Eugene City Council

Memorandum

Date: September 23, 2022

To: Mayor Vinis and City Council

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Subject: Testimony Submitted

Attached is testimony submitted at the Public Hearing September 19, 2022. A copy of this material is also included with the meeting materials posted on the web at:

https://eugene.ompnetwork.org/embed/sessions/253991/city-council-public-hearing-september-19-2022

WE NEED YOU NOW! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The city of Eugene is trying to ban the sale, and display of ALL fireworks in the City of Eugene. We know and believe that the prohibition of aerial fireworks, and fireworks that explode are dangerous and SHOULD Be prohibited. Most also know that in the state of Oregon, we only allow 1.4G safe and sane fireworks. This means that nothing can explode or leave the ground in any way (shooting or aerials). This limits fireworks to ground spinners, sparklers, smoke and fountains. All very containable and safe for families to celebrate our Independence. They have already limited the display of fireworks to four days per year and have promised to push until a complete ban was in place. Their complaints are particularly towards pets, veterans and fires because of the fireworks displays. Safe and sane fireworks are NOT the ones in the air that have the extremely loud booms. The display of fireworks is limited to only 4 days. And finally fire danger from safe and sane fireworks is extremely low. They are very well contained and are able to be extinguished easily as intended for home usage. It is "convenient" that they are addressing this now to try to capitalize on people's current fear of wildfires. They do not prohibit cigarettes and cigarettes are 100 times more likely to start a fire. Fire season does not begin typically until after the fireworks season has completed. By their own admission, they do not have the manpower or resources to even enforce the current restrictions on illegal fireworks (Aerials and exploding fireworks). This will only hurt our law abiding citizens and people will take the display of fireworks into our rural areas (more dangerous) as well as will perpetuate the purchase of illegal fireworks. Our veterans fought for our freedoms, yet now the city council is trying to take away the very freedoms they fought for. We are asking that you ALL bombard our city council members opposing the ban. Even if you do not live in one of the specified wards, we ask that you STILL send an email to each of them because if this passes in Eugene, they will extend next to Springfield and the surrounding areas. The time is NOW! Eugene City council will be having a meeting on Monday September 19, 2022 at 5:00 pm. They will be voting Monday September 26th on this issue. Do NOT delay! Please stop what you are doing, and send an email to all of our city council members as well as our mayor to stop this nonsense! We are also asking that you go to the city council meeting Sept 19th at 101 W 10th Ave suite 103 Eugene, OR 97401. Mike Clark is the only council member at this time who is supporting our freedoms. *Remember, fireworks displays are one time per year, for a few days and are contained to areas that are not fire dangers. During the sale of fireworks, is notoriously not yet a point in which there is wildfire danger. We need your help to maintain our ability to celebrate our freedom safely.

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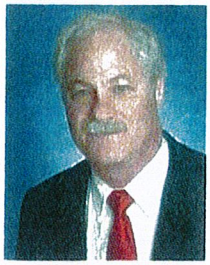

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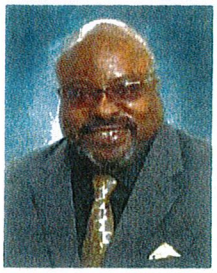

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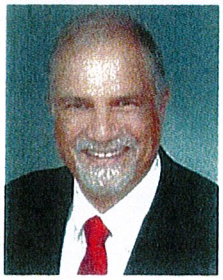

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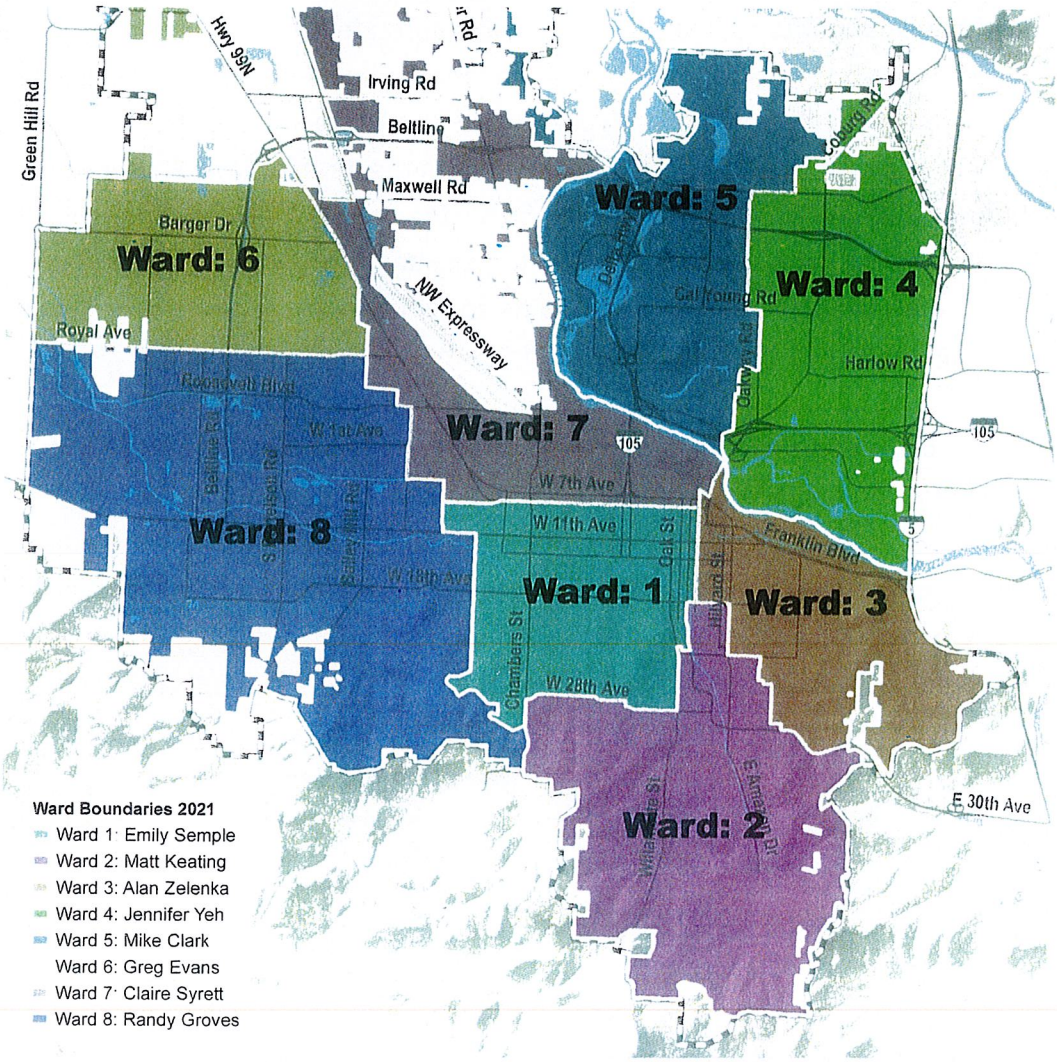

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