

Comment on proposed changes to city fireworks

Calvin Leung

Sun 10/24/2021 10:35 PM

To: City Clerk <Cityclerk@unioncity.org>

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Hi,

As recent homeowner and taxpayer in Union City, I'm 100% for the proposed changes (especially increasing fine).

Every year, can hear loud unexpected fireworks noises throughout the night and into the morning. That can be confused with gunshots, and it's unpleasant to hear in the middle of night with a young child. Noises scare the child and disrupt sleep for not just our kid but us parents also indirectly.

Thanks for consideration!
Calvin

Union City - City Council Meeting October 26, 2021 Agenda Item 6.a.

Dennis Revell

Mon 10/25/2021 12:13 PM

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October 25, 2021

The Honorable Carol Dutra-Vernaci and
Members of the Union City - City Council
Union City Hall
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City, CA 94587

via email

RE: Our Client: American Promotional Events, Inc (TNT Fireworks)

SUBJECT: Union City – City Council Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda: Item 6.a. “INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ADDING CHAPTER 7.26, FIREWORKS, TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AND DELETING UNION CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.20.140 TO INCREASE PENALTIES RELATED TO ILLEGAL FIREWORKS; ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2537-03 AND SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS REGULATING THE USE OF STATE-APPROVED FIREWORKS; AND CONSIDER A REPORT FROM GODBE RESEARCH REGARDING THE FIREWORKS COMMUNITY SURVEY.”

Dear Mayor Dutra-Vernaci and Councilmembers:

As all of you are aware, since 1989 Revell Communications has served as the public relations/public affairs representative for American Promotional Events, Inc. (TNT Fireworks), the state’s leading wholesale distributor of State Fire Marshal-Approved, Safe and Sane Fireworks. We assist TNT

Fireworks with its community liaison activities as well as with the development and implementation of both local and statewide Fireworks Safety & Education Programs that it coordinates and/or underwrites in conjunction with local and state fire departments and law enforcement agencies. We also assist our client as well as the State of California and many local communities with the collection, tabulation and analysis of local fire and injury data as it relates to illegal, state-approved and unknown fireworks and act as a resource library for those same entities on emerging enforcement and public education techniques throughout the country as we all battle with the growing, menacing problem of illegal fireworks. ([Please click here](#) for our fireworks safety information website and [to view our 30-year history](#))

Each year, the below 18 Union City nonprofit organizations, 14 of which are serviced by TNT Fireworks, rely on the sale of State Fire Marshal-Approved, Safe and Sane Fireworks to fund critical programs and needs in Union City that neither school districts, federal, state nor local governments can or do underwrite, but we all recognize are critical to the fabric, security and well-being of your community, particularly its youth.

- **Logan High School Band Boosters**
- **Logan High School Football**
- **Logan High School Forensics Team**
- **Logan High School Girls Basketball**
- **Logan High School Tennis**
- **Logan High School Track & Field**
- **Logan High School Wrestling**
- **Mission Valley Track & Field**
- **Southern Alameda County Buddhist**
- **Union City American Little League**
- **Union City Apostolic Church**
- **Union City Lions Club**
- **Union City Soccer Club**
- **Union City Youth Football League**
- **Union City Youth Soccer League**
- **East Bay Bandits**
- **James Logan Boys Basketball**
- **Brown Temple Church of God in Christ**

While there is a difference of opinion, both on the City Council and within the Union City community as a whole, on the sale and use of state-approved fireworks in Union City, there should be no disagreement among any of us that the use and sale of dangerous, illegal fireworks in Union City, and elsewhere throughout the state, should be “Public Enemy #1” in Union City as the State Fire Marshal’s Office has declared time and time again. **We sincerely hope and pray that the City Council will seriously focus on how Union City can best tackle its illegal fireworks problem without conflating illegal fireworks with state-approved fireworks.** I believe everyone agrees that the sale and use of illegal fireworks in California has reached epidemic proportions. While 2020 was bad, I believe 2021 proved to be substantially worse, especially in communities where no fireworks are allowed.

