a HUGE money-maker for these youth organizations and I would hate to see the go. Last year, having a restrictions on setting them off on the beach really helped with the litter issue.

The current policy is weak and a joke. Public safety officials, time and again, have made their case for safety. If the city chooses to subsidize youth sports programs (gender and equity considerations aside) then make it a line item in the PBR budget.

While it's a citizen's personal responsibility to abide by the law and NOT engage in use of illegal fireworks, the police do need to do a better job of enforcing strict consequences to the use of those fireworks. I understand that may take a change of policy, such as being able to charge someone for use of illegal fireworks based on the DEBRIS in their yard vs. actually catching them in the act, since fireworks go off quickly and immediately and it's hard to catch people IN the act. Regardless, something needs to change. The destruction, physically, and noise pollution in our community this past July 4th was absolutely unbearable and made many, many residents feel unsafe and unprotected. Thanks!

After living in Pacifica for 10 years, I feel there is a substantial problem with illegal fireworks. Every summer we have to endure disruption and now increasing fear of wildfires. I have not seen any evidence of successful enforcement or consequences for this, and would support a complete ban similar to other surrounding Bay Area communities in order to get better control of the problem. Unfortunately, many people seem to think the availability of safe and sane fireworks means it's a free for all to set off whatever fireworks they want in our city.

Firework noise pollution impacts our senior citizens, ex military with PTSD, pets and wildlife in a negative way. Not to mention parents with sleeping babies. It welcomes people from surrounding cities who do not respect our guidelines plus they leave and their trash behind. It's got to stop.

Enforcement against illegal fireworks is difficult now, when Safe and Sane fireworks are permitted. I just wonder how it would be easier if they were banned.

Fireworks are set off here all year 'round, not just on one day a year. At the absolute least, I would love to see the "zero tolerance" law actually enforced. I know it is difficult to enforce (which is all the more reason to ban fireworks entirely), but the amount of noise pollution, air pollution and general disturbance to please the few is ridiculous.

I hate non-safe and sane fireworks. I am a PTSD doctor and this is a big problem.

Nonprofits can turn their attention to other fundraising opportunities. I think the allowance of some fireworks seriously hinders enforcement of more dangerous fireworks and it creates a large litter problem that requires an army of people to go out and clean up afterward. I also think it is only a matter of time before we have a serious fire in Pacifica, and I'm wondering if there is a massive loss of property or possible deaths or injuries if that would change the city's stance on current fireworks allowed.

As long as people use good judgement and properly dispose of safe and sane fireworks it should be ok to continue allowing them.

There are fireworks set off on other times, too, such as New Year's Day and it causes a problem for children, the elderly, and sick or recovering people. So, it's not just on or around the 4th of July.

What is safe and sane? Do people know? The main fireworks that go off in Lindamar on 4th of July are NOT safe or sane. Very very scary. Safe and Sane is not enforced and should be!

I have no issues with safe and sane but i think it's a dying biz. The weather is often wet and cold. The fireworks themselves are not very interesting unless you have young children. When we moved to Roberts Road in 2003, the beach was packed with people and we used to do it ourselves, but in recent years it seems less and less. I am sorry for the non-profits but unless we start having better weather in July they are going to struggle with this. Maybe the city could do a gofundme for a simple fireworks show by professionals. I do see some random fireworks in my neighborhood year round. I don't know who does them. I recognize the danger of brush fires and that they scare animals.

Fireworks tend to enact stress on animals and people with P.T.S.D. It is basically burning money for entertainment.

Stop ALL fireworks! It's ridiculous to think people will only use "safe and sane." Enough!!!

I don't see fireworks going away in Pacifica anytime soon, perhaps instead of resisting them, we educate the community on Firework safety and have a volunteer cleanup effort the day after (unite the community instead of dividing).

The City has turned fireworks sales into a MONEY-MAKER for the NCFA, almost \$800 fee, and Pacifica 8% tax in addition to normal Sales tax rate, total almost 20%. Also, the Police Dept. wastes this money on a large food/drink spread dinner for all involved to over \$700 each year instead of using it wisely. SMH, diverted for a purpose that most don't know. :((((

Work with youth groups to find another way to raise money that does not disturb so many people.

Please don't make any laws or policy that would interfere with enjoying fireworks on the 4th. However we need increased trash sizing and more trash pickup, especially around esplanade during these holidays. Thank you

I was just about to complain I did not have enough room to write all my comments. As well as the educational campaign, we need two have people to sign up and commit to daily beach cleaning during the sale season. We don't need for dangerous crap on the beach. The Pacifica Beach Coalition is already busy.

Fireworks on the 4th of July are an important American tradition. They symbolize the battle that was going on when Francis Scott Key wrote the national anthem. Firecrackers on Chinese New Year never seemed to be called into question.

The noise factor is horrible on animals, young infants, people with heart conditions n the elderly.

Unfortunately because we sell safe fireworks, the users of unsafe fireworks are not deterred. This has been an ongoing problem for years. One year we will have an incident that could have devastating consequences.

Thank you for asking!

Having worked in San Francisco Fire Dept for 30 years, I can tell you that unsafe fireworks are used everywhere. If the city of Pacifica outlawed all fireworks, including safe and sane the use of illegal fireworks would still continue to be a problem here in Pacifica. Our location, with its large and lengthy beaches will still bring illegal fireworks.

I dread the 4th of July as so many people set off unsafe and insane fireworks. The risk of fire, injuries, litter getting into creeks and oceans with discarded chemical substances, harm to pets who have to be sedated -- outweigh the benefits - and we are sending the wrong message to our youth. There are better ways to fundraise. It may be hard at first, but eventually the money will be found and the programs will go on. We all need to learn and grow and get out of the rut of always doing the same thing and because it's always been done that way and it's a money guarantee. Well, so was investing in coal or PG&E. The world is changing and the innocence of fireworks is a thing of the past that we must let go of -- to create the space that's needed for new and better ways of celebrating and taking care of our youth.

Are major (not safe and sane) fireworks the bigger contributor to fires and accidents? If so, focus on that issue DIRECTLY. I think you'd have to get more officers and actively arrest and issue large fines to make an impact. Probably not feasible so...

Pacifica is a matchbook waiting to go off

It is time to stop this insanity. Other Peninsula cities have banned all fireworks and while it took a few years, their 4th of July's and other holidays like New Year's Eve are quiet.

Two of my neighbors burn illegal fireworks every year. They walk away from their house to a corner and light them there.

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