



Local Ballot Measure: CC

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Argument In Favor of Measure CC

YES! VOTE YES TO BAN FIREWORKS IN SEASIDE YES TO BAN!

SHALL THE SALE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, STORAGE, AND USE OF ALL FIREWORKS BE PROHIBITED IN THE CITY OF SEASIDE

Fireworks are a dangerous public nuisance. They damage personal and public property. They create trash and the parties responsible often do not clean up the remains. They terrorize our pets. They disrupt our neighbors with loud noise at all hours. They can cause stress, fear and panic in children and war veterans. The Safe and Sane fireworks make it harder to identify the location of the illegal fireworks. Vote **YES!**

California has led the country in environmental protections. Fireworks run contrary to those protections. The toxic chemicals are detrimental to those with asthma, COPD and the population in general. They have been linked to heart attacks and arrhythmias in people with heart disease. These chemicals can add to global warming. Injuries caused by fireworks include burned hands, loss of hands, fingers, eyes, and even deaths. They can cause fires to homes, dry land and forests. Vote **YES!**

Insurance companies are raising rates and cancelling policies in California. Some companies are leaving the State due to the high cost of covering wild fire damages. Vote **YES!**

Voting **YES** on this ballot does not prevent the City from having a display.

Please vote **YES** to ban all fireworks in the City of Seaside in November and restore peace and safety to our City! Vote **YES!**

Seaside Citizens Against Fireworks/SCAF

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/s/ Dennis Alexander, President

/s/ Davene Myers, Vice-President

/s/ Ramona Olaeta-Reed, Treasurer

Rebuttal To Argument In Favor of Measure CC

Vote No on Measure CC: Keep Our Community Safe and Support Our Nonprofits!

We understand the concerns raised by proponents of Measure CC, but the real problem lies with illegal fireworks, not State Fire Marshal-Approved, Safe and Sane Fireworks. Illegal fireworks are already banned!

At the August 4, 2022, City Council meeting, the City Manager and the Seaside Police Chief clearly stated that illegal fireworks were the issue and that banning state-approved fireworks could actually increase the amount and use of illegal fireworks in Seaside. Their expertise and experience should not be ignored!

Measure CC will have unintended negative consequences for our community:

- **Increased Use of Illegal Fireworks:** By banning Safe and Sane Fireworks, we risk driving people to use illegal, more dangerous fireworks. Illegal fireworks explode and fly, posing serious safety risks. Let's focus on the real issue and prevent this escalation. **Vote No!**
- **Loss of Critical Funding for Nonprofits:** Seaside nonprofits raise nearly \$300,000 annually through the sale of Safe and Sane Fireworks. These funds are vital for supporting essential community programs, including mental health services, educational support, and youth sports. Losing this revenue would jeopardize these important programs. **Vote No!**
- **Hindered Enforcement Efforts:** The City of Seaside benefits from over \$25,000 annually that nonprofits contribute to the illegal fireworks enforcement program. Without this funding, efforts to combat illegal fireworks will be severely weakened, making our community less safe. **Vote No!**

Safe and Sane Fireworks are designed for family use and do not pose the same risks as illegal fireworks. Let's protect our community, support our nonprofits, and ensure a safer Seaside for everyone.

Vote NO on Measure CC!

/s/ Giezi Perez, Pastor, Iglesia Vide Camino Verdad

/s/ Jimmy Cook, Secretary, Monterey Bay Christian Center

/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.