



Public Comments
City Council Meeting
May 12, 2021



May 10, 2021

City of Escondido

City Hall Second Floor

201 North Broadway

Escondido, Ca 92025

RE: SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF Resolution No. 2021-61 b Resolution No. 2021-64 and Ordinance No. 202

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

The Mercado Business Association, whose Master development plan was approved in 2002, is supporting and requesting the Approval this 120 air-space condominium project located in the Mercado District.

The need for an affordable and transit oriented project is greatly needed in our great City of Escondido.

Please consider approval of this project to continue meeting the needs of our workforce community.

Thank you for your vote of approval,

Maria

Maria T. Bowman, Eco. Chair

Mercado Business Association

Cc Mike Strong

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # 13

Subject SUB20-0001;PHG20-0009;ENV20-0001

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Ed McCoy

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 3305 Jasmine Pl

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92025-7604

Comments I ask that the City Council support the proposed project as it will provide a further catalyst to the ongoing improvement to the Downtown area. It will provide housing proximate to retail, office and transit uses, which are goals of the Downtown Specific Plan. Downtown Escondido needs residents and more activity to support local businesses. The requested reductions of open space and parking are appropriate for this type of development in this setting. If Escondido is to experience it's full potential, we need to support developments of this nature.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Alexandria de los Santos

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 3959 Hamilton St Apt 23

City San Diego

State CA

Zip 92104

Comments My name is Alexandria de los Santos; I am an organizer with the San Diego PSL. I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steve Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare, and education. As a community member with loved ones who are unhoused and suffer from mental illness, I do not feel safe knowing that police officers can enact violence, up to and including murder, against people in our county without any consequences. Please consider solutions to these issues that are actually effective and put people's needs first. Thank you, Alexandria de los Santos

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Council Meeting Date

Agenda # 0

Subject Police oversight committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Allison Bray

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 875 Millbrook Pl

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92026

Comments Escondido PD must account for the shooting and death of an unhoused individual. De-escalation training is obviously not enough. The police department needs citizen oversight and for the officers responsible to be held accountable.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject marijuana businesses in Escondido bad idea

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ann Riddle

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 528 West Broadway

City

State

Zip 92025

Comments Hello Escondido City Council. My work in foster care has taught me that problems that occur in adolescence and the behaviors that begin in the teen years, are very difficult to rectify. No amount of supposed marijuana taxes or grants will ever compensate for the negative consequences of promoting marijuana use by commercializing storefronts, and other marijuana businesses. That all will be duly noted by youth as permission to use pot. Also marijuana money can be very corrupting. As the recent the KPBS article noted regarding marijuana businesses donations to elected officials: 'Pay to play continues to be alive and well. Supervisor Fletcher said one of the consultants who helped draft the County's marijuana policies was Dallin Young, a local cannabis advocate and lobbyist, who was his field director of his mayoral run in 2013'. So the voice of money took precedence over the voice of the people. Never wise to let marijuana money into our City.

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Council Meeting Date 5/29/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Anna Marie Lopez

Escondido Resident True

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Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Anzy McWha

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1276 San Elijo Rd. N

City San Marcos

State CA

Zip 92078

Comments I'm Anzy, an organizer with the San Diego Party for Socialism and Liberation. I'm a resident of San Marcos and I attended high school at Classical Academy in Escondido. I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore from EPD be held accountable for the murder of homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged for his crime. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee to ensure there is some kind of check on the police power to kill community members with no consequences. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. I watched the video released as a result of community protests and it was clear to me that officer Moore could have deescalated the situation and chose to use lethal force instead. It was also clear that Mr. Olson was experiencing a mental health episode and was not responsive or verbally communicative at the time. I believe it's not only this one killer cop who is responsible for the incident, but the political culture of the entire city which prioritizes punishing homelessness and poor mental health instead of funding community services to help. Letting community members suffer and live on the streets is violence. I hope that this unfortunate incident will be a wake up call to the city that we need to address the root cause of homelessness rather than continuing to act punitively and violently toward people in the community who need our help.

