Resident: [Redacted], Los Alamitos

First of all, thank you for the work you do to make my hometown a wonderful place to live. When I heard Los Al was going forward with fireworks for this year I of course had questions: what was the cost, where was the money coming from and how could it be done safely? Once hearing the answers to those questions (which were very well thought out and reasonable) I was beyond excited to have something to look forward to.

This summer has already taken (and understandably so) many of the events we all look forward to all year, like music or movies in the park, concerts, fairs just to name a few. So that Los Al found a safe way to provide some joy and normalcy is amazing. Why now are you concerned? Traffic - I have no doubt you have a plan and do every year for the traffic issues. Gathering, you have already closed parks that won't be an issue. So now why 3 days ahead are you reconsidering?

I respectively hope you continue with fireworks. Thank you for hearing my comments. Warmly Diana

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Diana D. Hill
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"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do." Derek Jeter

"I'm reflective only in the sense that I learn to move forward. I reflect with a purpose." Kobe
City Manager & City Clerk,

First off, I want to preface this email by saying I love, absolutely adore like a 5-year old kid, fireworks. However, after hearing Governor Newsome's recent Press Conference concerning the return of stricter restrictions amid the surge of coronavirus cases and hospitalizations in 19 counties, including Orange County, I implore you to reconsider the Fireworks Spectacular for 4th of July. Since the Governor is recommending that counties with mandatory closures consider cancelling Fourth of July Fireworks shows, I believe Los Alamitos should heed his warning to avoid further COVID19 spread.

Although your idea of being a drive-in only event may seem like a way to maintain social distance, you must realize more than those in attendance see the display. The Fireworks Spectacular can be viewed for miles outside of the actual Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base. Wherever the show can be seen, crowds will gather and celebrate as they have done in the past. Only this year, there will be an even greater number of ancillary spectators. Considering you are the closest 4th of July display to LA County and one of only a handful in Orange County, I fear the net result of this will be massive overcrowding at every possible spot that can see your fireworks.

In light of the recent coronavirus events, I sincerely hope you will join cities, like Laguna Beach, that recently decided to cancel their 4th of July Fireworks. A better time for celebration will come when the COVID19 numbers are down and large crowds can gather safely. Maybe it will be the greatest New Year's Celebration ever!

Sincerely,

Shea Hart-Lothamer