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Date: June 23, 2020
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District
Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, Second District
From: Councilman Daryl Supernaw, Fourth District
Vice Mayor Dee Andrews, Sixth District

R-16

Subject: Report on Fireworks Outreach, Education, and Enforcement

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council is requesting to receive and file a report from the Long Beach Fire Department on the status of illegal firework outreach, education, and enforcement plans, and a presentation from the Third Council District Committee on illegal fireworks.

INTRODUCTION:

Every year leading up to the Fourth of July fireworks become a concern to many residents throughout Long Beach. They cause injuries and property damage, they frighten pets, and can start fires in residential neighborhoods, or our open spaces that are experiencing drought conditions. Fireworks are illegal in Long Beach, however their continued use in many parts of the city cause frustration in many residents, and create an incredibly difficult job for our Fire Department.

In 2017, the Third Council District office developed a residents advisory group to focus on addressing the issue of illegal fireworks in Long Beach. This group held numerous meetings with City staff, and other cities to develop a series of recommendations on how Long Beach can better manage the issue of illegal fireworks. This led to a presentation on June 19, 2018 from the Third District Fireworks Committee and our Fire Department,¹ and the submittal of a City Council agenda item on July 24, 2018 requesting the City manager to report back on the feasibility of implementing expanded fireworks enforcement and administrative remedies.² The City Manager provided a detailed memo on March 15, 2019 as a response to the request for a feasibility report³ on the various recommendations made by the Fireworks Committee.

¹<http://longbeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3526319&GUID=E8914C40-4EFA-43E5-9B47-F3CFAB829D9D>

² <http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=6367657&GUID=6F9417E3-9745-4161-9779-7CC8AE87ABE1>

³ <http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7107542&GUID=8357CE23-44B3-4959-9934-C92741315D39>



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As the Fourth of July approaches it is important to highlight and expand our effort to educate residents that fireworks are illegal in Long Beach and that there are significant community harms from their use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Due to the urgency of this item no fiscal impact has been completed.