



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** APRIL 10, 2019  
**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER   
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**SUBJECT:** FIREWORKS SHOW AT THE SUMMER CONCERT IN THE PARK

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For many years, the City of Agoura Hills has been offering a fireworks show during the Summer Concert in the Park series. Each year, the show is presented at the concert on the first Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday in Chumash Park.

Prior to the yearly fireworks show, staff works diligently to implement all the safety and precautionary procedures that are required to host the show. These procedures include engaging the Los Angeles County Fire Department, both the Regional Liaison to the City and the Fire Safety Officer, to establish communication with the Department and to pull the necessary permits to host a fireworks show. The show is not allowed without the approval of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Local residents close in proximity to the fireworks are also notified of the event, so they make necessary preparations for their animals, older relatives, and anyone who does not enjoy fireworks. Proper law enforcement and the City's CERT team are engaged to handle crowd control and to mitigate traffic issues.

Due to a small group of community members recently expressing their concern for fireworks being launched in a neighborhood, so close to homes, the Community Services Subcommittee requested that staff look at alternatives to the fireworks show. While the fireworks have been launched from the same place for several years, the recent Woolsey Fire has affected Agoura Hills and caused concern for the local residents. The Las Virgenes Unified School District has recently confirmed that they will no longer be launching fireworks at Agoura High School. Each year, the City generally spends about \$ 8,000 on the firework show. An alternative event including a laser show, instead of a firework show, would require an increase to the FY 19/20 budget of about \$7,000. An alternative event with neither a laser nor firework show would include many new, fun activities with no impact to the budget.

This item has been reviewed and discussed by the Community Services Subcommittee.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff is respectfully seeking the direction from the City Council on the following:

- a) Provide a same or similar Firework Show at the Summer Concert in the Park event in July as usual; or
- b) Provide an alternative event at the Summer Concert in the Park event in July which includes a laser show; or
- c) Provide an alternative event at the Summer Concert in the Park event in July but with neither a laser nor a firework show; or
- d) Provide no show on the Sunday after July 4.