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**Council Meeting Date** 6/24/2020

**Agenda #** 10

**Subject** Read Out Loud

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Izcally Hernandez

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 9928 Protea Gardens Rd

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I urge the council to adopt the EPD reform points that were suggested by councilwoman Diaz. Mike Morasco recently published an OP-Ed addressing these reform points and belittling the calls to reform. He claims that these points would “take a lot of time and could be an exercise in futility.” I would first like to note that for a council member to say that reform should not be taken because it would simply take too much time is an absurd and lazy notion to hold. The city council members should be willing to put in the work for the people they represent, time and effort should not be a factor in determining whether reform should come to the EPD. Additionally, it is ignorant for Council member Morasco to be in favor of reform based on facts, but oppose creating a system where we can collect data and facts. If Morasco was indeed in favor of data he would approve of this reform because it would allow us to analyze the way in which the city of Escondido is policed. Furthermore, I would like to emphasize how important it is for police officer applicants to have a college degree, or at least have longer training periods. Studies have shown that police officers with a college degree are 40% less likely to use force (Jason Rydberg, The effect of Higher Education on Police Behavior.) In college, officers will have opportunities to be a part of internships, study abroad, and volunteer work (that will help develop civic engagement skills), and overall be exposed to more diversity. Additionally, I would urge the council to consider community input in the hiring of police chiefs and captains. This is in no way an attempt to reduce nor infringe on the powers of the City Manager, but an effort to highlight that officers “protect and serve” the people of this city and thus should represent the will of the people. Overall, I would like the city council to see reform not as an attack on the police department, but as a chance to create systems where we can analyze the way in which the department engages with the public and a way for the public to be involved in the safety of our city.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/24/2020

**Agenda #** 12

**Subject** Read Out Loud

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Amanda Cormier

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 526 Smoketree Glen

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I am writing for two reasons: in strong opposition to additional coronavirus-related funding for the EPD, and to ask that the City Council establish an independent citizen oversight committee of the police department. First: two weeks ago, the Council passed a budget with nearly 50% allotted to the police. Why on earth is an extra coronavirus grant even necessary? Almost half of the grant is designated for "SPIDR" software. The description of SPIDR technology does not list COVID-related specifics or a comparative analysis of other software that would be more effective to establish safe community practices during COVID. Instead it states it will "automatically generate and send customized text and email messages to crime victims and reporting parties." Why hasn't the EPD provided a detailed description of why this is a necessary COVID-related expense? Second. Escondido needs an independent citizen review committee for the EPD. The SDPD and most major American cities have them. Establishing such a board would be a first step in ensuring that the beneficiaries of 50% of the city budget are actually accountable to the citizens of Escondido. It is important that the Council also create ordinances that explicitly require that the EPD cooperates with the committee. I call on the City Council to establish citizen trust in the EPD by creating an oversight committee. And rejecting the additional COVID grant. Is \$50 million seriously not enough? Thanks for your time and consideration.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/24/2020

**Agenda #** 12

**Subject** READ OUT LOUD – Public Comment from Greg Anglea, Chief Executive Officer of Interfaith Community Services for the 6/24/20 City of Escondido Council Meeting Item #12

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Brett Fisher

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 550 West Washington Avenue

**City** Escondido

**State** California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Public Comment from Greg Anglea, Chief Executive Officer of Interfaith Community Services follows. On behalf of Interfaith Community Services, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the City of Escondido for its continual support and the CARES Act funding recommendations being considered today. Interfaith is proud to be an experienced frontline provider and is dedicated to strengthening our services to the residents of Escondido, especially during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Interfaith is a current recipient of ESG funds to provide homeless prevention services. In addition to rental assistance, Interfaith provides the necessary supportive services to strengthen housing stabilization, such as employment services and case management. These funds are being used to help Very Low-Income households in Escondido who are at risk of homelessness. Interfaith has also been active in the County's Hotel program to offer unsheltered homeless individuals who have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and the safe shelter during the pandemic. This includes managing 80 units at the Super 8 Motel in Escondido. If approved, Interfaith will use the additional ESG-CV funding to provide homelessness prevention assistance to Escondido residents who are at risk of becoming homeless due to COVID-19 and Rapid Rehousing services for clients in the COVID-19 Hotel Program as they transition from their current situation into stable housing when the pandemic is over. The recommended CDBG-CV funds is intended to extend the Escondido Homeless Case Management program for up to four (4) additional years after the Regional Taskforce for the Homeless funding ends. To provide a sense of the current scale and impact of this program, in just the last five (5) months Interfaith's social worker in coordination with the Escondido Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving ("COPPS") unit has worked with 69 Escondido community members experiencing homelessness and provided 441 services encounters. In closing, I commend the City of Escondido mayor, deputy mayor, council members, and staff for their advanced planning to ensure that households and individuals experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness will not be forced to live on the streets or return to congregate care before the increased risk of infection is over. Thank you again for your ongoing partnership with Interfaith.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/24/2020

**Agenda #** 12B

**Subject** SPIDR technology purpose

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Ryan Fischer

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 719 Goldenrod Street

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I am concerned about designation of the SPIDR computer software as a COVID-related expense. I am curious how great the benefit of automated text messages and survey feedback is in comparison to its potential as a personal data collecting and surveillance tool. I find the given purpose of allowing the police to "maintain social distancing" to be specious at best. Unless Police Chief Varso can provide a more concrete connection to the Department's COVID response and any privacy safeguards that would be in place, I would submit that this is a misappropriation of funds designed to gather information on the citizens of Escondido.

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Mr. Zack Beck  
Escondido City Hall  
201 N. Broadway  
Escondido CA 92025

Re: Proposition on the Agenda for 6/24, item 15

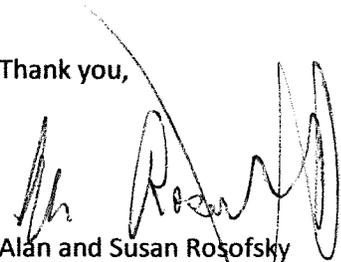
Dear Mr. Beck,

My wife and I have enjoyed our mobilehome for several years in Casa de Amigos. However, I realize that there are at least four parks in Escondido where the asking rents are so high that the home owner either cannot sell their mobilehome, or must sell it at a large loss.

I have read the resolution RRF 2020-04 and agree that the mobilehome owner needs protection against unscrupulous Park Owners.

Please vote for this resolution. I believe it is fair and will allow us to maintain equity in our homes.

Thank you,



Alan and Susan Rosofsky

Casa de Amigos Space#

**Read aloud, please**

Mr. Zack Beck  
Escondido City Hall  
201 N. Broadway  
Escondido CA 92025

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Dear Mr. Beck,

My wife and I have enjoyed our mobilehome Live in Casa de Amigos. We enjoy the park and have made many friends. But when we decide to sell, or if it is necessary for us to sell our mobilehome, we would like to get a fair price for it. We have made many improvements to the home.

We have noticed, however, that there are some parks when the owner tries to sell their home, the Park Owner requires anywhere from \$1,300 to \$2,000 per month to the new buyer. This literally destroys the value of the home. And there is nothing that the home owner can do.

I have read the resolution RRF 2020-04 and agree that the mobilehome owner needs protection against unscrupulous Park Owners.

Please vote for this resolution. I believe it is fair and will allow us to maintain equity in our homes.

Thank you,

Handwritten signatures of Bob Howard and Nancy K. Howard in cursive script.

Bob and Nancy Howard

Casa de Amigos Space 228

**Read aloud, please**

Mr. Zack Beck  
Escondido City Hall  
201 N. Broadway  
Escondido CA 92025

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Dear Mr. Beck,

My name is Carol Hanegan and I live in Casa de Amigos. I am a widow and my only child lives in New York. I hope to be able to live my life out here in this community. But no one can tell the future. There may come the day when I must sell my home to move into an assisted living.

However, I have become aware of a few parks that have increased the rent to a new buyer to well over \$1,000 to \$2,000. This would destroy the value of my home. I have lost sleep over the fear of this happening to other parks and even my park.

I have read RRB 2020-04 and it seems to be fair to both the mobilehome owner and the Park Owners. Please, to the council, vote to pass this Resolution. Save our communities.

Thank you,

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Carol Hanegan

Casa de Amigos, Space 250

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/24/2020

**Agenda #** 15

**Subject** Mobilehome Rent Ordinance Amendment

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Don Greene

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Comments** Council members, As a member of the team who negotiated this amendment to the Short Form Rent Ordinance, I strongly urge you to support the work which residents, mobile home park owners, and city staff have done to craft this language. We all feel it is fair to all parties involved, crafted in the spirit of the original work done on the Rent Control Short Form Increase application, and has established an open line for future communication between mobile home owners and mobile home park owners. Please honor the work done over the last few weeks and vote to support the adoption of this amendment to the Rent Review Guidelines. Thank you, Don Greene

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City of Santa Rose     Mobilehome Rent Control Program   Chapter 6-66

A Prospective Homeowner Disclosure Statement form shall be signed by each prospective homeowner upon making application to the park for tenancy. The disclosure will inform them of their tenancy options. A prospective homeowner shall have the right to select a lease or rental agreement of 12 months or less which will be subject to the City's rent control limitations.

City of Fremont     MH Space Rent Stabilization   Chapter 9.55

Every mobile home owner and prospective owner shall have the option to reject the offered rental agreement for a term of 12 months or less, including a month to month agreement. The park owner must (1) offer the mobile home owner or prospective owner the option of a rental agreement for a term of 12 months or less, and (2) inform the prospective homeowner both orally and in writing that if he/she signs a lease or rental agreement, it may not be subject to the terms and protection of the rent control ord.

City of Carson     MH Space Rent Control   Chapter 7

No park owner may require, directly or indirectly, that any homeowner or prospective homeowner sign a lease or rental agreement that provides that it shall be exempt from local rent control or provides for space rent in excess of that permitted by this Chapter as a condition of tenancy in the park and no park owner may deny a tenancy to a prospective purchaser on the ground that the prospective purchaser will not sign such a lease or rental agreement.

City of Marina     MH Rent Stabilization   Chapter 5.72

Any prospective tenant must be offered the option of renting a mobilehome space in a manner which will permit the "tenant to be" to receive the benefits of the mobile home space rent stabilization program which includes, but is not limited to, rental of a mobile home space on a month-to-month basis. Such a person cannot be denied the option of a tenancy of twelve months or less in duration. The prospective purchaser must be provided with written notification of this chapter.

