

Proposed Amendment to Deltopia Outdoor Festival Ordinance



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Deltopia

- Harmful to Isla Vista.
- Harmful to neighboring communities.
- Exponential cost to taxpayers.



Current Ordinance

- 6-70.01(a) – Outdoor festival ordinance.
- Currently prohibits amplified music during Deltopia weekend, 6pm to 7am.
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday – 1st week of UCSB Spring Quarter.

Proposed Amendment

- Increase ban of amplified music – audible from property line – to 72 hours.
- Friday at 12:00am to Sunday at 11:59pm – 1st week of UCSB Spring Quarter.
- Expand enforcement of outdoor festival and nuisance party ordinances to The Cove, housing northwest of Isla Vista.

Expansion of Ordinances

- 6-70.01(a) – Outdoor Festival
- 36-6 – Nuisance Party



Goals

- Protect Isla Vista, UCSB, and neighboring communities.
- Prevent future tragedy.
- Change the harmful culture of Deltopia.
- Deter out-of-town crowds to “keep it local.”
- Collaborate with IV Community Services District, IV Parks & UCSB to facilitate an alternative event that’s safe & sanctioned.



Outreach

- UCSB Associated Students
- UCSB Program Board
- UCSB Panhellenic Council
- UCSB Inter-Fratal Council
- UCSB Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- UCSB Vice Chancellor for Admin Services
- UCSB Housing
- UCSB Police
- SBCC Office of Communications
- Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD)
- Isla Vista Recreation & Parks District (IVRPD)
- Isla Vista Longterm residents
- City of Goleta
- Santa Barbara Airport
- Santa Barbara County Fire
- Santa Barbara Public Health
- IV Safe Meeting – October 15, 2025
- Coffee with a Cop – October 16, 2025
- Stakeholder Meeting – November 6, 2025
- Isla Vista Public Townhall – November 12, 2025
- Presentation to IVCSD – December 1, 2025
- *IVCSD DID NOT endorse this proposed amendment*

