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Date: Thursday, August 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Tuesday, August 8, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.3.4 Implications for Recognizing Religious and Cultural Celebrations for Fireworks Displays [EUCS2023-0807]

Comments:

Thank you to the council and members for taking the time to review the petition. I believe that approving this petition would be a significant step towards inclusivity and recognizing the diversity and traditions of our community members.

Fireworks have always been essential to cultural and religious celebrations, symbolizing joy, happiness, and unity. By allowing fireworks during these special occasions, the City will showcase its commitment to fostering an environment of understanding and respect for the customs and practices of its residents.

It is crucial to consider that many other cities in Canada have already recognized the importance of such celebrations and have implemented more lenient regimes for fireworks. Cities like Brampton, Mississauga, and Kitchener allow fireworks on Diwali without a permit, and it has not gone unnoticed that this has positively impacted the community spirit during those festivities.

Regarding concerns about safety and noise pollution, it's essential to emphasize that the proposed usage would still adhere to the guidelines and regulations of the Fire and Protective Services Bylaw. Protocols would continue to be in place to minimize any risks.

Additionally, it's worth noting that the presence of fireworks can enhance community cohesion and foster a sense of togetherness. The positive impact of these displays on our City's social fabric outweighs the potential challenges in managing the permits.

Recognizing religious and cultural celebrations by allowing fireworks without permits aligns with the values of inclusivity and cultural diversity that our City strives to promote. It signifies a commitment to creating an environment where all residents can freely celebrate and proudly share their traditions.

In conclusion, I urge the City Council to consider the implications of allowing fireworks on Diwali and other significant cultural events. This change would demonstrate the City's dedication to embracing its multicultural community and acknowledging the value of diverse traditions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Ramesh Thirumalai

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