(ABOVE)   Examples of Rental Agreement Options from other cities



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**Council Meeting Date** June 24, 2020

**Agenda #** #15

**Subject** MH Vac.Control Resolution READ ALOUD

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Evelyn Langston

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 1001 S. Hale Ave., #53

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** READ ALOUD & SLOWLY Good Evening Mayor and City Council members. My name is Evelyn Langston. I am a 17 year proud resident of Casa Grande Mobile Estates, secretary of our HOA and President of EMPAC. I just wanted to applaud the authors of our city ordinance on vacancy control. Especially Joan deVries, Louise Reed and Ingrid Rainey. They worked tirelessly and very long hours. I believe it paid off. Both sides were able to reach compromises benefiting both park owners and foremost, the home owners. So, in closing, I look forward to working with the council in the future and with all parties involved with mobilehome issues. Some people in the past have not given EMPAC much credibility, but we definitely are a group to be reckoned with. Thank you for your time. Evelyn Langston, EMPAC President

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June 24, 2020

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

Mr. Paul McNamara - Mayor  
Ms. Consuelo Martinez - Deputy Mayor  
Ms. Olga Diaz - Council Member  
Mr. Michael Morasco - Council Member  
City of Escondido  
20 I North Broadway  
Escondido, CA 92025

Re: **Item #15: Mobilehome Rent Protection Ordinance (“Proposition K”) Vacancy Control/Decontrol or Mobilehome Rent Review Board Guidelines Amendment**

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Thank you so much for all of your support and leadership through this process, especially Council Member Olga Diaz and Mayor Paul McNamara. Both of their leadership, persistence, and encouragement has been commendable, appreciated, and an asset through this process.

After numerous Zoom meetings and telephonic communications between EMPAC, Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association, Thomsen Properties, and Les Frame Management, we were able to reach an agreement on the terms of the proposed amended short form, which will be voted on tonight. EMPAC desired to amend the short form rather than seek a ballot initiative, because the amended short form can be immediately implemented.

As a litigator, I have seen many mediations fail due to each party’s inability to budge on one’s demands. However, this did not occur here, because all parties were able to ultimately agree on the terms.

After my participation in these meetings, I am encouraged by the open dialogue between the residents and landowners. This new relationship could dissolve a history of disagreement and disruption among the parties moving forward.

Respectfully,

Ingrid Rainey  
Managing Partner

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/24/2020

**Agenda #** 15

**Subject** Short form changes to rent control protection ordinance

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Katie Morris

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 301 E 17th Street - suite 208

**City** Costa Mesa

**State** CA

**Zip** 92627

**Comments** June 23, 2020 Mr. Paul McNamara – Mayor Ms. Consuelo Martinez – Deputy Mayor Ms. Olga Diaz – Council Member Mr. Michael Morasco – Council Member City of Escondido 201 North Broadway Escondido, CA 92025 RE item number 15 of June 24th Council Agenda: Mobilehome Rent Control Protection Ordinance (Proposition K) Vacancy Control/DeControl or Mobilehome Rent Review Board Guidelines Amendment Dear Mayor and Council Members, For many years Vacancy De Control has worked well in Escondido. It has created an equitable balance for the homeowner and the park owner because obviously, annual increases of 75% of CPI in the long term cannot keep up with the funding of responsible operations and capital expenditures that old mobilehome parks demand. However, the maintenance of balance requires responsible rent increases to be charged by park owners to the new buyer of a mobilehome. Over the years most park owners in the city have been very responsible with how much the rent is increased when a sale occurs. On the other hand, some have not, and it's my belief that the latter is what brought us all to the table today. To achieve equal understanding in how to accomplish change for the future that met everybody's goals, EMPAC - a resident group, EMPAC's attorney, WMA – a park owner industry group, park owners and park owner representatives came together to discuss how we might be able to solidify fair rent increases happening upon sale, and how best to prevent egregious upon sale rent increases in the future. Ultimately, after many positive Zoom meetings between the parties, a lot of hard work, and mutual empathy, an agreement for change was achieved. Because of this, I ask that the council support the amendment of the rules to the short form rent increase process as outlined in your staff report, which would prevent an amendment to Proposition K. Voting against amending the changes to the short form application (as outlined in the staff report) and instead, voting for a ballot measure to amend Proposition K, would be adverse to all who this matter concerns. Thank you for your time, and your service. Sincerely, Katie Morris President Thomsen Properties

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201 N. Broadway  
Escondido CA 92025

Re: Proposition on the Agenda for 6/24, item 15

Dear Mr. Beck,

I am a mobilehome owner in Casa de Amigos. I enjoy the Park very much and believe we have good management. However, I have heard about a few parks in Escondido where the rents to new owners are now between \$1,300 and \$2,000. This seems to me to be extremely unfair. I would hate to have this become a trend among other Park Owners. It would destroy the value of everyone's home.

Something needs to be done to save the mobilhome community from greedy Park Owners.

I am not against a Park Owner making a fair profit, but make it fair for the mobilehome owner as well.

I believe that the resolution RRF 2020-04 will protect both the mobilehome owner and the Park owners.

Please vote for this resolution.

Thank you,

  
Kay Overman

Casa de Amigos, Space

**Please read aloud**

Mr. Zack Beck  
Escondido City Hall  
201 N. Broadway  
Escondido CA 92025

PLEASE READ ALOUD

For the past twenty years or more, it has been a dream of EMPAC's to get some sort of Vacancy Control proposition for the Mobilehome owner in the City of Escondido. Hopefully, the Council will vote for Resolution to the Mobilehome Rent Review Board No. RRB2020-04 tonight.

Any change is always preceded by much work, discussion, and negotiation. To that order, I want to thank and recognize the many folks who have contributed to this Resolution. But first, a little background.

Attorney Ingrid Rainey, Joanie deVries and I began in October, parsing every word and reworking the old Proposition T. Ingrid took us under her wing, giving us much needed advice.

We presented our proposition to Olga Diaz and Consuelo Martinez in February who suggested we present it to the Mayor. They would present it to Atty. McGuiness. Two weeks later Mayor McNamara gave us an entire hour to present our request and said he would present it to City Manager. Good to his word, Paul put it on the next available Council Agenda in early March. However, Covid-19 had other plans.

The Council reviewed our proposition on May 6 and agreed to send it to the City Attorney for proper wording. Meanwhile, the Mayor called and asked if EMPAC and Atty. Rainey would be willing to sit down with some Park Owners to see if we could have a meeting of the minds. He, the Mayor, would only be the facilitator and not take part in discussions.

We met on Zoom and were quite far apart in what both sides could agree. After several meetings and several phone calls, a compromise was agreed upon.

Here's thanks to: Atty Ingrid Rainey, Joanie deVries, The EMPAC Board, Mayor McNamara who was so instrumental in encouraging both sides to talk and setting a time and place for both sides to negotiate, Olga Diaz (who has fought for the Mobilehome owner for the past 10 years), Counsuelo Martinez, Atty. Mike McGuinness who sat in on some of the Zoom meetings, Atty. Gary McCarthy, City Staff, and Park Owners, who met for hours on Zoom, Bart Thomsen, and all his calls and e-mails, Clinton Lau, Julie Paule, from the WMA, and Katie. A shout out to Mike Morasco who reached out to the Park Owners and Don Greene, who made the suggestion that helped us over an impasse.

Very Truly Yours,



Louise Reed

Vice President, EMPAC

**Read aloud, please**

Mr. Zack Beck  
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201 N. Broadway  
Escondido CA 92025

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Dear Mr. Beck,

I have been a mobilehome owner for several years and enjoy the mobilehome community. I believe it is the last affordable way to own your own home. Many owners have added value to their homes by updating and making improvements. Believe me, the mobile home of today looks nothing like the mobilehome of yesteryear.

I have heard about a some parks in Escondido where the rents to new owners have risen dramatically, more than \$1,000 and \$2,000. This seems to me to be extremely unfair. 'It destroys the value of the home and the home owner has no recourse

Something needs to be done to save the mobilhome community from these and future avaricious Park Owners.

I am in favor of RRB 2020-04 and believe that the resolution will protect the interests of both the mobilehome owner and the Park owners.

Please vote for this resolution.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Dickenson".

Pat Dickenson

Casa de Amigos

**Read Aloud, please**

Mr. Zack Beck  
Escondido City Hall  
201 N. Broadway  
Escondido CA 92025

Re: Proposition on the Agenda for 6/24, item 15

Dear Mr. Beck,

I am a resident of Casa de Amigos. I enjoy he park very much. However, I have become very concerned regarding the extremely high rents being charged in some of the Parks.

My home is my main investment and should I need the money from a sale of my home to go into an assisted living facility, I fear I might not, either be able to sell my home, or sell it at such a loss that I might have to depend on my son who is also disabled.

Please vote for RRD 2020-04 Vacancy Control Resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Austin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Austin  
Casa De Amigos  
Space 267

**Read aloud, please**

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Dear Mr. Beck,

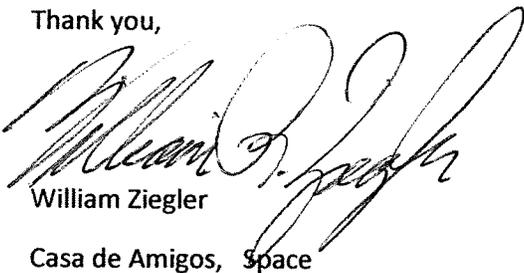
I am a mobilehome owner in Escondido. For several years, now, I have noticed the incoming rents to a new buyer has increased, in some instances dramatically. Now, I know that a Park Owner needs to make a profit, else why stay in business.

I am aware that a few Park Owners are charging up to \$2,000 per month to the new buyer. This absolutely destroys the value of the home. And I have heard of times when the owner is not able to sell the home at all. This is completely unfair.

I have read the resolution RRF 2020-04 and agree that the mobilehome owner needs protection against unscrupulous Park Owners.

Please vote for this resolution. I believe it is fair and will allow us to maintain equity in our homes as well as give the Park Owners a fair return on their investments.

Thank you,



William Ziegler

Casa de Amigos, Space

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/24/2020

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** :Read Aloud

**Position** No Position

**First and Last Name** Ana Marie Velasco

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 944 Reed terrace

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Chapter 3, Strategy 8 :Reduce and Recycle of Solid Waste Citizens for a Plastic Free Escondido would like to see diversion/reducing Solid Waste by 85 % not by 2035 but much sooner. We can do better! Much of the emphasis of diversion and reduction is based on recycling, a strategy that is NOT working, specially when it comes to Plastic Waste .The latest data shows that Plastics warm the planet twice as much as aviation.If demand continues to grow at the current rate plastics will account for 15% of emissions by 2050. The average human is ingesting, through eating, drinking, or breathing, 70,000 particles per year, the rough equivalent to a credit card per week. We would like to see an ordinance passed that would ban Single Use Plastic as part of the Zero Waste component of the ECAP by 2021.

