

From: Charlotte M Blaire [mailto:cblaire@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 2, 2021 10:41 AM

Subject: Fireworks

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Honorable Mayor, City Manager,
Councilpeople and Fireworks Committee,

I suppose you could call this email one last plea,
as the weekend of explosions looms before us.

There are so many ways fireworks impact me
disastrously.

I have health issues, so the toxins in the air
cause me harm.

I have pets, so the absolute terror that illegal
fireworks cause them makes my heart hurt.

I care about wildlife, and I know many birds and
squirrels and 'possums will die this weekend, as
has happened in the past years, and this
crushes my soul.

We have fires in the access way behind my
house, and I am terrified that my home will
burn down.

The year 'round fireworks have changed the course of my life, for after my mother died in July 2019, I have been unable to move my father in with me because of his PTSD that is triggered by fireworks. He already had health and mobility issues, and now he has cancer. I thought I was in my "forever home", but even with the greatest neighbors in the world, fireworks may compel me to leave what I had considered paradise when I moved here. I moved here because fireworks are illegal in this city.

Last year, prior to the 4th, many of us in the Facebook group, Long Beach Against Illegal Fireworks begged for help. We were promised, via Zoom Meetings, etc., that all hands would be on deck, that police would be out in force to keep things under control. All of us know that did not happen. It does not seem as though police were encouraged to cite people and

make arrests, which video and the lack of citations seem to corroborate.

Many of us residents have done our part, passing out signs and door hangers, calling in fireworks, sending emails to City and State officials with many ideas to help with the problem, etc.

All we ask this holiday weekend is for enforcement. Please, please we cannot have a replay of last year. It was horrific in so many places.

As for me, personally, I ask that you don't forget us here along Del Amo and northwards.

I am extremely grateful to those City Officials who understand and care. It is not that way in some of the other cities that

are having issues with fireworks.

I am also extremely grateful because there has been a helicopter up a lot more the last several days. We need this so much.

Don't abandon us during the nights this weekend, during the 4th itself. Please.

The city needs money. Please cite people setting off these bombs. Even if only a small percentage pay up, that is still revenue, and it will discourage perpetrators from continuing to set more off. Impound cars, put liens on properties. Do everything it takes. Many good residents are fleeing the city solely due to the fireworks problem; those who have already left report back to our Facebook group how they have found peace elsewhere.

Much hinges upon how you handle this Holiday Weekend.

Good residents are fearful. We voted many of you into office because we have faith in your leadership. Please don't let us down.

Thank you,
Charlotte M Blaire
Long Beach CA 90807

From: A Fleischman [mailto:amifleischman@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:40 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: City Council Mettings

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Madam or Sir,

Please don't discontinue online broadcast and attendance to city council meetings for citizens. Keep city government accessible to citizens that work and/or are disabled.

As someone that's immunocompromised I cannot attend an in person anything right now. There are so many people that can't make meetings but could make a broadcast.

Disabled people exist! Don't exclude us just because the mayor feels safe.

Sincerely,
Ami Fleischman

From: Renette Mazza [mailto:RMazza@grafairfreight.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:04 PM

To: Robert Luna <Robert.Luna@longbeach.gov>

Cc: LBPDCommander-ChiefOfStaff <LBPDCommander-ChiefOfStaff@longbeach.gov>; Megan Zabel <Megan.Zabel@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Linda Tatum <Linda.Tatum@longbeach.gov>; Xavier Espino <Xavier.Espino@longbeach.gov>; Prosecutor <Prosecutor@longbeach.gov>; Art Sanchez <Art.Sanchez@longbeach.gov>; Gary Anderson <Gary.Anderson@longbeach.gov>; Rex Richardson <Rex.Richardson@longbeach.gov>; Charlotte M Blaire <cblaire@gmail.com>; Hamilton Neighborhood Association <hamilton.neighborhood@gmail.com>; callisisk@aol.com; Virginia Leonard <vleonard@healthsmartmso.com>

Subject: Hear Our Plea

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Chief of Police Luna, Long Beach City Officials & Fireworks Committee,

My Name is Renette Mazza, I manage the Hamilton Neighborhood Association. Our boundaries in North Long Beach are from Atlantic to Cherry, 72nd to Artesia.

We all have been working hard, voluntarily, to help mitigate the use of illegal explosives in our neighborhood and in a broader scope the entire city of Long Beach. I am a part a large collaborative group that organizes through social media <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lbagainstfireworks/> Long Beach Against Illegal Fireworks, if you have not already, please consider joining our group in solidarity. In this plea for you help today, I wish I were just referencing illegal fireworks, sadly I am talking about military grade explosives being detonated in our neighborhoods, next to our homes, breaking car windows, house windows, causing fires, scaring people to tears and worse, not to mention the fires, damage and deaths regarding our property, pets, and taxpayer dollars to respond to these dangerous events, when they do respond, or you can actually get through. We collectively worked (voluntarily) very hard, speaking at council, writing letters, engaging our city prosecutor's office, and in a broader scope engaging state and federal officials to revise the laws so that enforcement was a bit easier for our respected police department and the 4 divisions within Long Beach. Sadly, our

efforts were all for not because when the 4th of July came this year the North Division experienced little to no enforcement of the laws set forth by our city council. It was lawless chaos as people were lighting illegal explosives in the middle of the corridor streets, today you can drive down Artesia, Atlantic & Long Beach BLVD to see the spent boxes of large-scale explosives burnt out, littering the medians. All police had to do was drive up and cite, but the few police that were seen patrolling, just kept on driving by the explosive events.