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Council Meeting Date 5/11/2021

Agenda # Non-agenda public comment

Subject Marijuana

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Barbara Gordon

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments Dear Mayor and City Council- My name is Barbara Gordon. May is Mental Health Awareness Month. During these unprecedented times, we have seen a drastic increase in mental health issues. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood through adulthood. It affects how we think, feel, and act. All drugs but especially marijuana, have increased the risk of developing mental illness. Quoting from the Psychiatric Times article titled Cannabis 2021: What Clinicians Need to Know in, "The acute and chronic problems cannabis-dependent individuals face is serious and disheartening. National Survey on Drug Use and Health data on 505,796 Americans show individuals aged 12 to 17, who met criteria for a cannabis use disorder were 25% more common in states that had enacted recreational marijuana laws as opposed to those who did not." Marijuana use directly affects the brain, specifically the parts responsible for memory, learning, attention and reaction time. Numerous studies have shown the real and damaging effects it has on the human brain. Marijuana use is associated with a six-fold risk of suicide and five-fold risk of developing psychosis. Given the myriad risks of marijuana use to mental health, please be cautious as you consider allowing marijuana businesses in the city.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # oral communications

Subject marijuana businesses

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Becky Rapp

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

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Comments Good Evening, my name is Becky Rapp, I'm a mother and youth group mentor here tonight to voice my concerns regarding the potential marijuana ordinance. In no way is it a good idea to expand marijuana into the city of Escondido. My son goes to school in the heart of Escondido and I'm grateful there are no marijuana dispensaries near it. Although tax revenue is enticing it is in no way worth the negative effects marijuana businesses will bring to Escondido. Cities that have gone down that road are now facing the consequences. Recently medical societies joined together sharing concerns with governments efforts to legalize marijuana. These doctors state, "We are very concerned that the long-term public health costs associated with hospitalizations and treatment for psychiatric/addictive disorders could significantly outweigh any revenues that states anticipate would be received from the legalization of cannabis There is plenty of pot in the county of San Diego and if someone wants to order it can be delivered and purchased at the stroke of a button. Thank you

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Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Bernard Koen

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 4666 F St

City san diego

State CA

Zip 92102

Comments Officer Chad Moore must be held accountable for the killing of Steven Olson. My name is Bernard Koen I organize with the Party for Socialism and Liberation in Escondido I am a formerly homeless disabled person and I know what its like to be treated like I am less than human by the police. Remove Moore from his position and charge him with murder! EPD has proven that it can not be trusted with the lives it pretends to protect so we demand that Escondido implement and independent police oversight committee. Using police to solve homelessness will only result in more violence and death. Reallocate funds from EPD to to housing, healthcare and education services.

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Agenda # public comment

Subject Marijuana businesses

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Carol Green

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 8975 Lawrence Welk Drive

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92026

Comments Members of the Escondido City council- I know you have been considering having marijuana businesses in Escondido and as I have listened to past city council meetings, I have been surprised by the amount of false information that is presented to you as factual. In honor of mental health month, I would like to set the record straight: According to NAMI --There is a strong correlation between Marijuana and the onset of psychosis. Studies show marijuana is linked to schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, increased anxiety, and other mood disorders. Sadly commercialization and marketing sometimes convince people of things that are not true. It took us more than 30 years, lots of money, and lawsuits to realized the lies to the tobacco industry told us and now names and packaging are changed but the playbook is the same. As leaders in the city--I implore you to think about the true cost of your actions and the reasons you entered public service to protect public health and safety. find real information and especially protect our kids.

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Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Chelsea Bennington

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

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Comments I believe there should be a police oversight committee, to ensure true accountability within our police departments in our communities. Full transparency is necessary if you want your community members to trust you!

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Agenda # Public Comment (please read aloud)

Subject public comment via email read aus

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Christine Nava

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 858 Calle Monteraa

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92025

Comments Dear Mayor and Members of the Council, The test of a strong democracy is in its level of public participation. Indeed, it is what democracy demands of its citizens: engage: to collectively participate on issues of great moment, even – and especially – in times of disagreement. The level of public participation in the city government rose to unprecedented levels during the COVID lock-down. The ability of the public to comment on city business via emails that were read aloud by the city clerk was the reason. Regretfully, the majority council is now limiting the way we can make our voices heard (read by the city clerk) when we are unable to physically attend the meeting. The decision of the city council to return to the meeting time is a further hindrance to participation. It makes it very difficult for working people to the meetings. I ask the council to remember the importance of public participation. Make it easier for its citizens. Democracy demands no less. Thank you. Chris Nava -

