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## Agenda Item - Monte Foundation Fireworks

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To City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>

Dear Council Members,

It is my understanding that there will be discussion about the Monte Fireworks at your next meeting.

I believe it is time for a change on this venue. This hour long and *very intense* show spews toxins in the air, land and sea near the Capitola wharf disturbing our vibrant marine life. The noise however goes far beyond that. How can we claim to love and cherish our marine animals and birds when we force this terrifying mayhem upon them? In addition, the show shatters the night silence in waking people, especially babies, terrorizing dogs and cats and other domesticated and wild animals, as well as veterans with PTSD.

I urge the City Council to encourage the Monte Foundation to consider an alternative and change to ***silent digital fireworks show*** for this coming October. In addition, considering the thousands of dollars that literally go up in smoke, could they not put that money to better use in funding local projects and schools? I am sure supporters would understand the change in direction that would benefit the entire community and pay respect to our precious marine life.

Thank you.

Marion Morris