During the discussion of the fireworks item at the August 10, 2021, City Council meeting, at least four of you posed questions to staff inquiring about the experiences and statistics of Bay Area communities that don’t allow state-approved fireworks. Regrettably, the responses you received at the time were short on substance. Those who are openly supporting a ban on state-approved fireworks make proclamations such as state-approved fireworks are, in their opinion, a “Gateway for Illegal Fireworks” or act as “Cover” for illegal fireworks use; implying that if they were no longer allowed in Union City it would be so much easier to rid the community of illegal fireworks. Many of you were seeking “facts”, because FACTS MATTER!

Why Are “The Facts” Important?

Decisions on issues, whether made by the voter in the polling booth or by their elected representatives on a City Council, are oftentimes dependent on the extent of and accuracy of the information they have been provided or have at their disposal.

Fireworks are an emotional issue. Oftentimes the first casualties of an emotionally-charged issue are: (1) “The Facts” and (2) the ability to focus on “The Source of the Problem” as well as the ability to communicate with one another and find “Appropriate and Logical Solutions”.

In an effort to get as complete and as accurate assessment of the situation as possible, our firm filed two Public Records Requests with the City of Union City, one on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, and a second on Tuesday October 5, 2021. Copies of those records requests, absent the exhibits attached to them, were provided to you and the public in the agenda packet for this item on the Tuesday October 26, 2021, City Council meeting. We submitted these records requests with the hope that we would have the opportunity to inspect critical “Records” in the City’s possession, particularly with its Deputy City Manager and its fire and police departments, in the event that the staff report for the above-referenced agenda item did not address or share this information with you. We are attempting to assemble similar factual data from other Bay Area communities, so you have answers to the questions many of you asked on August 10th but didn’t get.

In the interim, we have been able to assemble both newspaper and television news reports on the experiences your surrounding jurisdictions, that don’t allow state-approved fireworks, had in 2020 and 2021 with illegal fireworks. At the below drop box link you will find three folders. One with local print and television news coverage for 2020 and another for 2021 and a third folder which contains an October 9, 1995 report from the then foremost community-based fundraising consultant from the California Association of Nonprofits, who with the assistance and cooperation of then Union City staff and the very same nonprofits listed above, conducted an extensive study of the nonprofits, the services they provide in the community with their fireworks revenue, and whether there were other alternative fundraising strategies that would enable them to continue their programs without their fireworks fundraiser.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zmk6fj5u0ggqji6/AAAoMXgONbzApcrbbG0R2ckfa?dl=0>

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While I sincerely hope and trust you will take at least 20 minutes to examine this news coverage and the “facts” this coverage cites, let me share with you what KRON4’s take was on July 7, 2021:

What can be done to stop use of illegal fireworks?

by: [Terisa Estacio](#)

Posted: Jul 7, 2021 / 09:46 PM PDT / Updated: Jul 7, 2021 / 09:46 PM PDT

ALAMEDA, Calif. (KRON) – **Law enforcement says the level of illegal explosives this year is something they have never seen before.**

KRON4 takes a closer look at those illegal fireworks, where they are coming from, and what can be done to keep them out.

Fireworks exploding in the skies in the East Bay on July 4th led to dangerous fiery embers falling onto homes, on top of roofs, or worse burning hands and fingers. Each and every one of these showy displays are illegal.

Sgt. Ray Kelly with the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department and Bomb Task Force says residents continue to set off fireworks days after the holiday, despite several high-profile busts this year.