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Council Meeting Date 4/29/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police oversight committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Cristina Chavez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 620 Judson st

City Escondido

State Ca

Zip 92027

Comments I think there should be a police oversight committee for the sake of community safety.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # oral communications

Subject marijuana businesses

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Damien Rapp

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments Good Evening, my name is Damien Rapp, I'm a father and nursing home administrator who has been operating a nursing home in Escondido for the past several years. When I heard about the possibility of Escondido permitting marijuana dispensaries, I was shocked. I have first hand experience with trying to staff a skilled nursing facility. We conduct drug testing upon every new hire. Marijuana is not accepted as a substance that can be used when working at my facility. By permitting marijuana businesses, you're sending a message to the working people that this is an acceptable substance. In no way is marijuana going to benefit our community. Hard working people struggle with housing, food insecurities and the ability to further their education as well as their children's education. Marijuana will not solve any of these problems only making them worse. I urge the city to focus their efforts on issues that will benefit the hard-working people in the community. Thank you

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Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight and Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Daniel Colmenarez

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments My name is Daniel Colmenarez, I am an organizer with the San Diego Party for Socialism and Liberation in San Diego. I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. If we ever hope to curtail the unending violence by the hands of the police, we must start holding them accountable for their actions and dispense with the special treatment they receive.

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Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Emily V

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

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Comments Good afternoon. My name is Emily, I am an organizer with the San Diego Party for Socialism and Liberation. I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We saw the body cam footage--that amount of force was cruelly unnecessary and goes completely against any sensible de-escalation training. I am joining the community's demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. We also demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. Why do police continually gain the newest military-grade weapons when there are people homeless, hungry and suffering? EPD has a bare minimum responsibility to the community it claims to protect to listen to their demands and terminate its officer who caused a tragic, needless death.

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Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Eric Novak

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City Vista

State CA

Zip 92084

Comments My name is Eric and I am an organizer with the Party for Socialism and Liberation. I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. Jail killer cops!

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Council Meeting Date 4/29/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Frida Gonzalez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

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Comments At this point, it is crucial to implement a police oversight committee created and led by the community itself. You wonder why people don't like the council or the police department here in escondido and it's because we don't receive any type of transparency from you all. We as citizens of escondido have the right to ask whatever questions and receive whatever answers we deem necessary for our well being, our safety, our LIVES. Demand that chief ed varso release the footage and demand the city invest into a community led oversight board.

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Agenda # oral communications

Subject marijuana businesses

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Grace Ann

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

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Zip

Comments Good evening, my name is Grace Ann, I'm a high school senior and I'm here tonight to speak frankly regarding pot in Escondido. There's this notion that if the city permits legal pot shops then the illegal market will go away and teens won't be able to access it. This idea is seriously flawed. Teens get their pot from older siblings and friends. The more legal pot shops we have only makes it more convenient. Pot shops sell marijuana packaged and marketed to depict candy and sweet treats. What teen isn't intrigued by candy infused with marijuana and bubblegum flavored waxes and oils perfect for taking a hit during class when the teacher isn't looking. I know firsthand what negative effects this has caused my friends and family. my cousin is recently sober after heavily using marijuana for the past 8 years. He started when he was 13. Only after a serious car accident almost taking his life, he came to realize this wasn't the path he wanted to continue down. After almost a year in rehab he is now attending a University. Luckily, he had a second chance but many teens don't get that opportunity. I ask you today to uphold your current ordinance and send a message to the youth of Escondido that you support them in education and their mental and physical health. Not their pot habits. Thank you

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Agenda # Oral Communication

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Huitzilopochtli Marron

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 215 south 58th street

City San Diego

State CA

Zip 92114

Comments Police officers need to be held accountable for their actions, it's a simple reality. Violence is something that is categorized by legality, as in allowing soldiers to kill innocent people abroad or police officers killing innocent people on our streets because that's the only way they know how to manage conflict. This money that is being given to me the police force is an outrageous amount that will only lead to more policing and killing of people on the streets just trying to make it to the next. Reallocation of resources need to be given to the people and not police departments which do little to nothing to actually help the people out and hold its own accountable for their actions

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Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Juan Flores

Escondido Resident True

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Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Justine Mann

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 4351 Florida Street

City San Diego

State CA

Zip 92104

Comments My name is Justine, and I am an organizer with the San Diego Party for Socialism and Liberation. I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. You either take seriously your role as an elected public servant, or you don't. Which one is it?

