

# MOTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Fireworks continue to be a significant nuisance in the City, especially around Independence Day and New Year's Eve. Fireworks can cause significant distress to some people, and create an unsafe environment for pets, many of which run away and are either turned into animal shelters or killed or injured running across roadways. In addition, fireworks cause significant amounts of air pollution, which negatively impacts individuals with respiratory issues.

Over the years, the City has taken a number of steps to mitigate fireworks usage, often with a focus on education and outreach. Additionally, the Police Department (LAPD) has annually provided a fireworks complaint system online for a few weeks before Independence Day. Education, outreach and a dedicated seasonal complaint system are useful resources, but more should be done.

In order to further educate the public about the threat fireworks poses to pets, the Department of Animal Services (DAS), with the assistance of the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), should report to Council on the number of pets recovered by DAS, and on the number of dead pets recovered by LASAN. Additionally, the Police Department (LAPD) and Information Technology Agency should report on ways to improve the fireworks complaint system by allowing system access two months before and after Independence Day and New Year's Eve, and potentially increasing the capacity of MyLA311 by allowing constituents to report illegal fireworks usage throughout the year under its service request feature.

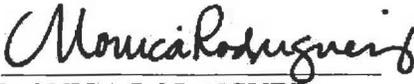
Further, the Fire Department (LAFD) and Police Department (LAPD), with the assistance of the City Attorney, should examine the feasibility of implementing new programs to curtail fireworks usage, including the creation of a reward program to encourage individuals to report major suppliers of illegal fireworks in the City, and a fireworks buyback program based on the City's gun buyback programs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Animal Services (DAS), with the assistance of the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), be directed to report with data on the number of animals recovered by DAS or turned in by members of the public, and on the number of deceased animals recovered by LASAN, during periods of increased fireworks usage.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the Police Department (LAPD) and Information Technology Agency report on ways to improve the fireworks complaint system by allowing system access two months before and after Independence Day and New Year's Eve, and potentially increasing the capacity of MyLA311 by allowing constituents to report illegal fireworks usage throughout the year under its service request feature.

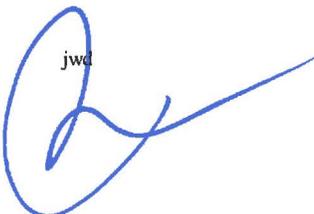
I FURTHER MOVE, that the Fire Department (LAFD) and LAPD with the assistance of the City Attorney, be directed to report on the establishment of a "fireworks buyback program," modeled after the City's gun buyback programs.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the LAPD, with the assistance of the City Attorney, report on the feasibility of implementing a reward program to offer rewards leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the sale of illegal fireworks in the City.

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