As I assume you all know, **state-approved fireworks don't shoot into the air nor do they explode.** This media coverage recounts countless details of the incredible volume of illegal aerial displays and explosions all in communities where no fireworks have been allowed for decades. The problems are even worse in these communities than what you and your constituents experienced in Union City over the same two years. **State-approved fireworks couldn't have been a "Gateway for Illegal Fireworks" or served as "Cover" for illegal fireworks in these communities because they don't now, nor have they for decades ever allowed any fireworks in their cities. Yet their problems with illegal fireworks are worse than Union City's.**

OUR POSITION ON THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The nonprofit organizations and both TNT Fireworks and Phantom Fireworks, fully support the following:

- a. Making the use of illegal fireworks in Union City a misdemeanor and increasing the fine for use or possession of illegal fireworks to \$1,000 for the first violation.
- b. Adopting a Fireworks Social Host Ordinance with a \$1,000 fine for the first violation for use of illegal fireworks and treating each discharge of an illegal firework on a property as a separate and distinct violation.
- c. Removing the word "infraction" from the existing ordinance and treating all violations for use or possession of below 25 lbs. of commercially manufactured, illegal fireworks as administrative fine violations and handled like any other code enforcement action in Union City (i.e., not by the County District Attorney).
- d. The City conducting a complete cost analysis for processing fireworks applications and stand inspections and present the City Council with a new fee schedule that will provide full "cost" recovery of services provided directly to each nonprofit applicant.
- e. A fee calculation and fee structure discussed in Section D. 8. of Exhibit A attached to the Resolution the Council is being asked to adopt must be in compliance with the requirements of both the "Sinclair Paint Case" and Proposition 26 adopted by the voter in November 2010.

We believe that the successful impact of the proposed increased fine levels and Fireworks Social Host Ordinance on illegal fireworks use in Union City is largely dependent on the following factors:

1. The city's fireworks enforcement priority for the period leading up to the 4th of July, must be illegal fireworks;
2. There should be dedicated illegal fireworks patrols made up of a combination of police, fire and code enforcement officers deployed to enforce the ordinance;
3. There should be a community public education program that the nonprofits and the fireworks wholesalers help design and implement; and
4. A recognition by all of us, that this illegal fireworks problem didn't develop overnight, and it won't be solved overnight. The illegal fireworks problem is not just a 4th of July problem. It's a year-round problem! Not allowing state-approved fireworks is obviously not the "silver bullet" solution, as is demonstrated by the experiences of the surrounding communities.

EXPLANATION AND RATIONALE FOR OUR POSITION

Proposed Ordinance Provides at Section 7.26.080 Penalty: Violations of the new ordinance, whether by use of illegal fireworks or California State Fire Marshal-approved, safe and sane fireworks will result in the same \$1,000 fine. A separate fine may be levied for each discharge of an illegal firework or state-approved firework that is in violation of the ordinance.

Comment: First off let me state unequivocally, while still allowing for the exercise of officer discretion, we fully support the citing and imposition of a fine for anyone who violates the ordinance by their illegal use of state-approved fireworks. However, we see the imposition of the same fine level for both use of illegal fireworks and the unauthorized use of state-approved fireworks a classic example of conflating the two distinctly different types of fireworks. Illegal fireworks have been deemed by state law and the State Fire Marshal as "dangerous" and not even legal to possess, let alone use. State-approved fireworks have

been classified as “Safe and Sane” by both the State Fire Marshal and the California Legislature. They are legal to sell (from noon June 28th thru noon July 6th by state law) and use in California subject to a local ordinance permitting same.

We believe the city’s fireworks enforcement priority must be illegal fireworks...**BECAUSE THEY ARE THE PROBLEM!** In an effort to give you an explanation or clarification of our position let me pose the following analogy:

Let’s suppose you are driving your car south on 880 and go to take the Alvarado Niles exit but you fail to use your turn signal (a violation of CA Vehicle Code Section 22108). At the same time, there is an individual who is operating a car he stole and is driving recklessly in the same direction at speeds up to 90+ mph (at a minimum, a violation of CA Vehicle Code Section 22354). A police officer, in his vehicle, sees this all going down. Which do you think he should choose as an enforcement priority? If he’s able to stop and cite both of you, should he impose the same fine?

Not all crimes or violations are equal, therefore not all crimes or violations should be punished the same. The reckless, 90+ mph driver, like an illegal fireworks violator, had an item that was illegal for him to have let alone use and his use of it posed a greater danger and risk to everyone around him than you taking the freeway exit without using your turn signal. Like a person who might use a state-approved firework in violation of the ordinance (let say by having a legal item he was using at say 10:02 pm on the 4th of July), it was legal for him to possess and use the item so long as he did so in accordance with the ordinance. His use of the item does not pose the same severe danger to others that the use of an illegal aerial item or explosive device would.

