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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preserving Backyard Fireworks - An appeal to amend PW11 permanently!

Honorable Mayor and Respected Councillors,

We are again writing to you to appeal the decision by the CPSC which undermines the vote of the council from 2023 and also undermines the efforts of our community.

We are not going to rehash all the details that have been sent to you but we would like to bring your attention to the list below as you go into the council meeting on April 2nd.

- * The importance of Diwali and backyard fireworks to the Hindu community.
- * The report that was submitted in August of 2023 (attached) which shows objective data regarding air quality effects based on fireworks.
- * The letter from the Psychiatric community in response to PTSD claims (Aug 2023).
- * The petition to preserve backyard fireworks which now has over 1000 signatures. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4nsha75x>
- * The multitude of people who spoke in the Public Participation Meeting and presented both subjective and objective viewpoints.
- * The submissions by CNFA in support of backyard fireworks.
- * Our efforts that went above and beyond to educate the community about safe fireworks and our partnership with the Fire Department.
- * The impact to the Hindu Community that is over 10,000 strong.

We ask for your continued support in voting in favor of backyard fireworks for Diwali and **permanently amending PW11** so that we don't have to go through this time and time again.

Thank you and Namaste!

p.s. We authorize you to share this in the council meeting for April 2nd as needed.

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