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Members of the City Council of the City of Yucaipa:

Clearly, last night's exhibition of neighborhood privately held fireworks has far exceeded Yucaipa's ability to respond. I was on hold for about 5 minutes to report aerial fireworks and mortar explosions that caused my home to shake. My neighborhood is well populated, and known as the "Red Roof" subdivision. Fireworks continued well into midnight and early morning hours. I fully expected trees to ignite. This is not meant as criticism to our public safety; I am aware of staff sizes in comparison to the square miles of response. It would have been respectful of our community to understand public safety limitations, but this year citizens were not only disrespectful, but obviously ignorant of dangers we are facing as a result of drought. There are people in Yucaipa who suffer from PTSD, elderly who live alone and cannot protect themselves or their homes, and a myriad of similar threats. In peripheral city limits, deer, bear, and other animals are barely recuperating from last year's fires and have been observed walking down my street and through the neighborhood. Last night had to have been terrorizing.

I am aware of some solutions that could help to calm the holiday. Post-pandemic brings out the party in all of us, now extended into birthdays, graduations, wedding anniversaries, and any event that opens a door for special celebration. At some point, we need to draw the line and we have nearly a year to come up with solutions that bring about realistic mitigation measures.

If there is an interest in gathering a small group of citizens to brainstorm solutions, I'll volunteer my time.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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