

Planning Commission



Date: April 11, 2017

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To:: City Council

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Dear Mayor and Honorable Members of the City Council,

By this letter the Planning Commission would like to outline its concerns regarding allowing "safe and sane" fireworks ("S&S Fireworks") within the City.

At the March 14, 2017 and April 11, 2017, Planning Commission meetings, the Planning Commission discussed its concerns regarding certain zoning and health and safety issues pertaining to S&S Fireworks. Because such discussion was not directed by the City Council, but it was important to the Planning Commissioners to discuss this item, the City Attorney suggested that the Planning Commission outline its concerns in a letter (or otherwise) to the City Council. The Planning Commission would like the City Council to know its concerns as follows:

1. The State of California is in a drought. The use of any kind of fireworks (S&S Fireworks or otherwise), except during a controlled, professional fireworks display could promote fires within the City, which would require water to put the fires out. Along these lines, the City has a desert, dry brush landscape which could easily fuel a fire. Such fires could also cause blight to the community.
2. S&S Fireworks promote trash and debris in City streets.
3. Because of the above reasons, fireworks of any kind should not be allowed in any zone within the City.

The above stated, the Planning Commission still does encourage controlled, professional fireworks displays for the 4th of July.