



Staff Request for City Council Direction on the 250th Anniversary Fourth of July Community Celebration

**RTC #26-71
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Fourth of July Celebration

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Central Park Considerations

- ISC Construction Project
- Central Park Entrance and Access Project
- Central Park School Fencing
- Public Safety Concerns
 - Traffic Congestion & Pedestrian Safety
 - Emergency Vehicle Access
 - Crowd Control
 - Secure Perimeter

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Project location

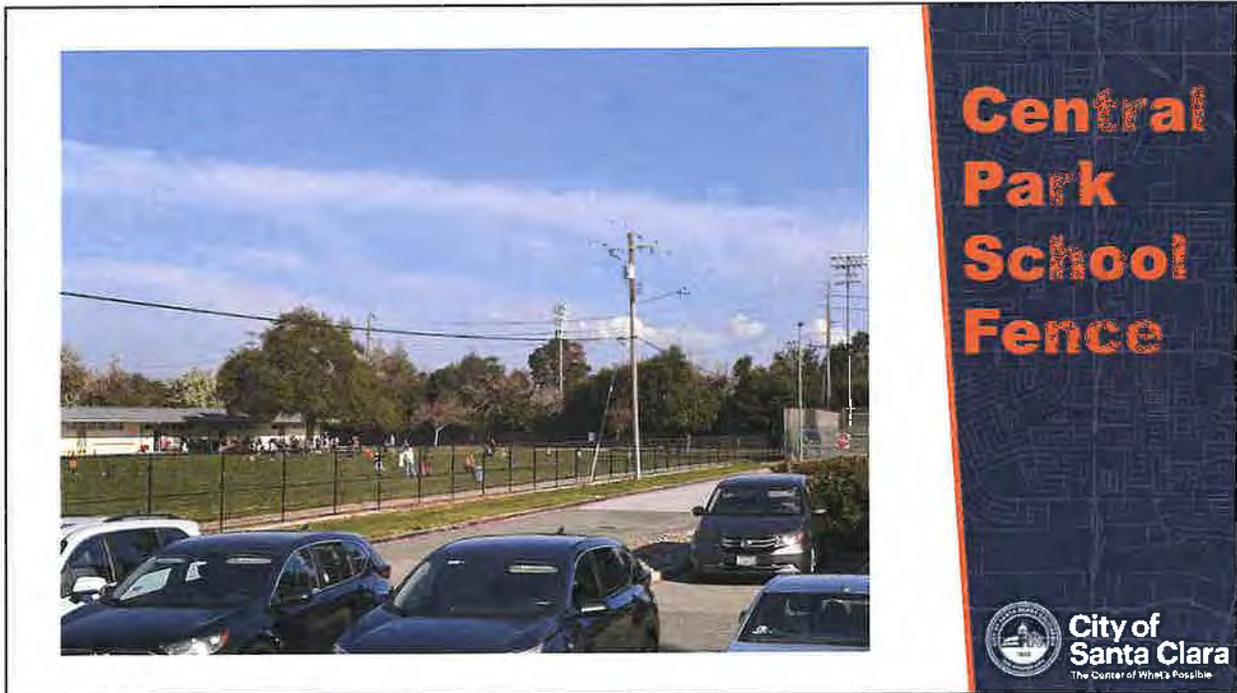
Central Park Considerations
ISC Phase I Project

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Survey Results

- 71% of survey respondents prefer an evening event with entertainment and fireworks, while 29% prefer a family picnic with entertainment and activities.
- 39% of survey respondents prefer a 2-3 hour event, and 39% preferred a longer event (3-4 hours or more) that includes entertainment and fireworks at Central Park.
- 56% of survey respondents rated the Central Park location as the most important factor when attending the event.

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Options for Consideration

- Option 1:** Host the 250th Anniversary Fourth of July Community Celebration at Central Park as an evening event inclusive of entertainment and fireworks
- Option 2:** Host the 250th Anniversary Fourth of July Community Celebration at Central Park as a daytime event inclusive of artisan vendors, traditional family activities, food and entertainment
- Option 3:** Host the 250th Anniversary Fourth of July Community Celebration in Partnership with Mission College and California's Great America inclusive of entertainment and fireworks

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Option 1 – 250th Anniversary Fourth of July Celebration at Central Park with entertainment and fireworks



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Option 1 Site Map


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Option 2: 250th Anniversary Fourth of July Community Celebration at Central Park as a daytime event



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Option 2 Site Map



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Option
3 Site
Map

Operational Event Map

A - PARKING LOT A	K - FOOD TRUCKS
B - PARKING LOT B	L - BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY BUILDING - BASE CAMP / STAFF BREAK AREA
C - PARKING LOT C	M - CITY DEPARTMENTS
D - PARKING LOT D CLOSED	N - TAP WATER EXPRESS
E - FREE SPEECH	O - COOLING CENTER
F - PUBLIC ENTRANCE	P - MAIN STAGE - ENTERTAINMENT
G - PUBLIC ENTRANCE	Q - INFORMATION BOOTH
H - PUBLIC ENTRANCE	R - GAME ACTIVITIES
I - VISITOR PARKING LOT - VIP	
J - PERMITTED PARKING	

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Fiscal Impact

- Option 1 - \$254,100
- Option 2 - \$121,300
- Option 3 - \$154,000

- Available budget FY 2025/26 is \$66,000
- Available FY 2025/26 with Sponsors and Grants expected \$146,000

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Action for Consideration

It is recommended that the City Council determine that any of the proposed options is categorically exempt under CEQA as a Class 23 exemption, and direct staff to (1) proceed with one of the Fourth of July event options and (2) return to the City Council with any necessary budget actions to implement that recommended option.

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- **Option 4:** Alternative event identified by the City Council.

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Questions/Comments?

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Drone Analysis

- Fall out zone
- Viewing and Flight Height
- 1,000 Approximately Drones \$200,000

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