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Agenda # Oral communication

Subject Marajuana businesses are bad for Escondido

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name K B STRANGE

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 528 N Broadway

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92025

Comments Dear Mayor and City Council members. I know that the city council will be discussing marijuana businesses in Escondido on May 19th. I think it is a very unwise idea because it is a troublesome, divisive and complicated issue that requires considerable expenses of staff time, enforcement time, both code enforcement as well as law enforcement. And the societal costs are inestimable. Do not be bullied into this idea of marijuana businesses because you are threatened by Big Marijuana, or as they are now called, cannabis capitalists, that they will collect signatures on a ballot measure. It is a very expensive proposition for a city of Escondido size, they usually only go after smaller cities, not a city the size of Escondido. Even if the ballot measure is successful, data shows that when a City Council comes out against the ballot measure, it fails. Escondido families have so many needs right now that it would hard to watch the City staff spend money to put together a proposal as contentious as bringing marijuana businesses into our neighborhoods. What our families really need is more support for their students, and more mental health resources for their teens especially who are under a lot of stress and isolation. So the idea of normalizing and commercializing marijuana use by having marijuana businesses in town is very unwise. From a Escondido pharmacist.

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Council Meeting Date 4/28/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Kar

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1624 Grand Ave

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92027

Comments The recent tragic events in our community have demonstrated yet again the need for an independent community oversight committee. Our community cannot trust local law enforcement to protect us. Therefore, we demand that the citizens of Escondido have the right to hold police officers and local law enforcement accountable. Rebuilding trust with the community starts here. We can no longer have our voices suppressed by law enforcement and this council. Therefore, we ask today to put the needs and voices of the community first. We are tired and frustrated that this council continues to refuse to make any progressive changes to the city. Every time you meet representative "Mike Morasco" refuses to address any real issues in our community. We are tired of this! Do your job for once and put your community needs first. This city council must stop investing 43% of Escondido's annual budget on the police department that only serves and protects the white and wealthy. Escondido youth and citizens are tired of week after week with no change or solutions. Stop ignoring us and do your job! !

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Council Meeting Date 05.12.2021

Agenda # non agenda

Subject Marijuana commercialization plan

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kathleen Lippitt

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments As a public health practitioner and sound public policy advocate who has seen how once the marijuana industry is given any small opening into your city, marijuana attorneys and profiteers will exploit it to the point that it the peoples' work will be subsumed by the work the marijuana industry prefers you focus. The public will be marginalized. Marijuana advocates will dominate every public meeting. The time/resources you will expend will never make up for the harms your community will suffer.

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Email kmcc425@yahoo.com

Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Teen Health

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Kelly McCormick

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments As a parent and director of a youth mentoring group, I hope this City Council will have the foresight to reject efforts to bring the commercialized marijuana industry to Escondido. It would bring more pot into the city, of course, and also, lots of aggressive advertising. Have you visited San Diego lately? Marijuana billboards are everywhere, along with sign-twirlers, pedi-cab ads, flyers, print ads, and egregious online marketing campaigns geared toward the young. Studies show that children and teens exposure to marijuana advertising are less likely to view the drug as harmful. Yet pot is known to harm brain development for users under 25. They are more at risk of addiction, loss of motivation, declines in decision-making and problem-solving skills, depression, anxiety, paranoia, and have higher rates of suicide. The top selling products in pot-shops are the High-THC edibles and vape products. Growing up safe and healthy is hard enough for our kids these days. Please don't make it harder for them.

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Council Meeting Date 4/29/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Leslie Ellsworth

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2725 Derringer Pl

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92027

Comments Escondido Police need to be completely transparent with the community. We need a public committee to oversee and hold our police accountable. Police should not feel they have the authority to murder citizens, they are not executioners! To truly hold EPD accountable, we need an outside committee that will keep them in check! Honestly, the police should be abolished within all communities as well as Escondido, but until then, this committee is a step in the right direction. Our community deserves to feel safe and not have to worry about being harassed, beaten or killed by state sanctioned violence.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # Oral communications

Subject Police oversight & reallocation of funds to community services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Luis Montoya

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

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State

Zip

Comments My name is Luis Montoya, I am an organizer with the San Diego Party for Socialism and Liberation. I'm writing to demand that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. The safest communities are not the ones that have the highest number of police presence. No, the safest communities are the ones who invest in public programs for all its people. This starts by reallocating police funds towards public programs.

