

From: [Jeff Levine](#)
To: [Tsukamoto, Kathy](#)
Cc: [District1; City Clerk; District 10; Perez, Raul; District2; District8; Sapien, Robert; Mata, Anthony; Maguire, Jennifer; Pereira, Paul; Suzanne Morrone; steven spivak; Donald Gagliardi](#)
Subject: RE: PSFSS 4-15-2021 Fireworks Ordinance Workplan Status Report
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:54:54 AM

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Quite frankly, it is too little and too late to depend on law enforcement to stop the illegal fireworks on the 4th of July (or New Years, or Super Bowl, etc). I believe the only way to mitigate this activity is to go after the suppliers and that means months ahead of time.

I am pleading with you.

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[March 16, 2021 - Illegal Fireworks explosion resulting in multiple deaths, injuries and loss of property in Ontario, California](#)

Jeff Levine

**Roosevelt Park Neighborhood
San Jose District 3 CERT**



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Subject: Re: PSFSS 4-15-2021 Fireworks Ordinance Workplan Status Report
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Excellent Jeff! I agree 100%
Suzanne Morrone

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To: [Tsukamoto, Kathy](#); [Perez, Raul](#); [The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo](#)
Cc: [Steve Spivak](#); [Tina Morrill](#); [Jeff Jeff](#); [C.Chivatero](#)
Subject: CC 21-089 Fireworks Ordinance Workplan Status Report. (Fire)
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Subject: Re: CC 21-089 Fireworks Ordinance Workplan Status Report. (Fire)
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All,
I just want to state that I strongly agree with the position that Suzanne Morrone has taken below. Increased fire danger alone should be reason enough to make changes and improve compliance with the City's rules.

Craig Chivatero
Resident of the Julian St. James Neighborhood

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