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The fireworks report to the Board of Supervisors is **item 28 of the Regular Agenda** of the BOS September 20th meeting. You can view the agenda here <http://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=1202&Inline=True>

The report is the first item on the regular agenda but we have no idea what time it will be heard. The BOS meeting starts at 9:00 am. The Consent Agenda and Oral Communications will likely take at least a half hour, maybe more, but to be safe, those of you who intend to speak to the BOS about the report, should be at the supervisor's chambers on the 5th floor of the County Building **no later than 9:30 am**.

Attached to this email is the report itself. When you read it, you will find it completely lacking in any information about citations for fireworks possession and/or use. A glaring omission.

When you read what Sheriff Hart said at the end of the report, you may wonder whose side he is on ("*However, due to the strong cultural tradition of celebrating the Declaration of Independence with fireworks, we faced headwinds*"). Huh? So what?!

There are 168 of you receiving this email. It is difficult to get to a weekday meeting, so no worries if you cannot

attend and speak your mind about the lack of citations.

Instead, ***please consider emailing*** your supervisor no later than Sunday night. Your emails will be seen by the supervisors!! We need a lot of emails asking that the County step up and cite violators in order to send a clear message to those who continue to use fireworks that they will be fined for breaking the law. 100 emails would make a statement that the BOS can not ignore. Let's go for 100 at least!

***Let's also be sure to say what we liked about the efforts the County made*** - because they did put forth effort, especially regarding their education and awareness campaign. They spent \$6,800 on media efforts and should be thanked. Too bad the deputies who witnessed violations of the fireworks ordinance didn't issue many citations -- they could have recovered some of the money the County invested.

Here are the supervisor's email addresses. If you do not know in which district you reside, go here <http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/ele/districts/lookup.htm> and click on your zip code. Please be respectful as well as firm about your expectations for proper enforcement of the law. Your email will make a difference in how the County moves forward.

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Jean,  
(sending this as I listen to fireworks)

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