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# Escondido Climate Action Plan

## **Escondido Community Advisory Group Sub-Committee on Effective & Equitable Climate Measures**

Summary of “ECAP” Recommendations  
April 2020

# Escondido Community Advisory Group Activities 2020

## Meetings



Community Advisory Group  
created Subcommittees

Reduce Single-use plastics/Zero  
Waste  
Escondido Climate Plan measures



Participated in in-person meetings  
(City and Roundtable Pizza)



Held 11 Subcommittee meetings by Zoom  
(March- May)



Convened full Community Advisory Group meeting  
April 6 (22 attendees)



Met with staff and elected officials to receive input

## Work Products

[Recording of April 6](#) full Advisory Group  
presentation.

[Supplemental Report](#) of rationale and  
evidence supporting recommendations.

[Full power point presentation](#)

Summary power points

# Integrating Social Equity into the Escondido Climate Action Plan



# Justice and Equity

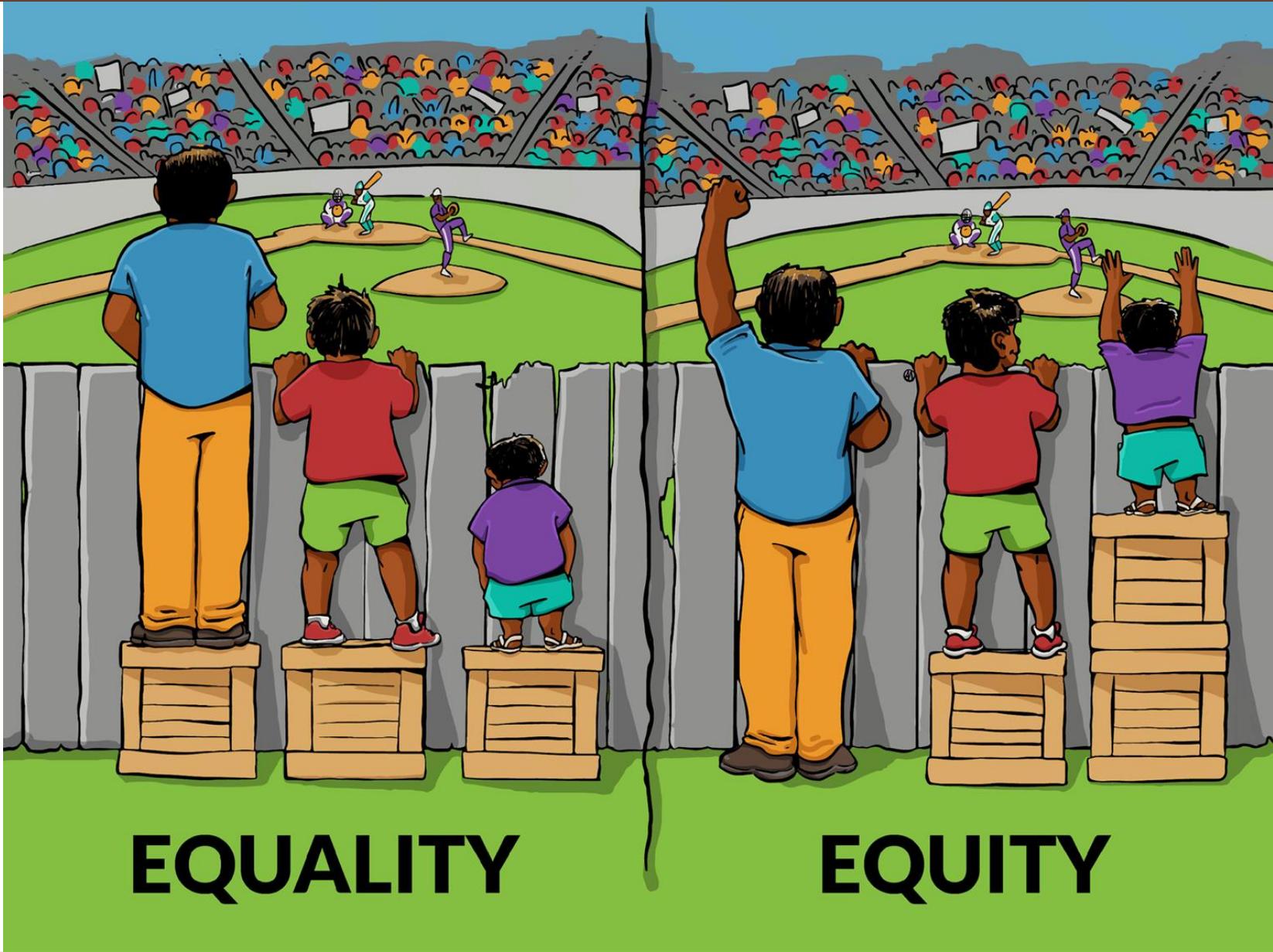


## **Environmental justice**

Environmental justice recognizes that certain communities - generally lower-income & communities of color - have historically borne the brunt of pollution exposure, have traditionally been left out of important decision-making processes, and ultimately will be impacted first (& worst) by climate change.

## **Social Equity**

Equitable action is an **EFFECTIVE** approach for meeting the needs of under-served communities and vulnerable residents through policies and programs that reduce disparities while fostering places that are healthy and vibrant.



**EQUALITY**

**EQUITY**

## SOCIAL EQUITY IN CAP IMPLEMENTATION

Equitable CAP Implementation addresses patterns of underinvestment, centers communities of concern, and proactively plans for long-term health, economic opportunity, and quality of life. Along with his colleagues, Dr. Manuel Pastor, Professor of Sociology and American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California, defines the following dimensions of equitable implementation:

**PAST | Prioritizes investments that will close racialized gaps**, especially by wealth, environmental burden, and existing amenities in a way that will improve work and economic and health opportunities for underinvested communities.

**PRESENT | Involves partnership throughout the process** that centers the perspectives of vulnerable communities, that supports authentic community-based participation and power, and that results in shared decision-making, while also strengthening the health and well-being of the entire region.

**FUTURE | Takes into account the future** by leveraging funding for long-term community health and organizational capacity, mitigates future harm that may result for new investments in a place, and incorporates metrics and evaluation to promote adaptable and effective implementation.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Vanessa Carter, Manuel Pastor, and Madeline Wander. 2018. Measures Matter: Ensuring Equitable Implementation of Los Angeles County Measures M & A. Available at <http://dornsife.usc.edu/pere/measures-matter-la/>

# Path to Achieve Social Equity in Priority Investment Neighborhoods (PINs)

Designate PINs: areas where location, pollution, climate risks combine with inherent population characteristics and historical underinvestment to pose higher risks to residents.



Improve access and participation through education and outreach.



Designate highest priority for funding and action on key enforceable measures

escondido

Show search results for escondido



**Legend**

CalEnviroScreen 3.0 Results (June 2018 Update)

- 91 - 100% (Highest Scores)
- 81 - 90%
- 71 - 80%
- 61 - 70%
- 51 - 60%
- 41 - 50%
- 31 - 40%
- 21 - 30%
- 11 - 20%
- 1 - 10% (Lowest Scores)

High Pollution, Low Population

# Cal EnviroScreen Results - Escondido



Census Tract: 60730**20500**

Population: 5,196  
**CalEnviroScreen 3.0** 70-75%  
**Percentile:**

**Pollution Burden** 69  
**Percentile:**  
**Population**  
**Characteristics Percentile:** 67

Ozone: 61  
 PM 2.5: 53  
 Diesel: 65  
 Pesticides: 0  
 Toxic Releases: 14  
 Traffic: 69  
 Drinking Water: 27  
 Cleanups: 30  
 Groundwater Threats: 70  
 Hazardous Waste: 51  
 Impaired Water: 81  
 Solid Waste: 86  
  
 Asthma: 43  
 Low Birth Weight: 49  
 Cardiovascular Rate: 38  
  
 Education: 88  
 Linguistic Isolation: 85  
 Poverty: 84  
 Unemployment: 46  
 Housing Burden: 94

Information about age: This tract contains 18% Children under 10. The average in California census tracts is 13%. It also contains 11% Elderly over 65. The average in California census tracts is 12%.

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Census Tract: 60730**20601**

Population: 5,560  
**CalEnviroScreen 3.0** 60-65%  
**Percentile:**

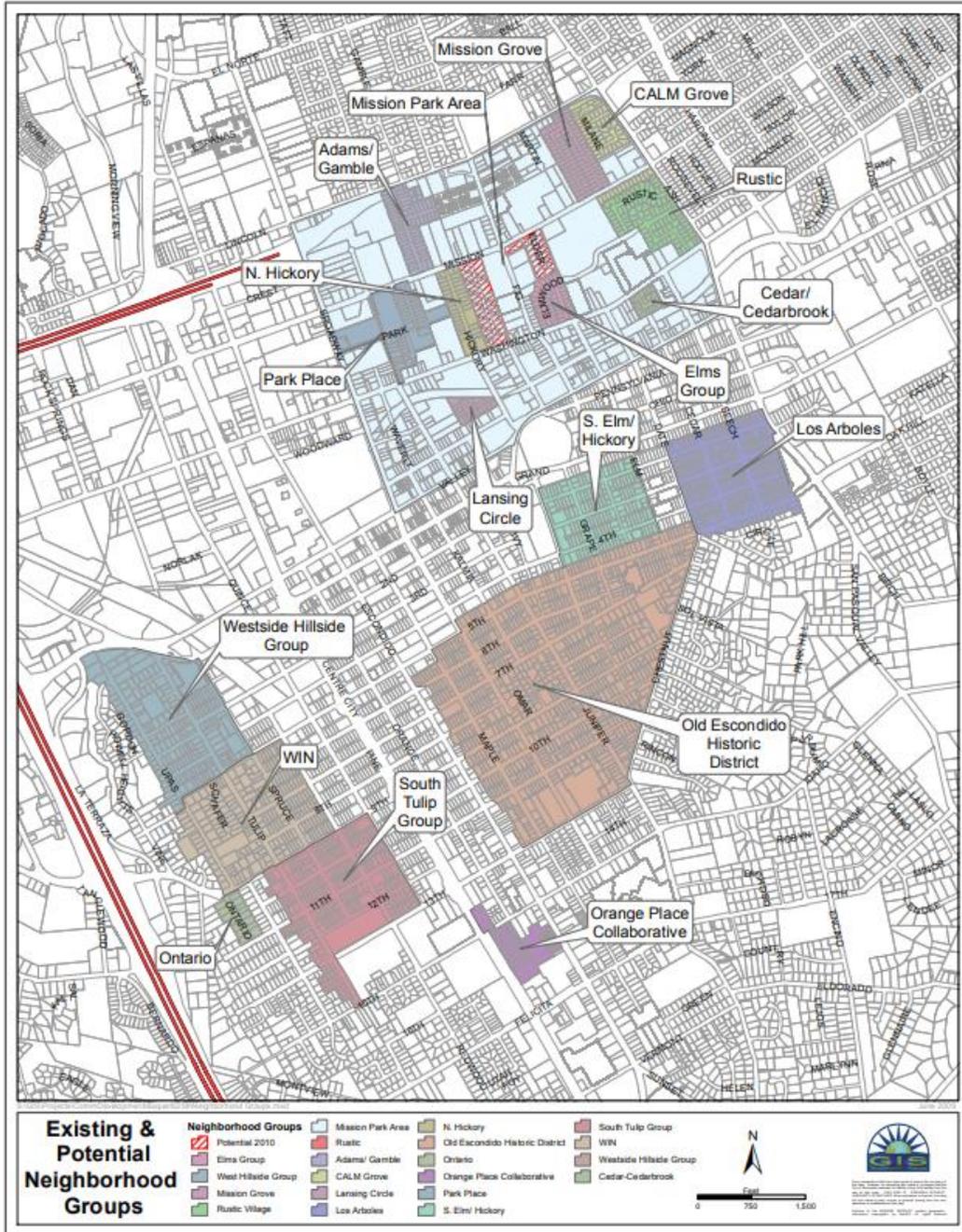
**Pollution Burden** 52  
**Percentile:**  
**Population**  
**Characteristics Percentile:** 59

