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## No Fireworks

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Dear City Council Members,

I do not support continuing the annual Monty Foundation Firework Show.

If I recall correctly, this event began years ago as a fund raiser hosted by Mr. Monty of Aptos foods. It was held at Seacliff Beach, ticket required. Schools who precipitated in selling tickets, received a portion of the money raised for attendance at the show and kid friendly things to do at the beach before the show. Then somehow it became a free event held at the Capitola Wharf. It's not a celebration of any Capitola Historical event and no longer raises money for local schools or charities.

This event negatively impacts the neighborhoods above and around the wharf and because of our local weather patterns is mostly a waste of time as fog and clouds, marine layer and wind directions hide the intended dazzling display. Instead the local residents are forced to listen to the booms of the fireworks, the flashes of the night sky and cars driving around looking for parking! Our pets and some kids are terrified of the sounds. Do my tax dollars pay for this? Who benefits from this other than the promise of a fireworks display that each year is actually a dud!

I say it's time to let this go.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Rispaud