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## Stop All Fireworks

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

Dear Capitola City Officials,

October is the best time of year to see blue whales, the largest animal on earth. There's no experience quite like seeing these gentle giants glide through the water. You can find them feeding on krill (tiny crustaceans) off the California coast from mid-June through October, when the food source is abundant.

For a city jurisdiction who advocates good environmental management, why do you continue to allow fireworks to explode over such sensitive waters? Besides the iconic Blue Whale, numerous sea life occupy your section of offshore ocean. Sea otters, dolphins, Humpbacks, Gray whales, seals, sea lions, hundreds of varieties of fish, many species migrating along your shores could very easily be disturbed detrimentally for such selfish behavior. Plus, there's no getting around the contaminates fireworks produce in the local atmosphere. Why should I have to stay indoors with a respiratory condition because of a 20 minute exhibition of colorful harmful pollution? Further, the noise pollution should be outlawed! How would you like it if someone came to your front yard and blasted 20 minutes of explosives outside your windows?

And for those sensitive to the noise such as our combat veterans, are you willing to provide 5 Star hotel accommodations somewhere out of ear shot for the evening?

On behalf of all sea life and human beings sensitive to this senseless noise, STOP! Find an alternative such as drone light shows! Do a benefit concert with a super star musician or group. Sell homemade cupcakes! Put your thinking caps on and please find another means to raise funds for such a worthy organization like the Monte Foundation.

Aloha,

Stephen Parlato  
(Former Capitola resident)

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