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Public Comment - Group 1

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**From:** Constance Brown <cbsunflower@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 9, 2023 2:15 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Isla vista ordinances for festivals and paid parties

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Dear Supervisors,

We would like to support these new proposals from Law Enforcement and the CSD 100%, and hope you will vote for them. They are extremely important for the viability of IV as a safe and pleasant place to live.

However, there is one area of extreme importance that was left out! The ability of anyone to call Law Enforcement any time of day or night when there are OUTRAGEOUS private parties disturbing the peace of everyone living nearby.

As a UCSB alumna, a tenant for 16 years and a property owner for almost 40 years in IV, we could not have stayed here for decades without this provision of the law. We enjoy hearing the young people having reasonable parties with reasonable numbers, reasonable behavior and a reasonable volume of music. But when there were crazy, drunken, outrageous parties near us or even a block away, we could ALWAYS call the Foot Patrol and tell them they were disturbing everyone's peace. They always responded in good time.

1. Dispatch would ask if we were willing to sign a citizen's arrest. We learned to say yes, since we were told that this would not happen, except in rare, dangerous cases.
2. The FP would come out, talk to the partiers to either turn down the volume or shut the party down if it was crazy.
3. If the young people did not, and we had to call a second time, the FP would issue them a citation.
4. Only if the partiers went to court to contest the citation, would our name become public, and we might have to go to court.

This NEVER happened after calling periodically for decades!  
THIS ABILITY ALLOWED US TO REMAIN IN IV

THEN, several years ago, the DA decided to do away with this lifesaver for all IV residents. I was told by the FP that we would NOW have to PROVE that the party goers were "personally, intentionally and maliciously 'disturbing my peace!'" Now that is downright crazy! Where did this come from and why? The FP stopped responding to these requests and everyone has suffered since. I have stories to tell!

We would like this provision reinstated as SOON AS POSSIBLE. We also would advise that a caller be asked by dispatch if they would be willing to "sign a noise complaint form," instead of being asked to sign a "citizen's arrest" form, which scared many young people, and others, off from doing it. And it was very misleading.

We appreciate any support you can give Isla Vista, which is still in the process of transforming for the better on so many fronts!

The Brown Family

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**From:** spamcollector <spamcollector@ccdc10.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 7:34 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Constance Brown  
**Subject:** disturbance of the peace

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I too am a long term resident of IV (51 years). Excess noise that disturbs my peace has been a periodic problem. As Constance Brown points out, the IVFP used to respond to a disturbance of the peace complaint, but no more.

I would think that if I am willing to sign a citizen's arrest and go to court of necessary, that action should be enough evidence for the FP to take action. NOW we have to PROVE that the party goers were "personally, intentionally and maliciously 'disturbing my peace! "

Personally, intentionally, and maliciously go out the window as the evening progresses and more and more alcohol is consumed.

Is not my action to sign a citizen's arrest and agree to appear in court, if necessary, sufficient that FP that the party goers were "personally, intentionally and maliciously 'disturbing my peace! "

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**From:** Carmen Bailey <cathodebeam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2023 1:09 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Statement to be addressed to Board of Supervisors at 12/12/23 Meeting

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Afternoon Members of the Isla Vista Board of Supervisors,

My name is Carmen Bailey & I am a permanent resident in Isla Vista. I moved into Isla Vista about 3 years ago. Since then, I have dealt with an inordinate amount of amplified music in IV. I have been told that as a resident and as a community there is nothing we can do about such disturbances as the current ordinances in Isla Vista allow anyone to make as much noise as they desire from the hours of 7:00 am to 10:00 pm on week nights and from 7:00 am to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Where is the civility in this ordinance - which also assumes that all students welcome such disturbances? How about the rights of those student who actually prefer a peaceful environment to live & study.

Allowing any large loud parties to persist on a daily basis places stress on those who dwell in Isla Vista as well as those who serve our community such as the local law enforcement, the Foot Patrol and our fire department.

For example, currently, at any given Friday or Saturday night, vehicle accessibility on Del Playa is extremely limited if not stymied on a regular basis due to the large numbers of people allowed to loiter on that street - to watch band performances or to party publicly. Clearly such congestion is a public hazard for emergency crews as well as the neighbors who need to travel in & out of their homes.

Currently, Isla Vista permits an unlimited amount of people to congregate on any one single residential property or apartment at any given time. This would seem to violate a normal safe capacity in any other community.

Here in Isla Vista; however, business operations such as paid for play parties and paid admissions to amplified band performances are tolerated if not encouraged! Such businesses in any other residential neighborhood are banned as it would violate residential zoning laws which are created to prevent unsafe congestion and loud disturbances. Yet, these festival atmospheres are acceptable on a regular basis each and every week here in Isla Vista.

I understand that IV contains a large population of students who rent & then move out. However, I would like to remind the board that there are also permanent residents who call Isla Vista their home; there are families with children who deserve consideration for a peaceful and safe community. We are a residential community first and foremost. Would you serve those of us who cherish peace and safety?

I ask also the board members to consider if this type of disruptive behaviors is acceptable within your own neighborhood.

So today, I urge you to first support the IV Social Ordinances and The Outdoor Festival ordinances as being proposed by our local law enforcement in order to bring civility and safety back to our Isla Vista. I would also urge you to consider any further steps to keep Isla Vista safe.

Thank you for your time & attention.

Respectfully,

Carmen Bailey

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