



## Local Ballot Measure: CC

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### Argument Against Measure CC

Vote No on Measure CC: Protect Our Community and Nonprofits!

Measure CC would have devastating consequences for Seaside nonprofit organizations that raise almost \$300,000 through the sale of State Fire Marshal-Approved, Safe and Sane Fireworks.

These funds are crucial for supporting vital community programs for vulnerable adults, children, and families, such as mental health, educational support, and youth sports. If Measure CC passes, we will lose this critical revenue, putting these programs at risk.

Like many other cities in California, we face issues with illegal fireworks that explode and shoot into the air, posing significant safety risks. Safe and Sane Fireworks, on the other hand, do not explode or fly; they are designed to be safe for family use.

- **Measure CC** aims to ban the sale and use of State Fire Marshal-Approved, Safe and Sane Fireworks. They are not the problem. Ask any firefighter or police officer, and they will tell you that illegal fireworks are the problem! Vote No!
- **Measure CC** could increase the use of illegal fireworks, putting our community at even greater risk. Vote No!
- **Measure CC** will not stop dangerous, illegal fireworks – like aerial shells, rockets, firecrackers, and loud explosives like M-80s. Vote No!

The City of Seaside will lose well over \$25,000 annually that nonprofits contribute to the City's illegal fireworks enforcement program. Without these funds, efforts to combat illegal fireworks will be severely hampered, making Seaside's problems even worse. Vote No!

We support the City Council's efforts and the formation of a Regional Illegal Fireworks Enforcement Task Force to address the illegal fireworks issue. We also commend Police Chief Borges and his department for their proactive approach.

Let's focus on the real issue: illegal fireworks. Vote NO on Measure CC to protect our community, support our nonprofits, and ensure a safer Seaside for everyone.

/s/ Stacie Andrews, Executive Director, The Village Project Inc.

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/s/ Gail Daniels, Chairman of the Board, Recognizing Military Service Center

/s/ Ken Fritto, Head Coach, Seaside Aquatics

/s/ Mel Mason, Co-Founder, The Village Project Inc.

### Rebuttal To Argument Against Measure CC

#### **YES! VOTE YES TO BAN FIREWORKS YES TO BAN!**

**The fireworks companies are not telling the truth!** The statement that Nonprofits raised \$300,000 through the sale of fireworks is misleading. Total sales were \$241,612.24 and \$120,806.12 went to the Fireworks Industry. **LIKELY MORE.** Non-profits make an average \$16,912 each! **OUR Nonprofits are getting taken advantage of by fireworks sales.** There are many other sources of funding available for nonprofits that would be more profitable and less harmful. **VOTE YES!**

#### **THE FIREWORKS INDUSTRY IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR CITY FOR PROFIT!**

##### **Fire Danger/Injuries:**

- How can safe and sane fireworks - reaching temperatures up to 2,000 degrees - be deemed safe for family use? Most reported injuries occur to children. Banning all fireworks protects our community from potential fires and injuries. **VOTE YES!**

##### **Policing/Illegal Use:**

- Safe and Sane fireworks **CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM** and often are used to hide illegal fireworks. Banning all fireworks allows our police department to effectively focus on preventing illegal fireworks. It is **NOT TRUE** that banning Safe and Sane would increase illegal fireworks. **VOTE YES!**

The **COST** to our city for overtime and additional staff to provide protection was \$52,620.23 this year. Non-profit organizations paid \$20,553.48 toward this expense and the remainder of \$32,066.75 was paid by **YOUR** tax dollars. **VOTE YES!**

Your **YES** vote represents a proactive step for the health and well-being of our citizens and environment.

Seaside Citizens Against Fireworks/SCAF

#### **YES! VOTE YES TO BAN FIREWORKS YES TO BAN!**

/s/ Dennis Alexander, President

/s/ Davene Myers, Vice President

/s/ Ramona Olaeta-Reed, Treasurer

/s/ Dianne Nielson, Committee Member