I have always been a proponent to law enforcement in my community and beyond, and usually I feel safe in my own community. I feel that the police are there to help, enforce the law and keep lawless chaos from happening. Sadly, we all felt abandoned in the North Side of Long Beach, 100% abandoned. I was at the beach earlier in the day, I saw many, many police in downtown, seemed like they were on every corner. At the beach there were multiple police officer sightings, on quads just driving back and forth on the beach. But when I got in the North end, late afternoon, all I saw was crazies, lighting illegal explosives in the middle of the streets, under overpasses, towards residents, towards other homes, ect... Debris from the explosives was landing on my head, my house, my yard. I, like many others, spent my 4th of July Holiday alone, as my husband had to take our dogs up to Malibu where you cannot hear explosives, shaking, scared, watering down my house, calming my rescue cats, finally at 11:25pm I broke down and cried, and again the next day I cried when I called the NLB Sergeant to talk with him. Please know I do not cry easily. The Sergeant told me that the police officers on duty on July 4th were concentrated in Downtown the beach & Belmont, then he fortified his comment with, but we had officers in the North too. I would like to see a report on the numbers of police personnel on the ground in each division between the hours of 6pm & midnight on July 4th 2021.

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Please hear my plea and consider encouraging each division under your command to enforce, year around, the laws regarding detonation of IED's, Motors, bombs, military grade explosives, fireworks ect... in our neighborhoods.

Warmest Regards,

Renette Mazza
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From: Tracey South [mailto:phedup.south@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 4:51 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>

Cc: City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Linda Tatum <Linda.Tatum@longbeach.gov>; Robert Luna <Robert.Luna@longbeach.gov>; Xavier Espino <Xavier.Espino@longbeach.gov>; Prosecutor <Prosecutor@longbeach.gov>; Art Sanchez <Art.Sanchez@longbeach.gov>; Gary Anderson <Gary.Anderson@longbeach.gov>

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-EXTERNAL-

You had my Mother's Day fireworks complaint ; Father's Day was much much worse.

I want to know what is being done about it?

How many citations and fines have been given out since this year began in January 2021 ?

Where are the helicopters?

Why can't we have drones in North Long Beach , as it is not near the airport?

Why can't we have gun fire detection systems ?

At least police on bicycles.... SOMETHING, we need something.

Why , why why why why...

This is not survivable , sober. Plain & simple.

Nothing I can medicate my blind dog with so he is not trying to eat the walls. Even the VetCBD oil failed last night, Father's Day.

Nobody is interested in only the July 4th official stats.

We all know this happens every single night.

Every. Single. Night.

How many citations for fireworks were given out last night?

We cannot live like this. For the love of God, help us.

Tracey South

From: Ellen Swieck [mailto:eswieck@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1:35 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject:

-EXTERNAL-

I know it's easy to complain on line so I'll be brief. I was surprised that there seemed to be no police presence in my neighborhood on July 4th. The concussive noise went on for hours and even though people called the police, no one came.

The problems in our neighborhoods are discussed openly and articulately on the "Next Door" app. Could someone at the city offices follow this app. Maybe even respond. I like my neighborhood. I support taxes that provide safety and culture here. I am NOT impressed with the on line notes from Stacy Mungo. They seems vague and "pre-packaged".

-----Original Message-----

From: Sally Yarbrough [mailto:sjoy50@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:02 PM

To: Robert Luna <Robert.Luna@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Linda Tatum <Linda.Tatum@longbeach.gov>; Xavier Espino <Xavier.Espino@longbeach.gov>; Prosecutor <Prosecutor@longbeach.gov>; Art Sanchez <Art.Sanchez@longbeach.gov>; Gary Anderson <Gary.Anderson@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Is this next?

-EXTERNAL-

I have lived in Long Beach for more than 20 years, and have become thoroughly disgusted by what has happened to our Independence Day holiday. However, today I became aware of someplace that was actually worse than here this year. Here is the link:

"Bryan Police Make Ten Arrests On Fireworks Related Charges - WTAW | 1620AM & 94.5FM"

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://wtaw.com/bryan-police-make-ten-arrests-on.../;!!MKV5s95d0OKnVA!6abHOyo38grGoh5mdRXU_BMdkfOzTucND5AuMH4oQ_OL3Rar-o7ERhIv_6mFgn3ggFWOMg\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://wtaw.com/bryan-police-make-ten-arrests-on.../;!!MKV5s95d0OKnVA!6abHOyo38grGoh5mdRXU_BMdkfOzTucND5AuMH4oQ_OL3Rar-o7ERhIv_6mFgn3ggFWOMg$)

*Please pay particular attention to the quoted post by one of the police officers!

Is this what is next for Long Beach? Will you all allow our town to disintegrate to such anarchy? It will, you know, if the police do not start upholding the laws and issuing citations and even making arrests! It has become worse and worse each year, with a decided uptake each year, becoming a war zone the past two years.

Explosives are being freely sold to individuals in Nevada, and this MUST be stopped. If cities have to work with and hound the ATF (and other Federal agencies), then so be it. And citations MUST be given out when police respond to our calls - they MUST not be allowed to just drive on by as these are being lit!

THIS ALL MUST BE STOPPED! I know that some have realized the problem this has become and really tried to do something about it. Thank you for that! But words just aren't good enough anymore, and laws mean nothing if they aren't enforced. THIS ALL MUST BE STOPPED - NOW! Or Long Beach will disintegrate into worse than Bryan, TX....

Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

Sincerely,
Sally Yarbrough