Deltopia 2013 – Balcony collapse



Deltopia 2014 – Riot



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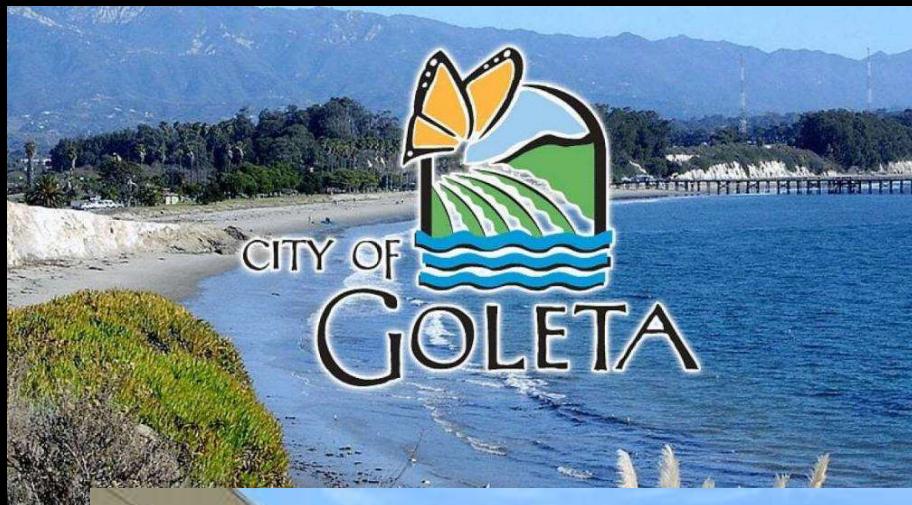
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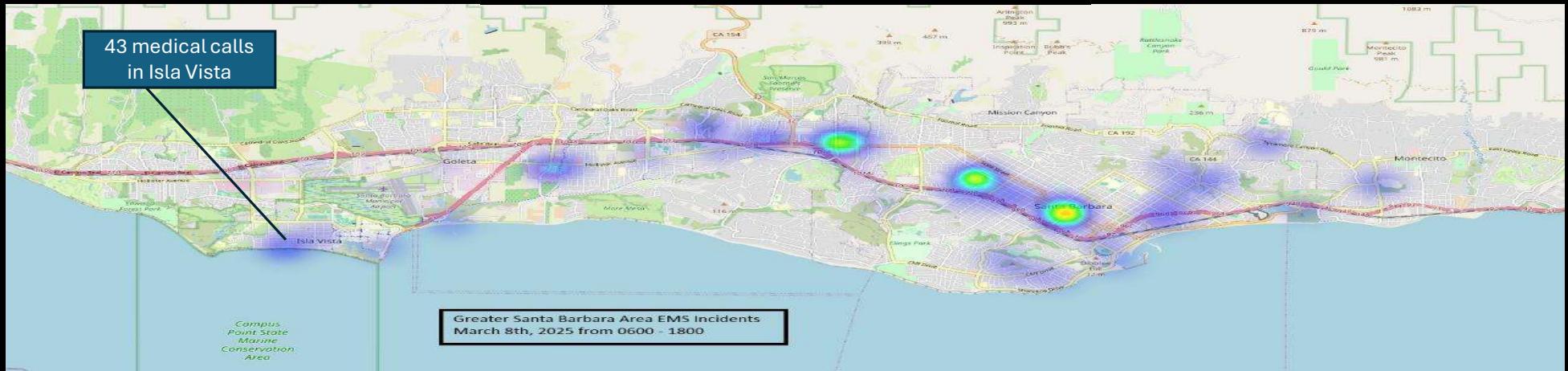
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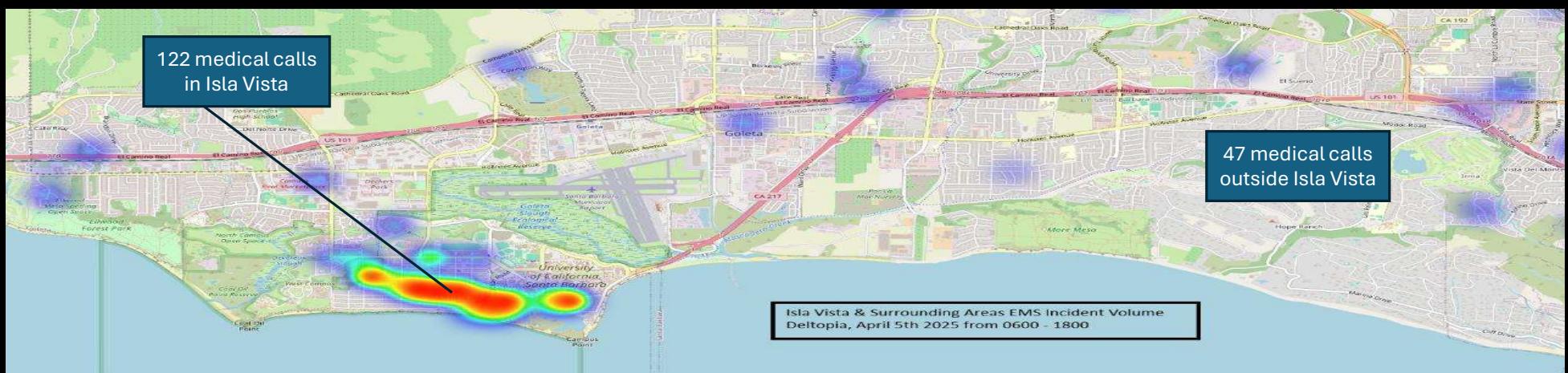
Deltopia's Harmful Impact Outside Isla Vista



Non-Deltopia Saturday



Deltopia 2025



Sheriff & Fire Overtime (2023-2025)

| Santa Barbara County Sheriff | Santa Barbara County Fire |
|--|---------------------------|
| Deltopia 2023 \$55,497 | Deltopia 2023 \$5,580 |
| Deltopia 2024 \$135,956 | Deltopia 2024 \$8,730 |
| Deltopia 2025 \$233,744 | Deltopia 2025 \$26,100 |
| Total = \$425,197 | Total = \$40,410 |
| Sheriff & Fire Overtime 2023-2025 = \$465,607 | |

72% increase in Sheriff overtime 2024 – 2025

\$1.1 Million = Sheriff overtime costs, 2010 – 2025

Deltopia 2009-2025

- 2 deaths
- 1 riot
- 1 balcony collapse
- Surge of medical emergencies
- Sexual violence
- Violent assaults
- “Deltopia” movie
- Overloaded cell towers
- Harmful environmental impact
- Negative impact to City of Goleta & Santa Barbara Airport
- Drain on public safety resources
- Millions of dollars funded by taxpayers