We are therefore respectfully requesting that you ask city staff and Union City’s public safety agencies to arrive at a new, more reasonable fine level for a violation of the ordinance in the use of state-approved fireworks. Absent some additional provisions in the ordinance, a Union City family could be legally and safely using state-approved fireworks, and legally light several legal items at 9:57 pm on the 4th of July with performance durations of 5:00 minutes as their 4th of July celebration finale and be cited \$1,000 for each one of those legal items that are still performing after 10:00 pm.

Proposed Ordinance Provides at Section 7.26.070 Social Host Liability: Applies Social Host liability and penalties to the use of state-approved fireworks on someone’s property as well as applying to the use of illegal fireworks. A separate \$1,000 fine may be levied for each discharge of a state-approved firework on someone’s property.

Comment: For the same reasons cited above, we are requesting that you ask city staff and Union City’s public safety agencies to arrive at a new, more reasonable fine level for a violation of the social host ordinance in the use of state-approved fireworks on someone’s property. Using the same fact pattern above, but adding in that the family went over to one of the grandparents’ house, in addition to the parents being cited and fined, the grandparents could be cited and fined \$1,000 for each firework which was legally lit before 10:00 pm but was still operational after 10:00 pm. The fines don’t fit the violation.

Section D. 8., Fee Calculation of Proposed Exhibit “A” attached to the Resolution Council is Being Asked to Adopt: The language in this section of Exhibit “A” remains unchanged from the version passed well before the mandates of the “Sinclair Paint Case” or Proposition 26. The current and proposed text in the sections read as follows:

“The permit fee shall be calculated each year by the City and shall be based on a percentage of the permittee’s (or it’s predecessor’s) gross revenues during the current year from the sale of fireworks. The percentage shall be derived from the City’s estimated reasonable cost of public services for administering the permits and shall include, but not be limited to, staff time administering the permits, staff time preparing the Public Education Plan and related materials, staff time related to the regulation of the sales, use, and clean-up of fireworks in the City, and business license fees for the organization, divided by the gross revenues derived from the sale of fireworks, as disclosed by the applications for fireworks-sales permits for the current year. *Example:* The City’s costs for staff time related to the permits is \$51,500. Gross revenues derived from fireworks sales

in the City is calculated at \$1,000,000. The permit fee would be 5.15% of each permittee’s gross revenues.” (emphasis added)

Comment: As a result of the ruling in the “Sinclair Paint Case” and Proposition 26, which was adopted by California voters in November 2010, the City of Union City is limited to imposing or requiring a fireworks retail permittee to pay a fee as described in Section 1(e)(3) of Article XIIIc of the California Constitution to recover that permittee’s pro rata share of the “actual costs”, not some loosely formed guestimate. Our client and the Union City nonprofit organizations stand prepared to assist in providing those “reasonable sums” necessary to assist in underwriting the costs of these permitted areas of service in Union City. We have been provided no details on the charges by City staff over the years and given the fluctuating amounts that have been invoiced, have little confidence that the City actually knows what the true cost of its services that are strictly dedicated to the sale and use of State-Approved Fireworks in Union City have been or that the new calculations they are going to arrive at are consistent with the limitations set forth by the “Sinclair Paint Case”, the California Constitution and Proposition 26.

While I will reserve any further comments until I have the opportunity to carefully examine not only the city staff’s anticipated cost audit but also all of the “Records” produced by the city in response to my records requests of 9/29/21 and 10/5/21; I would respectfully request that the City Council postpone their action on the resolution and its attached Exhibit “A” until those records have been produced and the city staff’s cost audit has been completed and presented to the City Council for a public hearing.