Ozone: 61  
 PM 2.5: 53  
 Diesel: 65  
 Pesticides: 0  
 Toxic Releases: 13  
 Traffic: 27  
 Drinking Water: 27  
 Cleanups: 6  
 Groundwater Threats: 75  
 Hazardous Waste: 54  
 Impaired Water: 81  
 Solid Waste: 74  
  
 Asthma: 43  
 Low Birth Weight: 29  
 Cardiovascular Rate: 38  
 Education: 89  
 Linguistic Isolation: 78  
 Poverty: 90  
 Unemployment: 39  
 Housing Burden: 82

Information about age:  
 This tract contains 21% Children under 10. The average in California census tracts is 13%. It also contains 4% Elderly over 65. The average in California census tracts is 12%.

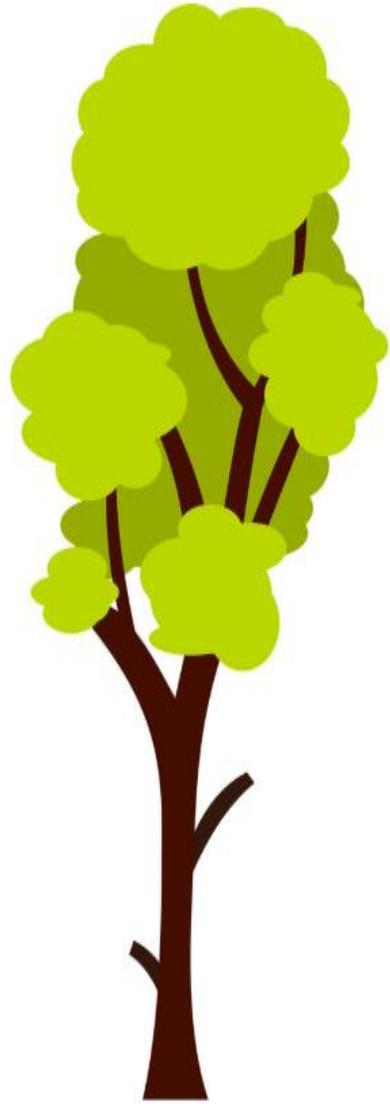


Include appropriate areas in the CBDG Neighborhood focus areas and other city-specific areas



# ECAP Measures for Priority Investment Neighborhoods (PINS)

<b>GOALS:</b>	<b>ACTIONS:</b>
<b>Education &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>Formalized ECAP Working Group or Climate Committee Regular Climate Workshops and Leadership Training</b>
<b>Urban Forestry and Shaded Transportation Routes</b>	<b>Improvements of walkways &amp; public transportation routes, with increased tree shading, and Urban Forest Master Plan</b>
<b>Home Solar Energy and Retrofit Program</b>	<b>Expand the current weatherization program for mobile homes to include homes in priority investment neighborhoods to provide weatherization &amp; energy efficiency upgrades for low &amp; moderate income households.</b>
<b>Promote Green Jobs</b>	<b>Inclusive, local hire requirements in CCE</b>
<b>Green Spaces and Riparian Restoration</b>	<b>Restore natural areas to improve natural carbon capture &amp; pollution reduction, to beautify &amp; cool neighborhoods, &amp; to create a welcoming natural space for residents to enjoy</b>
<b>Heat Island and Cooling Centers</b>	<b>Identify at-risk areas that lack in-home cooling systems &amp; help establish cooling centers.</b>



# The Climate & Health Benefits of Trees!!

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A single mature tree **sequesters 40-80lbs of carbon** per year. For the city of Escondido's ~52,000 trees, that's 1000-2000 tons of carbon annually.

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The cooling effect of a single healthy tree equates to 10 room-sized AC units

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Trees allow for soil & **stormwater retention** - 1000g/y per mature tree

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Trees are **critical for wildlife** habitat to thrive

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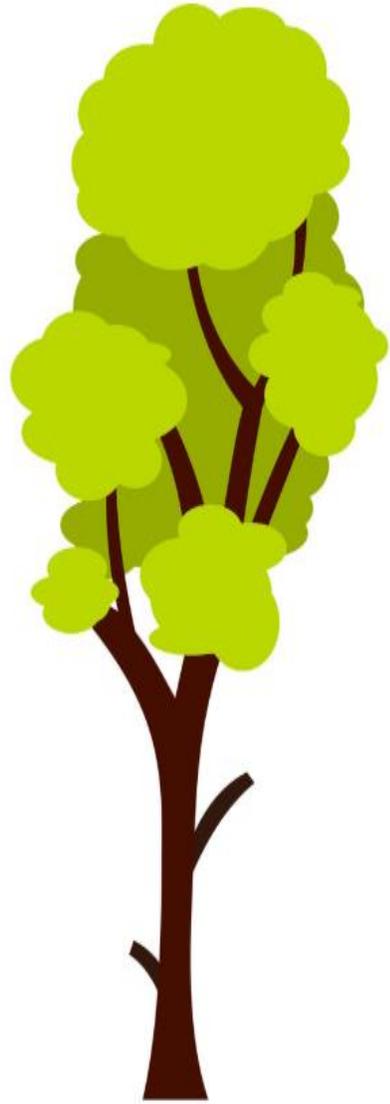
Trees **reduce heat island effects** by as much as 10-15 degrees F via the shading & "evapo-transpiration" they provide.

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Trees **absorb** additional GHG's & **air pollutants**

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Trees **improve well-being**, & have been also been linked to **crime reduction**



# The Economic Benefit\$ of Tree\$!!

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Appraised value of a single mature tree is **\$1,000 - \$10,000+**

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Trees situated around buildings **reduce energy costs by ~30%**

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Mature trees **increase property values by 10%**

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Increased property value equates to higher **city tax revenue**

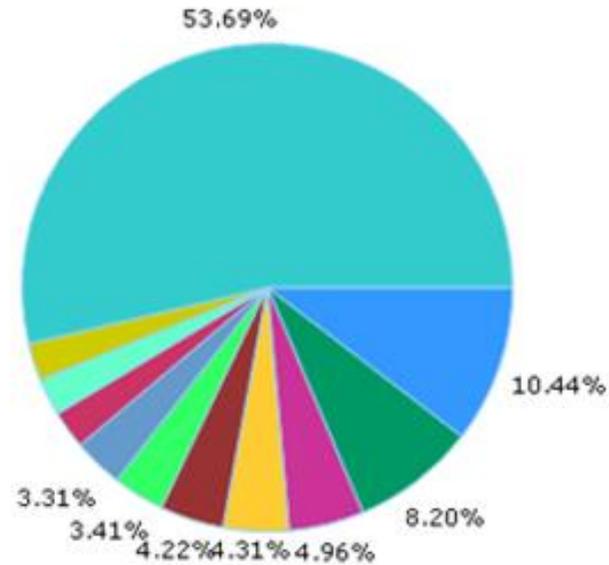
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Trees **stimulate economic development** & attract new business.  
More business equates to **increased sales tax revenue**

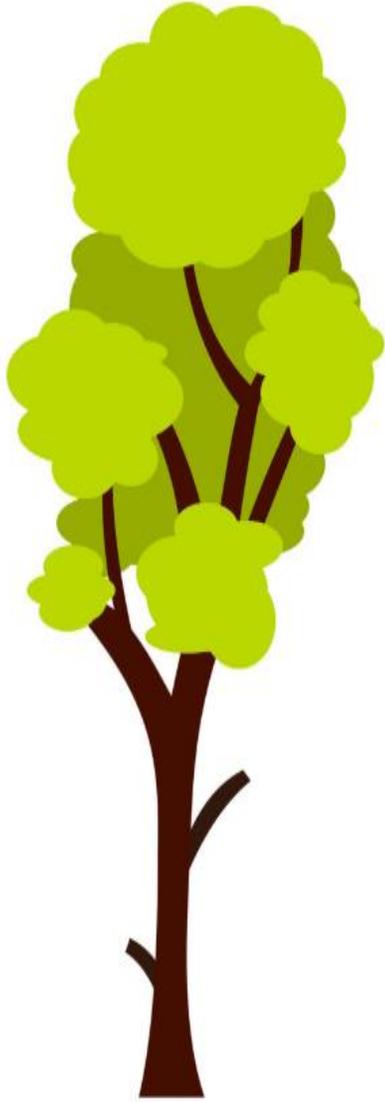
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Properties with trees a are **more valuable to sell/rent**

