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Education not Enforcement

Dear Commissioners:

We've got the message, loud and clear: the fire department has no enforcement powers and therefore cannot enforce the fireworks law.

What we propose instead is a partnership between GIPOA and GIFD where we seek to cooperatively educate our island neighbors concerning the desirability of eliminating the trafficking of illegal fireworks to Guemes Island. Here are some ideas for consideration;

Work visibly and openly with GIPOA to express opposition to illegal fireworks

Work with GIPOA on large anti fireworks signs to be displayed in public places

Request county approval for anti fireworks signage at the Anacortes ferry landing

Encourage citizens calling 911 to report the firing of illegal fireworks

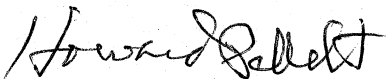
Jointly host a public meeting concerning the downside of firing illegal fireworks

Volunteer for public educational tours of Guemes Island at appropriate times

Tell us what we can do to assist: Funding, helping hands, etc.?

Thank you for scheduling this public meeting and for hearing our concerns.

Sincerely,



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