

Fireworks have been a part of celebrations for decades. When I was a child I didn't think about the other implications of fireworks. As an adult I have a difficult time justifying their use, especially in residential settings.

Fireworks are currently permitted for personal use on certain days of the year. Our family, like many others, have tried to make small changes to help encourage environmental recovery around us. For all of our small efforts of trying to share our homes with the other living things around us, individual firework displays have hurt our efforts by terrifying the indigenous wildlife that we share the space with.

Many residential homes are close together and do not facilitate the safe use of explosives by one or many neighbours. My family should be able to enjoy sitting outside on the long weekend. When personal fireworks have been set off in our area, they are not only incredibly loud, but the debris from the fireworks has fallen all over our property, vehicles and us when we are sitting outside. We were honestly concerned about something catching on fire because of the close proximity. It is so disruptive and dangerous and invasive I don't think there is any place for personal fireworks in individual backyards.

This is a critical time for all of us. We are living during an environmental reckoning and we should be prioritizing healthy planet choices over human entertainment. If there are other options for celebrating that don't create debris, loud noises and residual air pollution I would think we should be embracing those options as a City.

I would support Option B which would ban consumer fireworks from being discharged. There should be enforcement of this rule as well.

Thank you for your time.  
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