## Top 10 Species / Estimated Value



	<b>Botanical</b>	<b>Common</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Estimated Value</b>
	Syagrus romanzoffianum	QUEEN PALM	5,177	10.44%	\$8,698,620.00
	Quercus agrifolia	COAST LIVE OAK	4,064	8.20%	\$24,210,650.00
	Washingtonia robusta	MEXICAN FAN PALM	2,461	4.96%	\$9,533,400.00
	Platanus X hispanica	LONDON PLANE	2,137	4.31%	\$4,218,040.00
	Liquidambar styraciflua	AMERICAN SWEETGUM	2,092	4.22%	\$5,205,460.00
	Lagerstroemia indica	CRAPE MYRTLE	1,689	3.41%	\$1,303,060.00
	Eucalyptus camaldulensis	RED GUM	1,640	3.31%	\$9,743,170.00
	Jacaranda mimosifolia	JACARANDA	1,246	2.51%	\$1,940,970.00
	Cupaniopsis anacardioides	CARROTWOOD	1,228	2.48%	\$2,464,520.00
	Lophostemon confertus	BRISBANE BOX	1,226	2.47%	\$2,758,000.00
	Other	OTHER	26,623	53.69%	\$79,929,420.00
	<b>Total Trees</b>		<b>49,583</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$150,005,310.00</b>



# Measures to Increase & Protect Urban/Suburban Tree Canopy

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Create a City Forestry Team led by certified arborists. Assess current canopy coverage & identify areas of deficiency in business & residential sectors

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Develop a master plan to fund, maintain, & improve our urban forest. Emphasize use of water wise & drought resistant native trees & shrubbery

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Require street trees to be planted in new commercial developments

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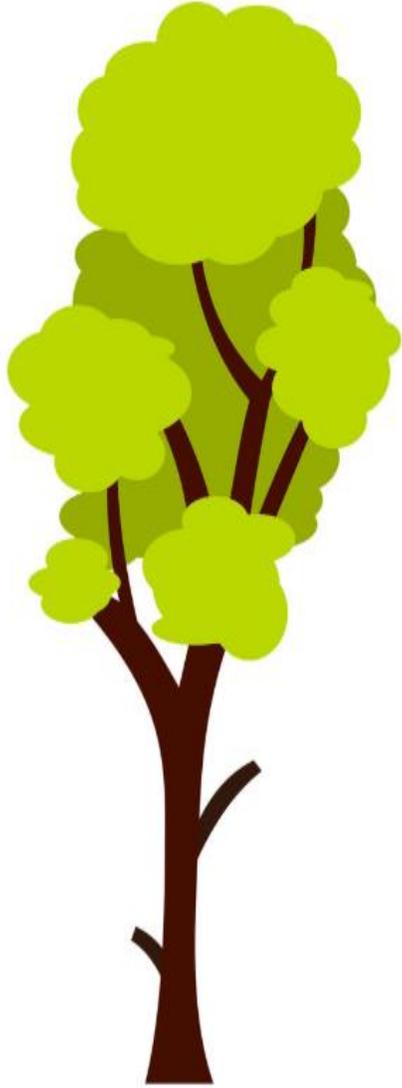
Adopt ordinances to require tree preservation, w/ enhanced inspection, enforcement, & maintenance capabilities

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Replacement and planting program in deficient areas & Priority Investment Neighborhoods.

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Pursue an aggressive timeline that begins planting in 2021 and targets 15-20% total city canopy coverage by 2035.



# Urban Forest Support Initiatives

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Pursue 2021 funding from CALFIRE Grants for canopy assessment and initial investment.

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Pursue the funding of tree planting projects via The Escondido Community Foundation and Community Development Block Grants

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Continued participation (expansion?) in Cool Parks, where recently volunteers planted 300 trees in Kit Carson Park and other local parks

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Provide cost-sharing for planting of shade trees. Encourage incentive programs with local utilities/SDG&E

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Increased City of Escondido & Community collaboration w/ Arbor Day Foundation

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## 2019/2020 CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Grant Workshops

CAL FIRE will hold eight workshops and a webinar about the 2019-2020 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Programs funded by California Climate Investments (CCI). Each workshop will cover grant opportunities for the following Urban and Community Forestry project types:

- Urban Forest Expansion and Improvement
- Urban Forest Management Activities
- Urban Wood and Biomass Utilization

It is strongly suggested that attendees familiarize themselves with the Grant Guidelines prior to the workshops so that the question and answer portion of the workshops will be of maximum value to those attending. For more information about the grant program, access to the Grant Guidelines, and to sign up for our [grants list-serve](https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/urban-and-community-forestry-grant-programs/) visit:

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/urban-and-community-forestry-grant-programs/>

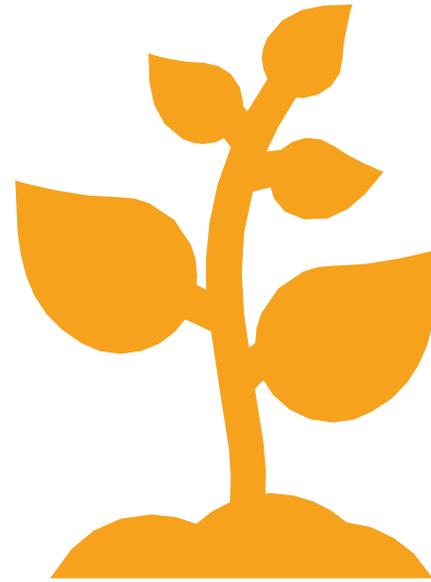
### Workshop Date, Time and Location

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Oct 16	6PM-8:30PM	<b>South San Francisco</b> - Council Chambers, Municipal Services Building, 33 Arroyo Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080
Oct 16	10AM-12 Noon	<b>Los Angeles</b> – The River Center, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Los Feliz Room, 570 W Avenue 26, Los Angeles, CA 90065
Oct 21	10AM-12 Noon	<b>Bakersfield</b> – Bakersfield City School District, Maintenance Yard, 1501 Feliz Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93307
Oct 21	1PM-3PM	<b>San Diego</b> – Balboa Park, War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

# CAL FIRE GRANTS

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/urban-and-community-forestry-grant-programs/>

Prop 68. Urban Forest Management Activities					Priority Benefit
CAL FIRE Grant ID	Applicant	Project Title	Brief Description- Location	Grant Award Amount	DAC SDAC
18-P68-UF-01-MGMT-001	City of Temecula	Temecula Urban Forest Management Plan and Inventory	The City of Temecula will develop a tree inventory and canopy assessment, create an Urban Forest management plan, perform ordinance /policy updates, and provide tree planting events for community input. 300 trees will be planted. An arborist will be hired to perform work under supervision of city staff.	\$ 323,930.00	DAC
18-P68-UF-01-MGMT-002	City of Davis	Davis Urban Forest Management Plan and Tree Planting	The City of Davis will develop an updated Urban Forest management plan, assess the recent inventory of trees for management priorities, develop outreach through community forums and planting events, partner with local non-profits to implement UFMP, and provide job training for 12 individuals.	\$ 514,116.83	DAC-SDAC
18-P68-UF-01-MGMT-012	City of Rancho Cordova	Rancho Cordova Shade Tree Expansion Continuum	The City of Rancho Cordova will develop an Urban Forest management plan. Partnerships will be utilized to conduct outreach and education with some component of conservation corps involvement. 750 trees will be planted in partnership with various entities. A tree management software system will be developed for use by the city.	\$ 369,500.00	SDAC
18-P68-UF-01-MGMT-014	City of Fremont	City of Fremont Urban Forest Management Plan and Tree Planting Project	The City of Fremont will complete a thorough tree inventory of all street, median, and park trees. The City will plant 250 trees, establish a 40 year Urban Forest management plan, form a tree advisory committee, establish a UF program manager position, promote education and outreach, and hold public events for tree planting.	\$ 860,000.00	DAC
18-P68-UF-01-MGMT-016	City of La Mesa	City of La Mesa Urban Forest Management Planning Initiative	This project will take place within the city limits of La Mesa, located in San Diego County. The proposed Urban Forest Management Plan will cover the entire City, and community residents and stakeholders will be engaged through the development of the Plan to ensure community priorities and values are embedded into all programming. The City's proposed project includes a tree planting component, where 200 trees will be planted in total. Approximately 50% of the trees will be planted in the disadvantaged communities and approximately 50% will be planted in the surrounding Census Tracts and Block Groups (subset of census tracts).	\$ 385,200.00	DAC



## LAND USE MEASURES

Enhancing carbon sequestration and carbon emission reduction

# Riparian Restoration



A **1 km** restoration site could contain **~4,419 tons** of accrued carbon in soil & woody vegetation, which is equivalent to the amount of carbon released from:

- **1,478 homes/year**
- **3,411 passenger cars/year**

*(US EPA, 2015)*



# Urban Creeks

## LOCAL PROJECTS

- Reidy Creek (\$500k, CDFW + City)
- Spruce Street (\$5 mil? SANDAG&..)
- Escondido Creek Bike Trail (\$8.5 mil CPD)
- Encinitas Cottonwood Creek (\$4 mil)
  
- Potential Sites
  - Reidy Creek Golf Course
  - Escondido Creek
  - Harmony Grove



*10.9 kil restoration in Cheonggyecheon, South Korea approx. 281 mil*



# Riparian & Chaparral Habitats Sequester Carbon

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Riparian/chaparral ecosystems absorb large amounts of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> & store the carbon in their biomass between 0.2 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/acre/year and 1 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/acre/year.