Deltopia Mitigation

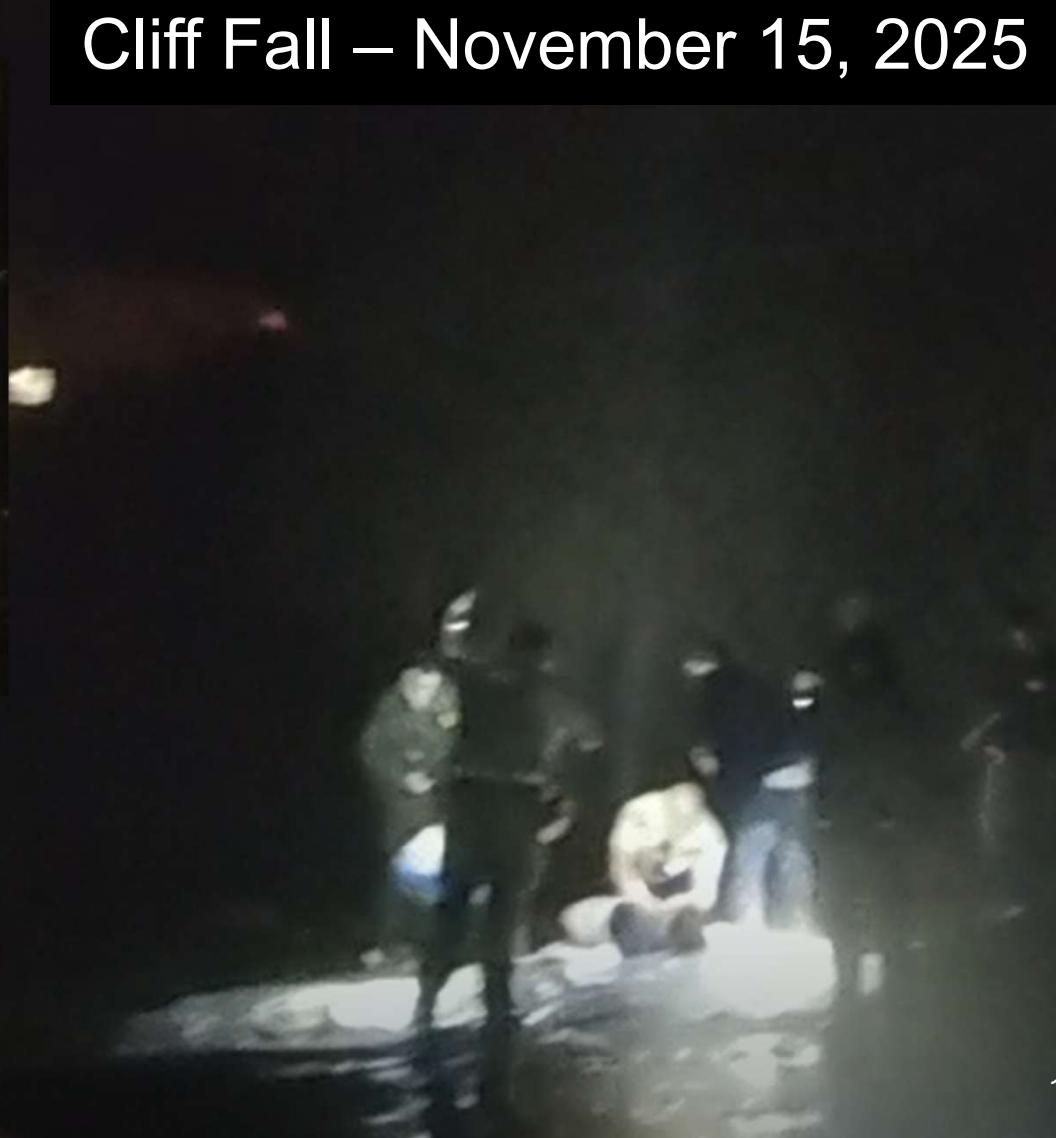
- Closed beaches
- Messaging to deter out of town crowds
- Multiple ordinance revisions
- Outdoor festivals, 6pm to 7am
- Eliminate paid parties
- No parties over 250
- Modification to 36-6 (nuisance parties)
- Suspension of restorative justice
- Increase law enforcement, fire, and EMS staffing

