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Every year, the period around the 4th of July is the busiest call volume for the Fire Department. The loud and persistent sounds caused by unpermitted firework demonstrations across the City bring stress and anxiety to animals, both large and small, as well as to some military veterans.

In 2021, while speaking with the Mission Division Quality of Life Community-Police Advisory Board, we had the idea of holding a City of Los Angeles Anonymous Fireworks Buyback Program (Program). In 2021, we held the first buyback event, and it was a success. A quarter of a ton of illegal fireworks were collected in exchange for gift cards, and Dodger tickets.

For the last 3 years, the Program has collaborated with the Police Department's Valley Bureau, Bomb Squad and Mission Division. The Program's buyback events have helped remove nearly a half ton of fireworks and given people a safe way to dispose of them.

Expanding the Council District 7 Fireworks Buyback Program citywide would help reduce the stress felt by military veterans and animals, as well as reduce the fire risk and calls for service to the Fire Department. In addition to expanding the Program citywide, the City should offer buyback events on other holidays that experience widespread use of fireworks, such as New Year's Eve.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department (LAPD), with the assistance of the Fire Department, City Administrative Officer, and the Chief Legislative Analyst report to Council on resources required and potential funding sources for operating the Fireworks Buyback Program in every LAPD Bureau for the 4th of July holiday, as well as with a plan to expand the Program to include more locations and other firework heavy holidays.

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