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Chaparral habitat has the largest biomass per acre in Southern California and is **our largest natural carbon sink**

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Chaparral habitat can adjust to high levels of air pollution; Planting chaparral plants in urban environments could significantly reduce the impact of air pollution

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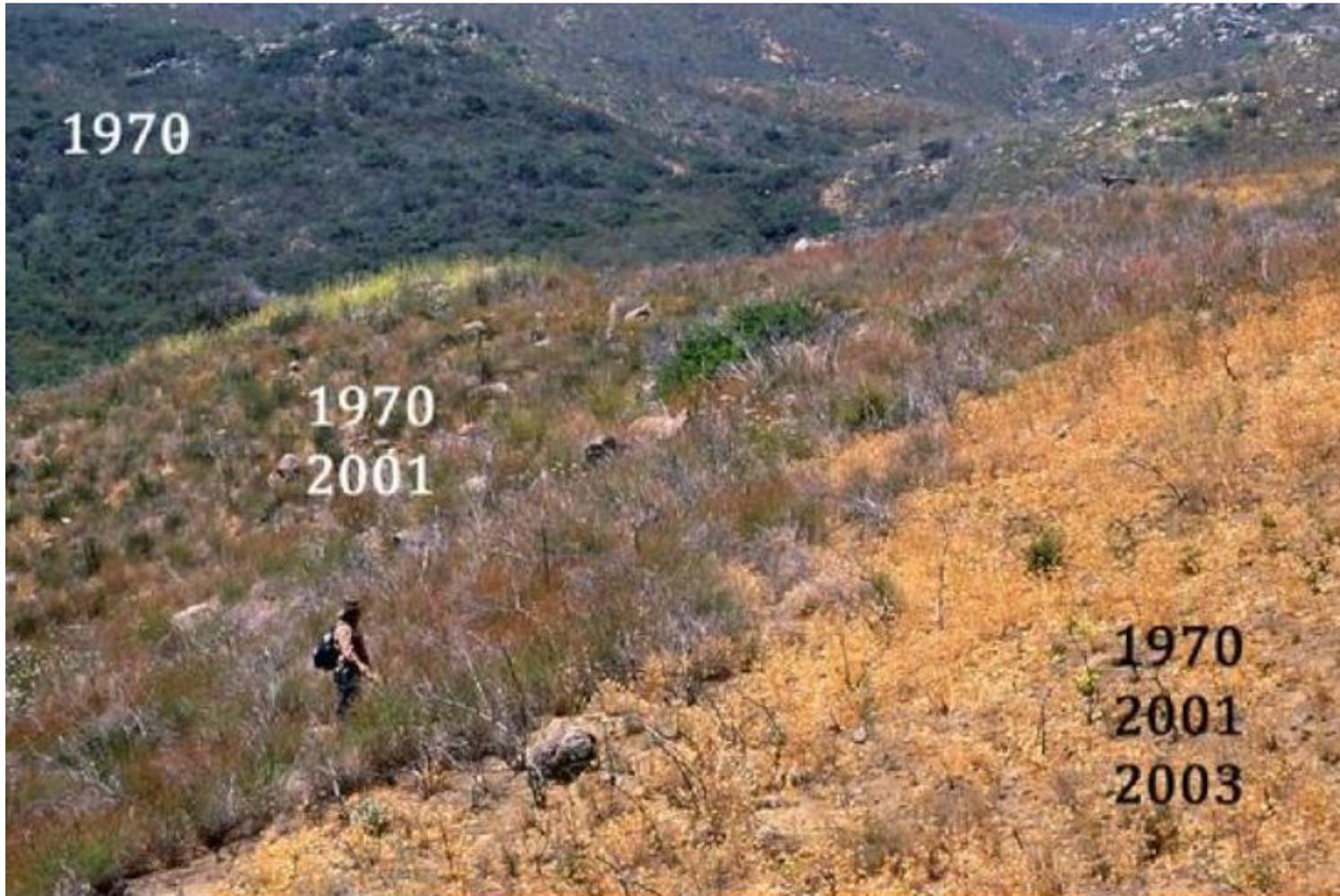
Chaparral habitats are one of the most resilient & sturdy in Southern California, but also one of the least restored

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With climate change converting many of our currently forested areas, the role our chaparral habitat plays will be more important than ever



# Fire Threat To Chaparral Habitat



# Human Threat to Chaparral Habitat

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# Primary cause of wildfire? Human Activity!

- 84% of U.S. wildfires were caused by human-related activity
- Human activity has tripled the length of the fire season
- Human cause fires have dominated an area seven times greater than lightening fires
- 95% of fires the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection responds to are caused by humans
- Regional policy efforts to mitigate wildfire-related hazards would benefit from reducing the human expansion of the fire niche
- The Ranch fire, the largest in state history at 410,000 acres, ignited by a pounded a metal stake into the ground with a hammer to plug a yellow jacket nest.
- CalFire responds to 1,600 fires each year started by people using equipment improperly,



# Where will people live?

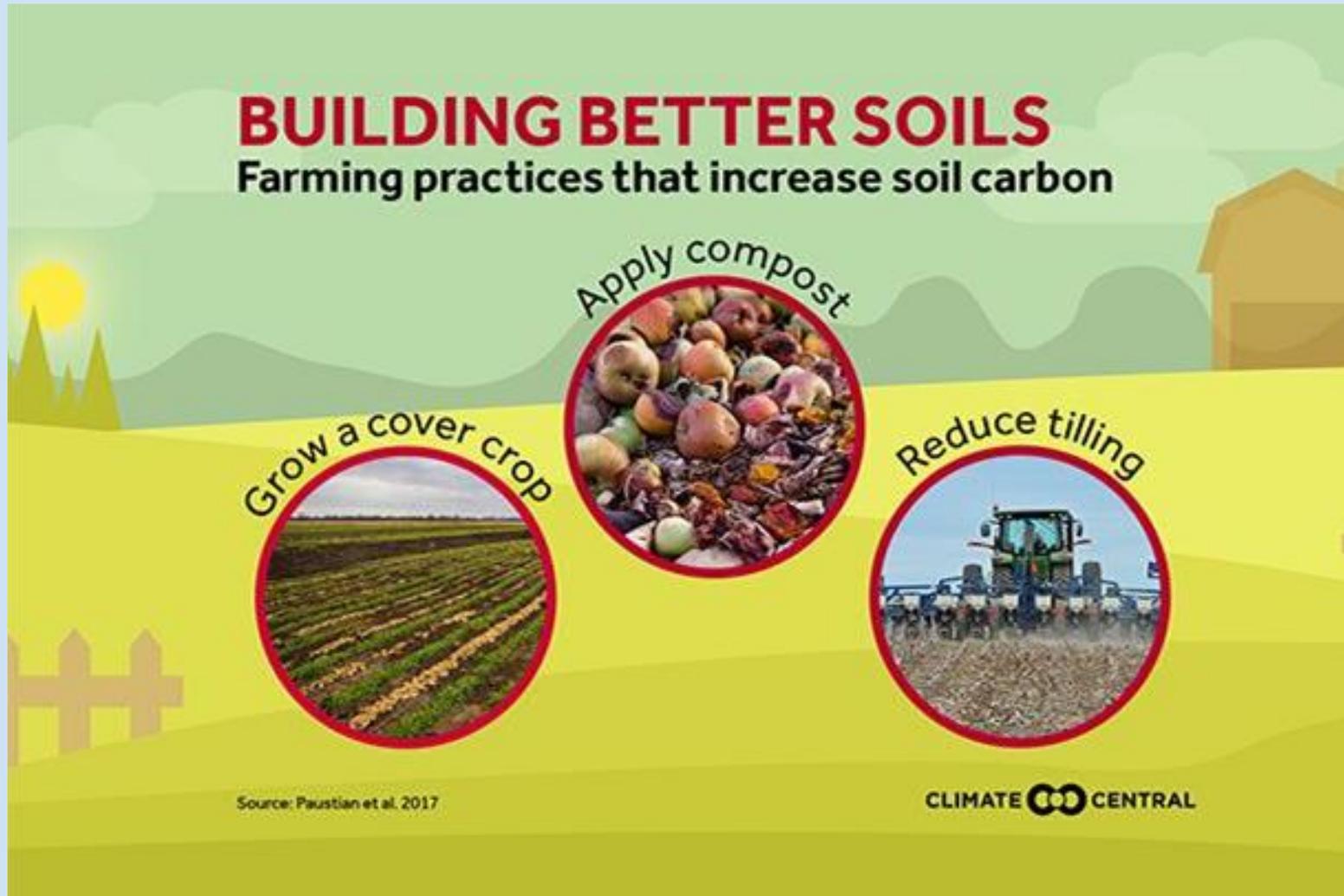
- Fragmentation of Chaparral habitat, like urban sprawl, increases the likelihood of fires
- Land use planning needs to set aside continuous habitat instead of fragmented pieces for fire prevention and wildlife corridors
- Urban sprawl should be replaced with strategic urban density incorporated with vibrant green spaces

## Climate Benefits:

- 20-40% less driving
- Emits 13 MMt carbon/home/yr less than suburban units



# Increase Carbon Farming



- Stabilize, sequester carbon and reduce emissions
- Compost application on cropland and rangeland has high GHG removal potential of **1.5 – 4 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/acre/year**;
- Co-benefits of plant growth, increased water holding capacity

Degenerative\*



Bare Soil

\*In general, especially on large land surfaces, this practice leads to degeneration of soil health.

Regenerative\*



Cover Crops

\*In concert with other regenerative practices can help rebuild healthy soil.

KISS THE GROUND

# Increase Urban Agriculture

Promote existing and establish new **community gardens** in partnership with groups in Escondido to increase learning opportunities, social networks and food sustainability

Benefits include:

- organic and local produce
- significantly improved air quality
- physical space for community building and learning opportunities



# Measures to increase carbon sequestration and reduce carbon emissions



Mitigating fire risk will reduce loss of lives and property with co-benefits of carbon emissions reduction.



Modeling of future climate conditions to identify at risk areas. Update fire hazard maps to identify areas most susceptible to fire



Develop plan with partners to preserve and restore city creeks and riparian ecosystems & chaparral habitat.



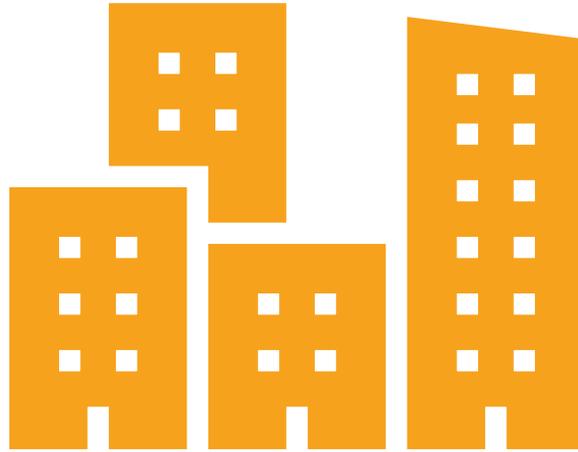
Reduce fire risk by STOPPING development in fire prone zones.



