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Once upon a time, fireworks were dedicated primarily to the 4th of July holiday (as a long-time American tradition) and yes, on New Years Eve and yes, at some sanctioned sporting venues and other large events. But most people knew they were coming; they knew what they were in for. The "Pandemic Summer of 2020" changed all that and now fireworks have become a nearly constant and highly undesirable and incredibly unsafe presence in our daily lives. And just knowing that fireworks could go off at virtually any time, any day or night, does not give most of us any kind of peace of mind whatsoever.

So, just about any way one looks at it, SB # 113 does nothing but promote and encourage this activity for the few; and at the same time, SB #113 blatantly disregards the rights, the concerns, the health, and yes, the fears of the many who believe in safety, peace, fewer injuries and deaths from fireworks, as well as the sanctity of our neighborhoods. There are already available to all an infinite number of ways to enjoy life without encouraging even more the unsanctioned, unrestricted and unsafe discharge of fireworks in our communities---where we are already dealing with a myriad of problems ranging from drugs, felonious assaults, gunshots, excessive littering, City code violations, speeding, and loud noises from a variety of sources. The vast majority of us don't need or want the additional stress--and trauma--of the imminent threat of fireworks throughout the year in our daily (& nightly) lives.