

Consumer Fireworks Ban – California



1. PROPOSAL SUMMARY.

Outlaw Consumer Fireworks, State of California.

2. PROBLEM.

They hurt the tranquility of state, increase fire dangers—both wild and home. Personal injuries and costs.

Fireworks Hurt Veterans and anyone with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

The line between “safe and sane” and illegal fireworks in California is blurry to both consumers and police authorities.

(<http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifestyle/20140118/gardena-chief-wants-to-limit-fireworks-to-only-the-fourth-of-july>)

Selfish firework use kills the collective peace.

3. SOLUTION.

Increase attention on wonderful, beautiful State-Sponsored Firework shows with professional pyro-technicians in charge of bombs.

This will bring Californians TOGETHER, as opposed to the fight that happens between current firework users and those on the block trying to rest, or dealing with scared pets.

4. COST.

Any savings on fire-fighting, Fire Department calls around the 4th of July and December 31st should go into proper, professional firework shows for the people.

There may be cost in fighting powerful firework business lobbies, who are sure to come out to protect their money on this.

(They will show how much money goes to charity from their profits...)

5. ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT.

National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org)

Alliance to Stop Consumer Fireworks (<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/holidays/fireworks/alliance-to-stop-consumer-fireworks>)

<http://www.aap.org/>

<http://www.aafp.org/>

<http://www.aao.org/>

<http://www.aaphp.org/>

<http://www.ameriburn.org/>

<http://www.acep.org/>

<http://www.plasticsurgery.org/>

<http://www.microsurg.org/>

<http://www.assh.org/>

<http://www.injurycenter.org/>

<http://www.childinjurypreventionalliance.org/>

<http://www.ena.org/>

<http://www.fdsos.org/>

Military with PTSD: <https://www.facebook.com/MilitarywithPTSD>

<http://www.firearson.com/>

<http://www.iafc.org/>

<http://www.iaff.org/>

<http://www.nfpa.org/ifma>

<http://www.nfpa.org/metro>

<http://www.napnap.org/>

<http://www.firemarshals.org/>

<http://www.nasn.org/>

<http://www.nyfc.org/>

<http://www.preventblindness.org/>

Pet Activists

All Fire Departments, State-Wide

****Veterans and other Suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)*

https://www.google.com/search?q=ptsd+soldiers+and+fireworks&oq=ptsd+and+fireworks&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0.7085j0j7&sourceid=chrome&es_sm=93&ie=UTF-8

Law Enforcement Entities, State-Wide

Religious Entities

LIKELY POSITIONS:

Support

Oppose

Republican Caucus -----?_____

Department of Finance -----?_____

Key Legislators (Policy/Fiscal Committee Chairs, Etc.)

Department of Health, Attorney General, CHP, State Fire Marshal

6. ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT.

- 1. Fire and medical Safety of the State will be enhanced by consumer fireworks ban.*
- 2. Will enable Law Enforcement to fine and/or apprehend any user, seller or buyer of fireworks without confusion of “safe and sane” determination, or the constant problem in L.A. or other cities that ban ALL fireworks of having residents go over the city border to a community that sells “safe and sane” fireworks. Then buy them, bring them back into L.A., shoot them off or re-sell them illegally.*
- 3. Quiet and safety will overcome what is now a two month minimum period of loud personal firework use in Los Angeles, and other areas in CA.*

7. ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION.

**Fireworks sellers*

(https://www.google.com/search?q=buy+fireworks&oq=buy+fireworks&aqs=chrome.0l6.2777j0j7&sourceid=chrome&es_sm=93&ie=UTF-8)

**And their lobbyists/Attorneys [Strong, Big \$\$\$]*

**Some “Consumers” and probably sellers posing as consumers*

**Lobbyists who show how “safe and sane” fireworks fund Church/Schools, good events, sports teams...*

8. ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION.

- 1. It's a Free country! And we get to buy and sell what we want...*
- 2. We just want to celebrate!! Can't we choose how?*
- 3. They are only fireworks. What's the big deal? A percentage of what we make from fireworks sales goes to charity!*

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

<http://lasvegassun.com/news/2003/jul/03/group-launches-campaign-against-consumer-fireworks/>

<http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-ems/official-announcements/506402-National-health-and-safety-advocates-warn-against-consumer-fireworks/>

<http://www.preventblindness.org/understand-dangers-consumer-fireworks>

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/holidays/fireworks>

Massachusetts made this move, and it looks and seems sane:

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dfs/dfs2/osfm/pubed/fs-topics/fs-topics-a/be-smart-leave-fireworks-to-the-professionals.html>

New Jersey and Delaware have also gone for the ban, four other states are sparkler-only for consumers. It can and should be done!!

Please Consider Last, but maybe most important: Veterans and others suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder):

<http://ecomergefireworks.weebly.com/fireworks--veterans.html>

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2015/07/03/fireworks-can-trigger-ptsd-in-combat-veterans/>

<http://www.wcnc.com/story/news/health/2015/07/01/fireworks-can-trigger-ptsd-in-combat-veterans/29599475/>

<http://abc7.com/society/how-to-help-your-combat-veteran-neighbor-this-july-fourth/817862/>

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/07/03/12486023-independence-day-irony-ptsd-has-many-vets-dreading-avoiding-fireworks> : *"The annual celebration of freedom has, for many warriors, become one of the worst days of the year."*

<http://militarywithptsd.com/an-explosion-of-kindness/>

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/4th-july-fireworks-nightmare-shell-shocked-war-veterans/story?id=19554318>

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/military-with-ptsd/fireworks-and-ptsd/591423307555867>

<http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/21234/fireworks-and-combat-veterans/>

From Sacramento:

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/health-and-medicine/article2602806.html>

The list of these stories is VERY LONG:

https://www.google.com/search?q=ptsd+soldiers+and+fireworks&og=ptsd+and+fireworks&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0.7085j0j7&sourceid=chrome&es_sm=93&ie=UTF-8#q=ptsd+soldiers+and+fireworks&start=10

https://www.google.com/search?q=ptsd+soldiers+and+fireworks&og=ptsd+and+fireworks&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0.7085j0j7&sourceid=chrome&es_sm=93&ie=UTF-8#q=ptsd+soldiers+and+fireworks&start=20

It's endless, the harm of fireworks to veterans or anyone with PTSD.

I have PTSD from drug overdoses in 1999/2000. Fireworks threaten my life – chest pain, twitching, shortness of breath, irregular heartbeat.

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Final quote, from a Craigslist Firework Seller, in response to my question of whether what he was selling was legal in CA:

"Hello, I'm unsure if everything is legal by the state of California since every city has different codes and tolerance levels, unfortunately I have sold the whole lot of them already and they are no longer available."

= the confusion Police entities face with confusion of CA fireworks codes, city to city, county to county. End that with state-wide ban!!!!!!

