

Draft of letter from Mission Bay Park Committee to:  
San Diego City Council Public Safety Committee  
San Diego City Councilmembers  
Mayor of City of San Diego

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

The Mission Bay Park Committee requests that the \_\_\_\_\_ work closely with Law Enforcement to aggressively enforce the city ban on the use of illegal fireworks in and around Mission Bay Park, especially during holidays such as the Fourth of July. We are consistently hearing from members of the public on the widespread use of these illegal explosives and their negative effect .

The use of these banned fireworks is not only against the law and a major nuisance but a public safety hazard. In 2023, the U.S. Consumer Public Safety Commission reported 9700 injuries nationwide from the use of fireworks, with 31% of them from children under 15. Another study reported that the noise level from the use of these fireworks can reach 150 decibels, twice the 75-80 decibels from everyday life.

We realize that on holidays such as the Fourth of July, resources of the San Diego Police Department are spread very thin. For the July Fourth, 2025 holiday, would it be possible to create a special task force of SDPD, Mission Bay Park Rangers, and San Diego Fire and Life Safety to patrol Mission Bay Park with the express purpose of citing individuals responsible for possessing illegal fireworks and confiscating them?

Perhaps we could model this effort after SDPD's holiday traffic check points. The existence of this task force could be promoted though traditional and social media, but not specific locations. The committee heard from an SDPD officer in our September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting about the success they had this summer warning citizens away from planned "Floatopias" on Mission Bay via social media.

Thank you for your time and attention

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Committee Member

On behalf of the Mission Bay Park Committee.

