



Fireworks by Monte Foundation

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Dear friends ~

Every year, an intense commercial fireworks show releases toxins in the air, land and sea near the Capitola wharf. It shatters the silence of sleeping people, especially babies, sleeping birds, sleeping sea otters. It terrorizes dogs and cats and other domesticated animals, as well as veterans with PTSD.

The noise comes from igniting gunpowder (potassium nitrate and sulfur) and flashes and bangs from aluminum powder. Gold sparks are produced by iron filings (magnetite, hematite) and small pieces of charcoal. Blues from copper, reds from strontium, etc.

The harm from such a show is accepted because it is a fundraiser so, unfortunately, people who object to the fireworks are seen as uncaring. We simply request that Marc Monte find a different way to raise money to support "local projects and schools."

Please advise the Monte Foundation to change to a **silent digital fireworks show** for this coming October, where the only noise would be the Oohs and Ahhhs of those watching the brilliance.

Thank you.