# **Ballot Measures-AA**



## City of Orange, Fireworks Ordinance

Shall Ordinance No. 10-24 be approved by the voters to amend Chapter 8.13 of the Orange Municipal Code to permit the sale, possession, and use of safe and sane fireworks in areas of the City of Orange that are not high risk fire areas?

### What your vote means

YES	NO
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### For and against

FOR	AGAINST
Dan Slater Orange Mayor	No argument against this measure was submitted.
Jonathan Dumitru Council Member	
Danny Kurimay Board Member Love Orange	
Stephen Lewis Board Member Love Orange	
Denis Bilodeau Council Member	



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Section 11

Full Text of Measure AA City of Orange

Chapter 8.13 of the Orange Municipal Code shall be amended to permit the sale, possession, and use of "safe and sane fireworks" within the limits of City of Orange that are not within high-risk fire areas. The sale and discharge of safe and sane fireworks shall be prohibited in any geographical area determined to present high risk of fire from discharge of safe and sane fireworks. Following enactment of this ordinance, the City Council shall establish, by resolution or ordinance, such reasonable rules and regulations as may be appropriate to establish such things as the qualifications of those who may sell fireworks, the time periods in which they may be sold and discharged, the locations where they may be discharged and the manner in which they may be discharged, stored, disposed of, etc., permits which may be required relating to fireworks, and similar provisions to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The Fire Chief will continue to have the power to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the granting of permits for supervised public displays of fireworks by competent operators in a manner which protects life and property in the City.

If you desire a copy of proposed Ordinance No. 10-24, please call the City Clerk's Office at (714) 744-5500 and a copy will be provided at no cost to you.

#### Impartial Analysis City of Orange Measure AA

The City Council of the City of Orange is submitting Measure AA to the voters for consideration. If adopted, Measure AA would amend Orange Municipal Code Chapter 8.13 to allow for the sale, possession and use of "Safe and Sane Fireworks" in the City of Orange, subject to City Council regulations including prohibition of sale and discharge in geographical areas determined to present a high-risk of fire. The term "Safe and Sane Fireworks" is defined by State law in the California Health and Safety Code Section 12529.

Orange Municipal Code Chapter 8.13, adopted by the voters of the City, prohibits the sale, use, storage, possession and discharge of all fireworks within the City of Orange without a permit issued by the Fire Chief.

If adopted this ballot measure will amend Orange Municipal Code Chapter 8.13 to permit the sale, possession and use of Safe and Sane Fireworks in the City subject to the rules and regulations adopted by ordinance or resolution of the City Council, including restrictions on where Safe and Sane Fireworks may be sold or discharged.

A "yes" vote will permit the sale, possession and use of Safe and Sane Fireworks in the City subject to City Council regulations.

A "no" vote on this measure would leave in place the existing ordinance which in general permits only supervised public fireworks displays approved by the City.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure AA. If you desire a copy of the proposed ordinance, please call the Orange City Clerk's Office at (714) 744-5500 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. It is also available online at www.cityoforange.org.

s/ Michael Vigliotta City Attorney



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#### Argument in Favor of Measure AA

In 1933, Orange City Council Member E.M. Chapman successfully led the effort to approve licenses for four fireworks stands to operate through the American Legion Post.

Current Councilmembers Dumitru, Bilodeau and Mayor Slater support a return to legalizing the use and sale of State Approved Fireworks – in May the entire council voted 6 -1 to let you, the voters, decide this November.

#### A "Yes" on Measure AA will:

- Provide Orange residents a safe, State Fire Marshal approved product to celebrate with friends and family on the 4th of July.
- Enable Orange nonprofit community groups youth sports, churches, veteran and philanthropic organizations to raise funds to support local activities.
- 3) Allow Orange to direct up to 7% of all sales to education and enforcement during the 4th of July.
- Enhance restrictions against the sale θ use of ALL fireworks near hillside and brush areas.

"Safe and Sane" fireworks are allowed in 180 communities throughout California. Eleven cities in Orange County, including neighboring Anaheim, Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Villa Park, raise hundreds of thousands of dollars annually from fireworks sales. Orange community groups should share in this opportunity.

A "YES" on Measure AA will allow the City Council to establish a system wherein community non-profit groups supporting school sports, band boosters and theater, church groups, veterans and more, earn a share of the profits from fireworks sales.

Vote **YES** on Measure AA to enable Orange residents to celebrate our freedoms with traditional "Safe and Sane" fireworks and simultaneously support vital community groups.

Vote **YES** on AA. Let's give residents safe and sane alternatives while providing our police and fire departments sustaining funding they need to combat dangerous, illegal fireworks.

Vote Yes on Measure AA.

s/ Dan Slater Orange Mayor

s/ Jonathan Dumitru Council Member

s/ Danny Kurimay Board Member Love Orange

s/ Stephen Lewis Board Member Love Orange

s/ Denis Bilodeau Council Member

No argument against this measure was submitted.