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# CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Ave.  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, July 1, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

### **SAFETY ALERT –NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19**

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All speakers shall observe civility, decorum and good behavior. Any item submitted to the City Council during the meeting shall become public record and subject to applicable disclosure laws.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Murphy  
Mayor Pro Tem Chirco  
Council Member Doby  
Council Member Grose  
Council Member Hasselbrink

**3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- A. 2020 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular (Recreation)**  
This report recommends actions related to 2020 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular.

Recommendations:

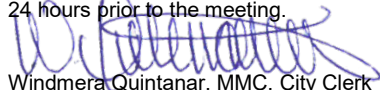
1. Direct staff to proceed with the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular as previously planned; or,
2. Direct staff to postpone the fireworks show to a future date.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Murphy  
Mayor Pro Tem Chirco  
Council Member Doby  
Council Member Grose  
Council Member Hasselbrink

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted at City Hall, 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 900720 and on the City's website at [www.cityoflosalamitos.org](http://www.cityoflosalamitos.org) not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.



Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk  
Date: June 30, 2020

# **City of Los Alamitos**

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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**MEETING DATE: July 1, 2020**

**ITEM NUMBER: 3A**

**To: Mayor Richard D. Murphy and Members of the City Council**

**Via: Chet Simmons, City Manager**

**Presented By: Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager**

**Subject: 2020 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Spectacular**

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### **SUMMARY**

This report recommends actions related to 2020 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Spectacular.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Direct staff to proceed with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Spectacular as previously planned; or,
2. Direct staff to postpone the fireworks show to a future date.

### **BACKGROUND**

The California Department of Public Health and the Orange County Health Department currently have placed prohibitions on large public gatherings. An exception to the prohibition for special events is to proceed with a drive-in and view only format, along with requirements on social distancing. The City Council voted at its June 1, 2020 Special meeting to execute an agreement with Fireworks FX America to purchase the fireworks for the 2020 4<sup>th</sup> of July show. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the City Council received and approved a report regarding the plan for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Spectacular on the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) utilizing a drive-in and view format.

### **DISCUSSION**

Staff was asked to bring this item back for further discussion

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The projected cost of the event will be incorporated into the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Spectacular budget in the Recreation and Community Services Department special event division. The expenditures of the cost of the event is offset by sponsorships and event proceeds from previous 4<sup>th</sup> of July and other events.

Submitted by: Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager  
Approved by: Chet Simmons, City Manager

## Windy Quintanar

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**From:** Diana Hill <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:36 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Cc:** Chelsi Wilson  
**Subject:** Fireworks

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

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**Diana D. Hill**

Cell [REDACTED]  
Email [REDACTED]

*"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

## Windy Quintanar

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**From:** shea hart-lothamer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** Windy Quintanar; Chet Simmons  
**Subject:** Fireworks Spectacular

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