CORRECTIONS TO THE STAFF REPORT PREPARED BY MARK EVANOFF DATED 10/26/21

Summary Data for All Fireworks Revenue for 2021

On pages 2 and 3 of this staff report, Mr. Evanoff provides a new summary that among other figures presents a new “**Total net income retained by local organizations**” of **\$291,589.00**. **This figure is not accurate.** In looking at his calculations in the staff report, it would appear that Mr. Evanoff subtracted out the sales tax and surcharge amounts from a subtotal that didn’t include them in the first place. Below please find two charts prepared by TNT Fireworks and Phantom Fireworks which show the correct figures. It is my understanding that these figures have previously been provided to city staff.

The correct “**Total net income retained by local organizations**” is**\$406,311.97**

2021 TNT Sales – Union City	
Retail Fireworks Sales	\$824,910.00
Surcharge at 6%	\$49,494.00
Sales tax at 10.75%	\$93,998.49
TOTAL	\$968,403.09

Net Income for Union City TNT Nonprofits	
Gross Fireworks Sales with Tax & surcharge	\$968,403.09
Retail Fireworks Sales	\$824,910.00
Fireworks Wholesale \$ paid to supplier	\$412,455.00
Other Fees paid to TNT	\$74,911.00
City Application, business license, cost recovery	\$42,150.00
State & Local Sales Tax	\$93,988.49
TOTAL Net Income retained by TNT Nonprofits	\$344,888.60

2021 Phantom Sales – Union City	
Retail Fireworks Sales	\$176,654.52
Surcharge at 6%	\$10,599.27

Sales tax at 10.75%	\$20,129.78
TOTAL	\$207,383.57

Net Income for Union City Phantom Nonprofits	
Gross Fireworks Sales with Tax & surcharge	\$207,383.57
Retail Fireworks Sales	\$176,654.52
Fireworks Wholesale \$ paid to supplier	\$88,327.26
Other Fees paid to Phantom	\$25,951.89
City Application, business license, cost recovery	\$11,551.27
State & Local Sales Tax	\$20,129.78
TOTAL Net Income retained by TNT Nonprofits	\$61,423.37

City staff-sponsored webinar on September 23, 2021

The staff report states, “City staff invited the fireworks suppliers Phantom and TNT, representatives of the organizations selling fireworks, and members of the community to participate in a community meeting held on September 23, 2021, that focused on the problems created by the deployment of illegal fireworks and the City Council’s direction to address the issues.”

On or about September 15, 2021, City Manager Joan Malloy issued an email inviting the recipients to watch and participate in a city delivered and sponsored webinar on Thursday, September 23, 2021. While I would hope the leaders of the 18 Union City nonprofits were among the countless thousands of Union City residents who should have received that email invitation, none of the 18 nonprofits or TNT Fireworks or Phantom Fireworks were invited to contribute content or actually be involved in the information presented by city staff. The staff report gives the impression we were invited to be involved and chose not to.

If you watch the video of the webinar at the link in Mr. Evanoff’s staff report, you will hear webinar viewers be given the following instructions on how they can “**participate**”:

“We will have a brief power point tonight, followed by an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. You are welcome to enter your questions as you think of them in our Chat Box, we will answer them at the end of the presentation, or you can ask questions at the end of the presentation and the meeting by raising the hand icon. **You can also provide comments but please limit them to one minute.** We welcome written comments, which we will make part of the public record and provide to the City Council. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk. We will post that email address in the Chat Box as well as have it on our final slide so it is easy to reference.” (emphasis added)

I would encourage you to read the chat comments on the webinar video. A significant majority of the comments or questions were critical of the lack of content or lack of balance of the content presented.

In conclusion, I realize that this email letter is long and detailed. It is because I suffer from no delusion that I or any representative of the 18 Union City nonprofits will be given an adequate opportunity to present this information and our concerns at tomorrow’s City Council meeting. I sincerely hope that you will take the time to examine our collective concerns and recommendations.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak with each of you on the phone in advance of tomorrow’s City Council meeting to discuss and answer any questions or concerns you have regarding the above information.