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Council Meeting Date 4/29/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Luke Davis

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 723 Eucalyptus Ave

City Vista

State CA

Zip 92084

Comments More police oversight is obviously required. There is much violence caused at the hands of the EPD.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Lyle Batalona

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments My name is Lyle Batalona, I am an organizer with the San Diego Party for Socialism and Liberation. I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare, and education. I am employed full-time in the City of Escondido and I well aware that many community members are losing faith in law enforcement. The responsibility of the police is to keep all members of the community safe. The actions of officer Moore and lack of response from city officials send the message that police and elected officials care more about protecting private property than the well-being of its citizens. Please make the right decision and take the necessary steps to hold officer Moore accountable for the unwarranted killing of Steven Olson.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police Accountability

Position No Position

First and Last Name Marisa Allen

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

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Comments It has been 3 weeks since Steven Olson died at the hands of EPD officer Chad Moore. I am horrified at the body cam footage. I am calling for 1) Accountability for Chad Moore and Justice for Steven Olson. 2) The creation of an independent community police oversight board. 3) Reallocation of funds to support mental health, housing, and education programs. The system failed Steven Olson. We can prevent future deaths.

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Council Meeting Date 05/12/2021

Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Matthew Meyer

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

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Comments My name is Matthew, and I am with the San Diego Party for Socialism and Liberation as an organizer. I'm writing to demand that officer Chad Moore be held responsible for his unjustified assault on Steven Olson, a homeless community member. Officer Chad Moore should be fired and charged with murder. Additionally, Escondido must create an independent police review commission. Furthermore, we recommend that police dollars be redirected to municipal programs such as shelter, transportation, mental health support, and education.

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Council Meeting Date 4/22/2021

Agenda # I don't understand

Subject Fatal police shooting / illegal use of excessive force on 4/21/21

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Maya Habis

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 909 Venice Glen

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92026

Comments A significant number of people from Escondido agree that the fatal police shooting that took place on 4/21/21 qualifies as an illegal use of excessive force. To fulfill the promises and standards of the Escondido Police Department, the EDP must be enforced to take appropriate action - that being (1) release the footage of the fatal shooting and all details EPD has possession of to the public (2) establish a community led oversee committee (3) enforce racial bias trainings and diversity and inclusion trainings and (4) hold the officers accountable who failed to de-escalate the situation and instead used excessive force to the extent of fatality.

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Council Meeting Date 4/28/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Noah Choufa

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1245 Morning View Drive Appt 233

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92026

Comments We need this committee to oversee police action in Escondido. This is the first step in a greater push for a cut for funding and reallocation of police resources to better care for Escondido Residents. Our lives are not for you to take. The police has shown time and time again that they fail to do their most basic duty, which is to PROTECT AND SERVE the residents of Escondido, not murder them in the streets while being backed by our tax dollars.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # Public Comment

Subject Marijuana

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Peggy Walker

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments ESCONDIDO WRITTEN COMMENTS 5/12/21 Dear Councilmen, A reminder that while there reportedly are people in favor of marijuana commercialization (based on an obscure survey mentioned in the news media) there is also a large contingent opposed, including parents, educators, the public health community, prevention, fire and police, and the medical and treatment communities. I'm a parent and I work in public health. I know that those opposed, like myself, follow the science. To draw conclusions and enact responsible policy, it's necessary to be informed. Therefore, as you take this deep dive into the controversial and complicated issue of marijuana, I refer you to a new website serving as a "Medical Resource Library for Marijuana." This website at IASIC1.org was just launched by an international group of medical professionals to address the harms of marijuana.. The non-partisan group of experts addresses topics from effects on the developing brain to pain, cancer, marijuana use disorder (scromiting) and physical side effects, to mental outcomes, including psychosis, schizophrenia, depression, and suicide. It addresses topics such as the negative effect on autism to marijuana's mutagenic properties to alter male sperm DNA. The Surgeon General put warnings on tobacco products based on 7,000 expert reviews. IASIC1.org presents 15,000 referenced, peer-reviewed articles to answer questions and demonstrate the science-based facts regarding marijuana's harms. Please take a look before you make a decision. Finally, the public and policy makers have a reference based on real science instead of the falsehoods spouted by an addiction-for-profit marijuana industry. . Regards,  Peggy Walker

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Council Meeting Date 4/29/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Comittee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Rebeca Brown

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1018 S Juniper St.