Increase carbon farming and urban agriculture



Replace roadside vegetative clearings to mitigate invasive & flammable species proliferation



## BUILDINGS

Electrification

Energy and Water Efficiency

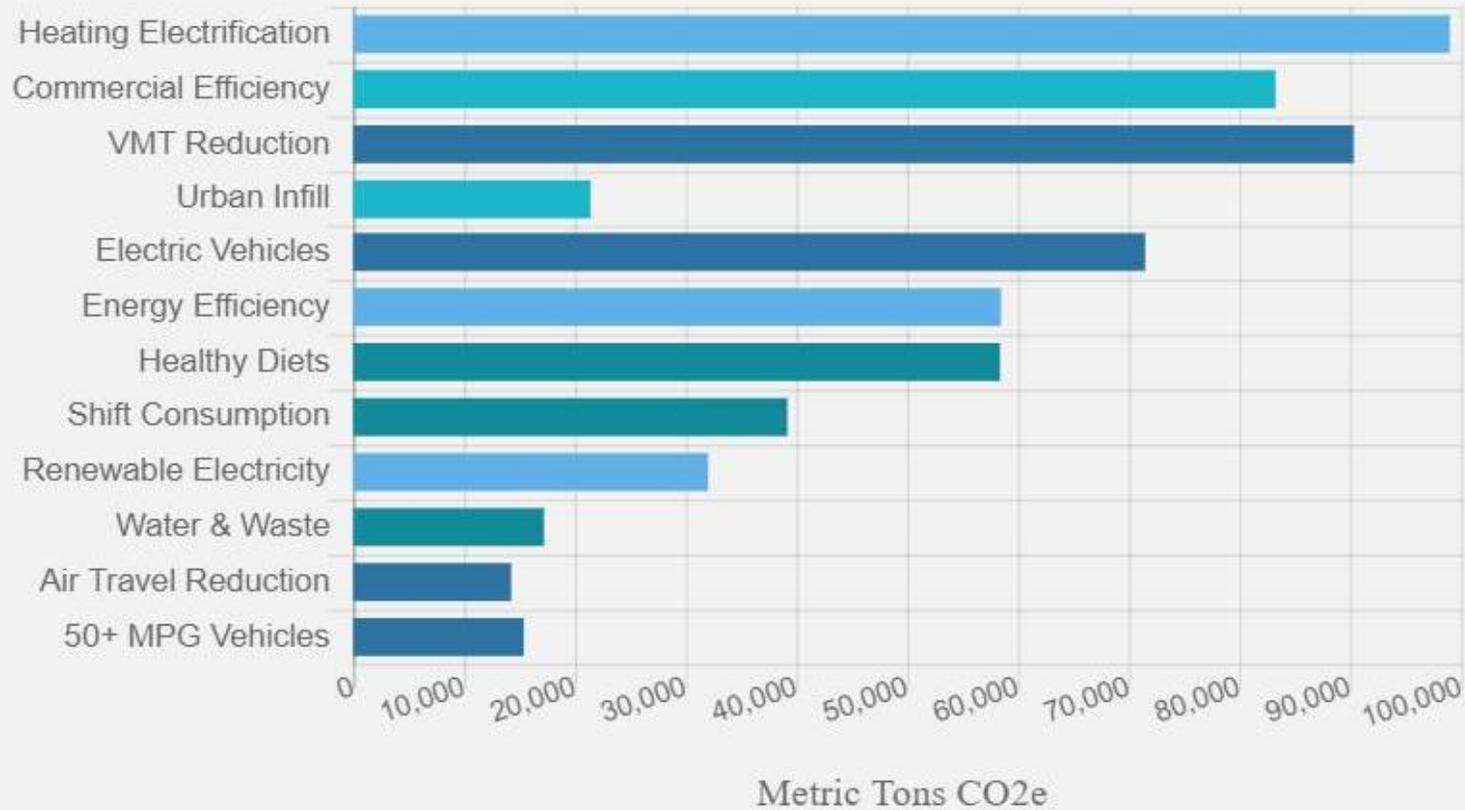
Existing home Retrofits

Location 1

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SEARCH LOCATION

### GHG Reduction Potential in 2030 from Local Policies



“Cool  
Climate” CA  
GHG Policy  
Tool



# Weatherization Talking Points Grid

## Fighting Energy Poverty

- Low-income households, including the elderly, disabled or families with children who can't afford home energy
- \$437 or more in annual utility bill savings year after year at current energy prices
- Energy savings average 35% of consumption for the typical low-income home pre-weatherization consumption
- More household money is made available for other basic necessities, medicine or groceries
- In 2010, weatherized homes nationally will save \$2.1 billion for low-income families

## Investment in America

- Anticipated that over 650,000 homes will be weatherized during the ARRA period.
- For every \$1 invested in the program, Weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and society.
  - \$1.80 is returned in reduced energy bills
  - \$0.71 is returned to ratepayers, households, and communities through:
    - increased local employment
    - reduced uncollectible utility bills
    - improved housing quality
    - better health and safety
      - reduces heat-related illness and death
      - reduces risk of death from home fires due to utility disconnection

## Weatherization Works

## Climate Change

- Reduces residential and power plant emissions of carbon dioxide by 2.65 metric ton/year per home
- Over the life of the measures, saves 53 metric tons of CO2 emissions per house
- Weatherization decreases national energy consumption by the equivalent of 24.1 million barrels of oil annually

## The Economy

- \$5 billion in weatherization funds during the ARRA period, as well as \$180 million weatherization funds in annual appropriations, cost effectively invested by DOE in **low-income energy efficiency**
- Provides direct jobs and indirect employment nationwide
- Insurance policy against future price increases; when a low-income home is weatherized, both its energy bill and fuel consumption are reduced each year for many years to come. In times of energy supply and price problems, weatherization recipients are better able to cope with rising prices.
- Community benefits from energy efficient housing stock and increased economic activity

Sources: ORNL/TM-2010-001  
February 2010 Short Term  
Outlook

Updated

# Building electrification

Electrification of buildings represents an important opportunity for Escondido to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while providing health, economic, climate, workforce, and safety benefits.

## Health

- Burning gas in homes releases dangerous toxins - leading to air pollution levels in many homes cooking with gas that would be illegal if measured outside.
- Children living in a home with a gas stove are 42% more likely to have asthma,

## Economic

- Installing gas lines and hookups adds anywhere from \$3,000 up to \$15,000 in unnecessary construction costs in new buildings.
- Financial savings - between \$130 – \$540 per year - accrue from building and living in all-electric homes compared to homes that burn gas.

## Climate

- Buildings are responsible for more than a quarter of the state's ghg. Studies show beneficial building electrification can reduce those emissions up to 90 percent by 2050.
- This path of emissions reduction is also the most cost-effective - saving around \$20 billion every year by 2050 compared to other scenarios.

## Workforce

- Beneficial building electrification can generate more than 100,000 construction and manufacturing jobs annually in California - even after accounting for modest declines in gas industry employment.
- Over the course of 25 years, electrification will create more than 8 times the number of jobs that will be lost in the gas system.
- The quality of the jobs, 3 out of every 5 jobs required to meet building electrification goals would be in "high-road" sectors -

## Safety & Resiliency

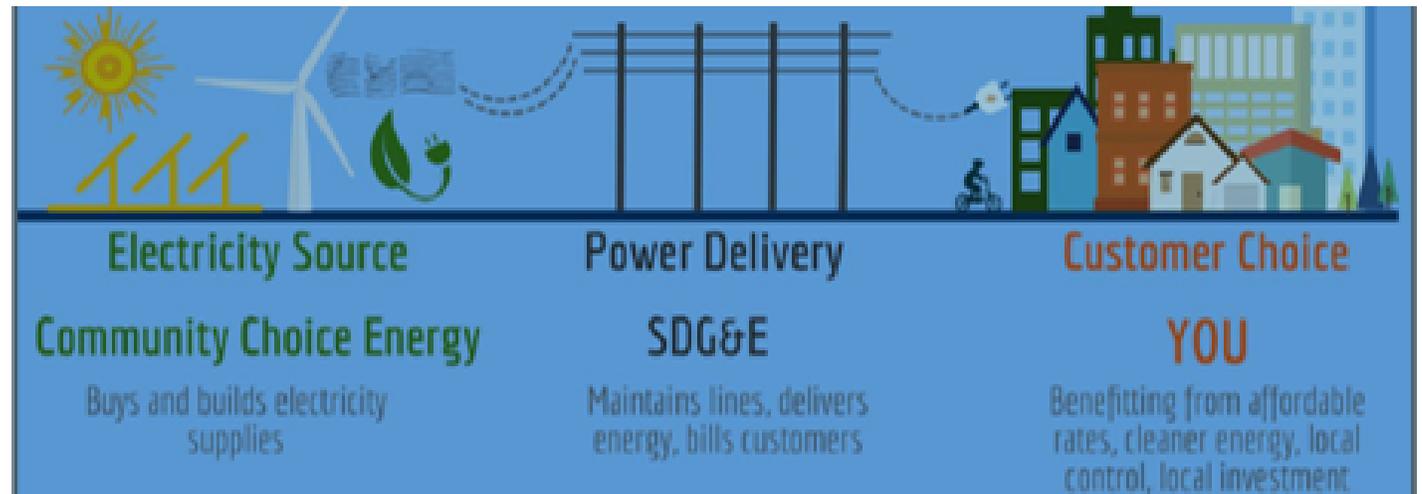
- Pipeline leaks and explosions are a serious threat to the safety of Californians.
- Gas infrastructure is particularly dangerous in California's earthquakes and fire-prone areas. Gas is responsible for up to 50% of post-earthquake fire ignitions.

## Recommendations for ECAP

1. Incentivize all-electric new construction and update the building code.
2. Incentivize high-efficiency heat pump HVAC, particularly as it pertains to air conditioning.
3. Align energy efficiency goals and savings with GHG savings opportunities.

# Community Choice Energy

**Community Choice Energy (CCE)** is a program that brings local control, freedom of choice, & competition into the electricity marketplace.



## How does CCE work?

Community Choice is an agile **public-private partnership** between the CCE and the utility (SDG&E). The CCE program purchases the power supply. SDG&E continues to deliver the power over their power lines and handle the billing. It is truly consumer choice -- customers may opt-out and return to the utility at any time.

# Community Choice Energy

## How Do We Pay for Community Choice?

- CCE programs are self-supporting (not government subsidized) via an existing revenue stream (electricity bills).
- The electricity rates consumers pay to a retail electric supplier or an investor-owned utility are bundled and redirected to support the group purchase of electricity through a local CCE program.

## What are the benefits of CCE?

- In their near decade of operation in California, CCE programs have been able to provide:
  - **Real competition** in electricity markets
  - **More affordable rates** to families and businesses
  - **Higher rates of renewable green energy** helping reduce GHG emissions and meet local and state climate goals
  - **Inclusive local economic development**, and good middle-class green energy jobs
  - **Equitable clean energy programs** to support residents and businesses transition to a 100 percent clean energy future.