Very Truly Yours,

REVELL COMMUNICATIONS

Dennis C. Revell
President/CEO

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Deputy City Manager, Mark Evanoff
City Clerk, Anna Brown
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Police Chief, Jared Rinetti
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Fireworks policy regulations changes

Ernwalt

Mon 10/25/2021 3:54 PM

To: City Clerk <Cityclerk@unioncity.org>

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I would like to see zero fireworks allowed in Union City. Stiff fines for those who set them off anyways.

What was the total cost of:
169 fireworks calls to UC PD
1 911 call
10 fires
2 structures impacted by fire
5 vegetation fires

Add to this cost vet bills for pills for our pets, and the impact to small children (we have 3 babies and multiple small children in my neighborhood.

There are no safe and sane fireworks, it seems people here don't care how their fireworks are marked. My house is approximately 2 blocks from the police station I counted over 60 fireworks set off last 4th of July and nothing happened to stop it and yes I called and gave the name of the court where they originated.

I understand the fireworks proceeds benefit James Logan High, however charge me an extra \$10 to \$20 on my taxes to make it up to James Logan and don't subject me to the horrible fireworks that we experience every year in this city not only on the 4th, but also new years, other holiday and whenever people decide they can set off a random firework.

- Peggy Walters Union City resident

Illegal Fireworks

Rick Hart

Mon 10/25/2021 9:22 PM

To: City Clerk <Cityclerk@unioncity.org>

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Dear City Clerk, I'm a 27 year resident of Union City and would like to ask the City to ban all fireworks, anything that is combustible or requires lighting. The last several years in Union City during the July holiday have been unendurable. I live in the Ponderosa development and the explosions that are set off during this time are well beyond acceptable. I thought they were using the M-80 fireworks that consist of a quarter stick of actual dynamite, but it's clear they are now using half sticks of dynamite! The air-launched fireworks are the type that is set off by professionals mainly over bodies of water (for safety) or at venues such as the Coliseum. These things are being set off over our homes and it's insane. Governments are not usually convinced to act on citizen complaints until someone's home burns to the ground or someone is killed. I ask that the City act sooner rather than later and with all haste, ban the use of these fireworks.

Increasing the fines for these types of violations may not work, as the violators are sue proof. They will throw the fine in the garbage and dare the city to get blood out of a turnip. Responsible homeowners are not the ones doing this as they have too much to lose. The ones performing these acts are the ones with nothing to lose who will without a doubt ignore your fines. The only way you will be able to enforce these laws is by having undercover officers film the violators and then be able to make a misdemeanor arrest. If you can't do this it will be back to the drawing board, as increasing fines have no effect on those who have nothing to lose. That would include the teenagers and the transient members of your population who have no investment in your City.

Rick Hart
Union City

Re : Fire works in Union City!

Peter

Mon 10/25/2021 11:25 PM

To: City Clerk <Cityclerk@unioncity.org>

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,,

We are writing to urge you to re consider Proposed Changes to City Fireworks Regulations.

The ordinance being proposed , are the rules of the State of California.

This will do little to stop the use of illegal fireworks; we do not have the police force to deal with the scope of this problem.

All fire works need to be banned in our City, there is no such thing as safe and sane fireworks.

Looking at the effects of all fire works : Health effects especially on children and adults who suffer from Asthma are greatly affected by the smoke and small particulate matter, air pollution ,having and increase in hospital admissions more lung damage.

Our troubled veterans from the Middle East Wars PTSD increased.

Our animals especially dogs.

It is time if we are a Compassionate City to do its part to stop the Air Pollution .

Harming health and the environment and property damage. Global warming.

To the schools using fire works as funding their school projects , in the year 2021 it is time to move on and be more creative in there getting funds; learn about the harm done to the people working in the factories where these fireworks are manufactured.

Loss of lives , fires, etc. health issues.Chemicals used.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Peter & Theresa Mitchell.

Sent from my iPad

Fireworks Safety In Union City

Martha Matthews

Tue 10/26/2021 3:52 PM

To: City Clerk <Cityclerk@unioncity.org>

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I think the sale and use of fireworks in Union City should be ban completely.