Next Steps

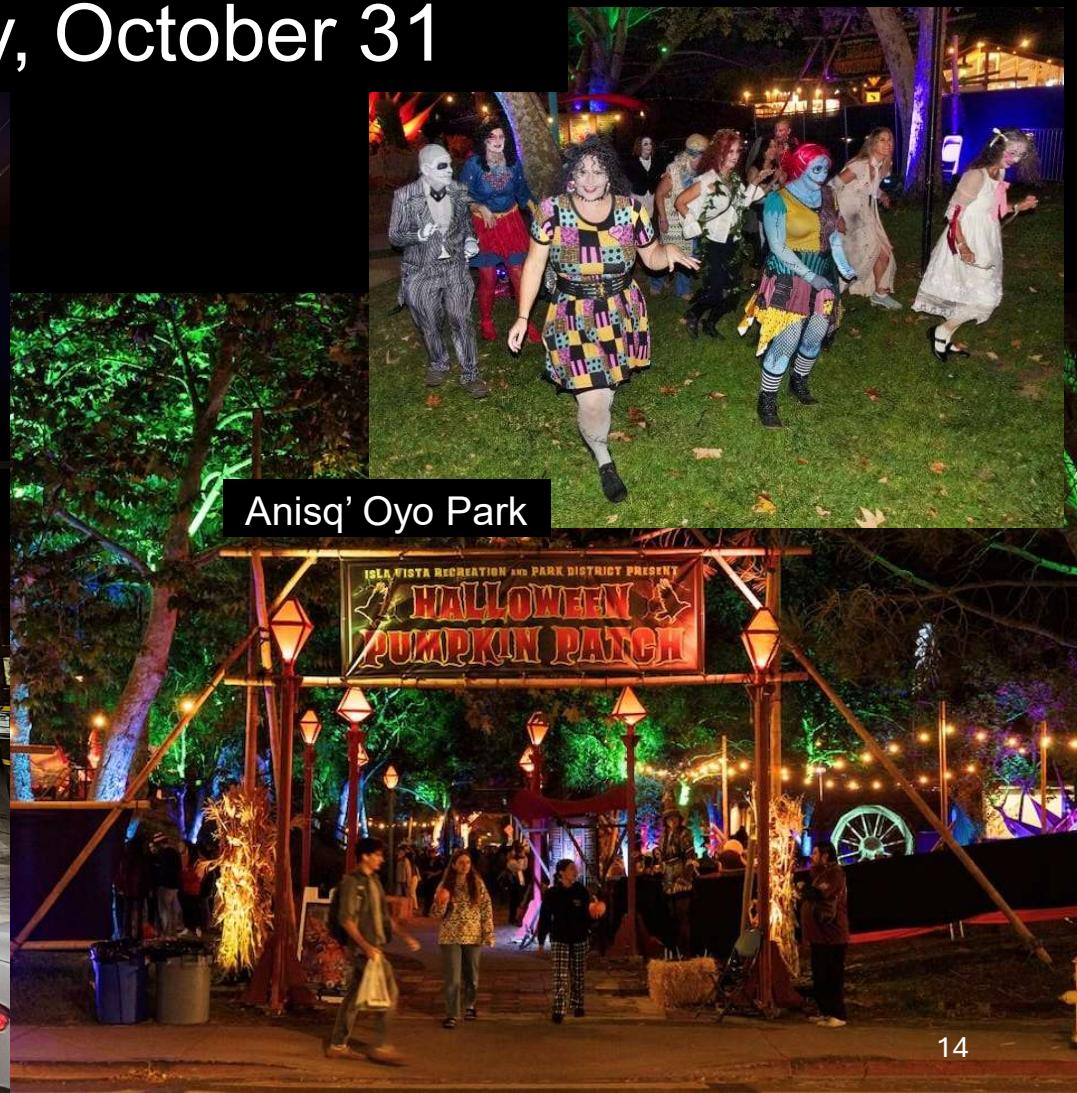
- Approve 72-hour festival ordinance
- Sanctioned festival
- Discourage out of town crowds & partying near dangerous cliffs



Cliff Fall – November 15, 2025



Halloween 2025 – Friday, October 31



Recommended Actions

- Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article VI regarding outdoor festivals, increasing the ban on outdoor festivals during Deltopia weekend to 72 hours, to include The Cove residential area.
- Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 36 regarding public nuisances to include The Cove residential area.

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.
- George Santayana