**We strongly support the city to create or be a part of a CCE program.**

# Renewable Energy Initiatives



Adopt Community Choice Energy



Require ALL new single-family housing to be NetZero and multi-family housing to be solar electric to the maximum extent possible



Develop energy retrofit program for local Escondido residents



Solar energy & energy conservation resources/incentives for Priority Investment Neighborhoods



Pursue resources from the new CA's "Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing" (SOMAH) for focus neighborhoods



Develop funding sources for target area residents for energy efficiency, clean renewables, composting, & zero-emission transportation projects



Establish a PV installation goal for non-city owned production



June 24, 2020  
Mayor and City Councilmembers:  
City of Escondido



RE: Item #17 regarding Escondido Climate Action Plan Update

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

The Escondido Creek Conservancy (Conservancy) strongly encourages a comprehensive and competitive Climate Action Plan Update for Escondido. In earlier communications, we've expressed the importance of restoring Escondido Creek and Reidy Creek and believe the Escondido Climate Action Plan (ECAP) is a great place to begin. Restoration of these important habitats will not only allow for more carbon sequestration, but it will also help provide shade refuge for our communities, enhance and promote biking and walking along the creeks as a clean transit route, enhanced storm drainage during major weather events, and provide economic opportunity as we begin recovering jobs lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Conservancy has also expressed the importance of completing Escondido's Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP). Escondido took important first steps but never completed the MSCP planning process. While we were pleased to see a measure to Adopt An Open Space Conservation plan, we hope the ECAP will aim to close the gap on the MSCP, as well as coordinate with other regional conservation efforts, such as the Multiple Habitat Conservation Plan and the San Diego Management & Monitoring Program. Part of a sustainable future requires that we recognize and protect contiguous areas of natural habitat as essential places to sequester carbon and reduce the risk of catastrophic fire events—reducing potential carbon emissions and protecting communities. Other cities and counties with completed MSCPs, MHCPs, and creek restoration initiatives have been the beneficiaries of tens of millions in special grant funds available. We urge the city to include these items in the ECAP.

We appreciate all the work that has been done in the ECAP so far and we urge you to be bold with revisions as we envision the future of Escondido. As we know from our collaboration with the Escondido Community Advisory Group for Environmental Impacts and Climate Action, there are many passionate individuals and organizations who are ready to bring the ECAP to life. Additionally, we stand ready to work with the city to help initiate and fund complementary visions. Together we can make our city a leader and a model in the fight against climate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Serrato', written in a cursive style.

Nathan Serrato  
Marketing & Volunteer Manager  
The Escondido Creek Conservancy

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/24/2020

**Agenda #** Current Business, #17

**Subject** Read Out Loud, E-CAP

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Maria Wallace

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Comments** I am happy to see a reversal away from the past trajectory of the E-CAP, doing the bare minimum on Climate Change. There is still significant room for improvement on the draft update recommendations presented by the city staff today. I am going to focus on the solid waste management recommendations. I would like to know how is the city going to reduce non-organic waste like single-use plastics (of which there are alarming amounts accumulating in our waterways and which are responsible for tremendous amounts of GHG emissions? Recycling is NOT working. according to OCEANA only 9% of all plastic generated has been recycled. According to The Guardian, from cradle to grave, plastic contributes to greenhouse gas emissions at every stage of its lifecycle. To effectively address climate change and become the leader in setting the standard for CAP's, Escondido must incorporate a Single Use Plastic Ban Ordinance in the E-CAP. I urge the city to add this to the policies that will be implemented through the In addition, how is the city planning to meet SB1383 regulations?

A form has been submitted, click the link below to view the submission:

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**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Escondido CAP, Read Out Loud

**Position** In Favor

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**Comments** Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers, Climate Action Campaign is a nonprofit organization with a simple mission: to stop the climate crisis. We have played an active role in the development of every Climate Action Plan (CAP) in the region since 2015, and we release an annual Report Card evaluating the strength of cities' CAPs and best practices to implement those strategies. Throughout the process of Escondido's CAP Update, we have engaged with the City and community with recommendations for key strategies to prioritize. As cities across the region are working toward a more climate safe and ready future, the Escondido CAP is a keystone opportunity to lead on bold climate action centered on social equity and climate justice. Escondido is in a particularly unique position to lead many of its peer cities in crafting a strong CAP that can set the pace for others in the region. Climate Action Campaign has been an active and enthusiastic supporter of the Escondido Community Advisory Group for Environmental Impacts and Climate Action. We will continue to engage in this public process with the advisory group, city staff, and your offices to help Escondido secure a gold standard CAP. We look forward to further partnering with you on this important initiative. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Sincerely, Matthew Vasilakis Co-Director of Policy Climate Action Campaign

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June 23, 2020

Mayor and City Councilmembers:  
City of Escondido  
Via Email

**RE: Item #17 regarding Escondido Climate Action Plan Update**

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

The North County Group of the Sierra Club strongly supports the creation, adoption, and implementation of a visionary and effective Climate Action Plan Update for Escondido. We have communicated our priorities in previous comments to you and staff. We are happy to see this moving forward in a positive manner and we look forward to continuing to work with your staff and the Council on the Final ECAP.

The ECAP may be one of the most important documents adopted by the city council. It will set the course of action of our city and the region for decades to come.

We urge you to be bold and innovative in your Climate Plan. The ECAP is a perfect place to outline commitments for social equity, innovative transportation systems, land use measures, energy efficiency, energy generation and delivery and other actions that can serve as a model for the region. Such a plan will attract attention and, we hope, funding to make Escondido the leader in the region.

Sierra Club NCG supports the work of the Escondido Community Advisory Group for Environmental Impacts and Climate Action. We will continue to engage with that group, our members, and your staff so that we can look forward to an ECAP that works for everyone, will bring about a meaningful reductions in climate destroying emissions, increases in social justice in its implementation, and a healthier environment for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzi Sandore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Suzi Sandore Chair  
NCG Executive Committee

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**Subject** ECAP / Please Read out loud!

**Position** In Favor

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**Comments** Dear Mayor, City Council Members, & Staff- The Escondido Community Advisory Group for Environmental Impacts and Climate Action has been convening regularly for the better part of a year in an effort to identify & detail effective initiative proposals to be adopted in to the 2020 Escondido CAP update. The recommendations ultimately put forth span the categories of renewable energy, building efficiency, transportation, land use/conservation, zero waste, & urban forestry. Further, the implementation of a social equity and community outreach comment will establish a prioritization such that we reduce disparity and meet the needs of our under-served communities & most vulnerable. Our CAG has welcomed recent opportunities to present our strategies & initiatives to City Council/Staff & Mayor McNamara, and we are encouraged by the strong overlap in a number of critical areas with the current draft proposal out for comment. As we strive to become a leader & model for the region, it can't be overstated just how important it is for the City of Escondido to develop a Gold/Platinum status climate action plan. In the short term this will help secure the funding required to initiate & implement meaningful adaptation/mitigation policies & programs. Over the long term, this will not only ensure that meet our GHG reduction targets, but will ultimately serve as a blueprint for fostering a healthy and vibrant community for ALL. The community advisory members look forward to working diligently alongside City Staff during this public comment period to indeed produce the BEST climate action plan in the county! Sincerely, Tim Swift Effective & Equitable Measures Subcommittee Chair

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**Agenda #** Oral Communications

**Subject** Read aloud

**Position** In Favor

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**Comments** To the mayor and City Council Members, At the recent "Take a Knee" event to honor Mr. Floyd's life in a moment of silence, and to re-commit ourselves to racial justice and community unity and to lay the important groundwork to address brutality, racial disparities, and impunity in policing, Councilwoman Olga Diaz urged offered an effective, fact-based plan of action necessary to begin the work of reform. In what has become her signature mode of operation, Ms. Diaz's well-researched plan is based on existing studies. Her plan calls for a number of reforms all of which are integral to achieving change in the way law enforcement does business. The last of these and one that demands immediate action by the City Council is the "establishment of a citizen oversight committee" with a diverse selection of representatives". Our country, our communities, have an opportunity to engage in an inward as well as outward transformation. I urge the Mayor and Councilmembers to commit to immediately establishing a citizens oversight committee, a community of congruence, going public with a vision for racial justice and community unity.

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Mr. Morasco wrote an article in the Times Advocate op/ed titled: *Reform Based on Sentiments, Not Facts*. This was a response to the proposals on police reform one of his fellow council members addressed at the George Floyd memorial on June 3. I found his comments to be out of touch with the reality of the protests and civil unrest occurring in the world because of the death of Mr. Floyd and the deaths of black and brown men and women killed at the hands of law enforcement.

The “her” Mr. Morasco referred to in his article was Ms. Olga Diaz, City Council Woman-District #3. At this event Ms. Diaz outlined a comprehensive plan to end inappropriate acts of racism, violence, in Escondido by advocating Escondido look at new ways to change the culture of policing in the City.

Some of the items Ms. Diaz included in her plan were:

- Collecting and studying racial profiling in the city;
- Hiring more women and diverse applicants;
- Requiring police to have a degree;
- Demilitarizing the police department by hiring fewer applicants with military backgrounds;
- Establishing a citizen over-sight committee to begin the work of reform.

Mr. Morasco stated Ms. Diaz’s comments at the memorial service were inappropriate, opportunistic, and counterproductive.

For over 25 days the world has been marching and protesting in cities throughout the United States for the same reforms Ms. Diaz proposed at City Hall. If he “still” has not heard the public outrage taking place in his own backyard, I urge him to step outside of his comfort zone and view what is happening in Escondido and other cities.

Mr. Morasco, and I have one thing in common: *we are products of our “White Privilege.”* Because of this advantage, he and I never had to worry about being stopped, shot or killed for:

- Driving while white
- Walking while white
- Sleeping in our car while white
- Jogging while white
- In our own home while white

At this time I am challenging Mr. Morasco, along with the Mayor and other Council members, to initiate and establish a diverse Citizen Oversight Committee that would begin the process of reforming and changing the police culture in Escondido. This would be an important first step for the community to help end violence, racism towards citizens of color in this City.

I appreciate your time on this matter and I will be following-up on this request.

Georgine Tomasi/ *President of the Escondido Democratic Club*

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**Agenda #** ORAL COMM

**Subject** READ OUT LOUD - Justice Reform

**Position** In Favor

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**Comments** I'm writing to urge city council and Mayor McNamara to establish an independent, oversight committee comprised of a diverse and demographically representative selection of citizens to ensure police accountability and transparency. Establishing such a committee is the first step towards police accountability and our communities of color--the majority of Escondido residents--need accountability now. If the EPD is operating to protect and serve the community without bias, as one council member has recently implied in a local paper, then an oversight committee would work to corroborate the EPD's work with hard facts, statistics, and evidence. Our community needs facts. Our community needs accountability and transparency now. Thank you for your time.

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