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92025

Comments We give tons and tons of funding to the police, and yet they are still not able to mediate and uplift this community, only cause harm and fear within its residents. We need a public oversight committee, that is independent from the police and their bosses. The people are getting restless, and more money for the police is not working. They need to have consequences to their actions.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Oral Communications

Position No Position

First and Last Name Rob Knecht

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92029-4826

Comments My name is Rob Knecht. I am a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. On 21 April 2021, U.S. Army Veteran Steve Olson was shot six times and killed by Chad Moore, a member of the Escondido Police Department. Steve needed his community's help. Instead, our veteran brother was put to death by a member of an organization that is sworn to protect and serve. What now? We need our Police Department and City Council to accept responsibility for Steve's death. We need our Police Department and City Council to ensure transparency with us, the citizens of Escondido, as the investigation of Steve's killing continues. And, we need our Police Department and City Council to move us closer to justice for Steve—and for all of the Escondido community—by ensuring that his death is answered for. My name is Rob Knecht. I am a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight & Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Taylor I.

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

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Comments My name is Taylor, and I organize with the Party for Socialism and Liberation here in San Diego county. Officer Chad Moore NEEDS to be held accountable for his murder of homeless community member Steven Olson. Myself, and others in my neighborhood have no faith in the police to prioritize the safety of our community or that of the vulnerable people in our area, such as the homeless. They have proven time and time again that they cannot or will not reform themselves for the betterment of the people they are supposed to protect, and so we are demanding that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. Finally, police budgets continue to balloon across the country, some rivaling or even eclipsing the total military spending of other nations and countries. This is not only ludicrous, but it represents a drain on our resources when funding is desperately needed elsewhere, especially given that crime has been seen to have an inverse relationship with the amount of funding dedicated to education and public resources. We demand that funds be reallocated away from policing and towards services for the community, such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. Justice for Steven Olson

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/21

Agenda # public comment

Subject marijuana businesses

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Terri-Ann Skelly

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 239 Kalmia Street

City escondido

State CA

Zip 92025

Comments I work in Escondido and I regularly attend the Fallbrook County Planning Group meetings where we grapple with keeping our community safe from outside disruptive forces, and protecting our unique environments, The County has been a good place to raise my three adult sons. They and their friends have had their lives upended and have grappled with the changes that have come from the disruption of their educational and economic trajectories as the result of COVID. Their future plans have been high jacked. The Planning Group members have been sensitive to needs of our families and our businesses, both of which are sometimes very fragile. Our planning group members have been surprised that the Board of Supervisors who do not live in the unincorporated area have made plans for our north county land by bringing marijuana businesses without a careful study and robust discussion with the citizens. Now I understand that Escondido City Council will be looking at bringing marijuana businesses to our City. This is not the time. What my sons need, and all our young people need are educational opportunities, technical skill instruction and equipment to pursue their education, and work and internship possibilities. Could we put Escondido's resources there instead of pushing highly financed marijuana businesses into our City, and enlarge their footprint at our expense. If we really care about the success of youth, then give our youth a clear pathway to education and jobs, not pot businesses.

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Council Meeting Date 4/29/2021

Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Veronica Perez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

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Council Meeting Date 05/12/2021

Agenda # Oral communications

Subject Police oversight & reallocating funds to community services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Victoria Barron

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1335 Caminito Septimo

City Cardiff By The Sea

State CA

Zip 92007

Comments "My name is Tori , I am community organizer with the San Diego Party for Socialism and Liberation and a previous resident of Escondido. I have family and friends still located in the Escondido community and I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee as well. It is clear that the community needs to be prioritized cause the cops are not willing or able to do that obviously. They're killing the most vulnerable of us cause they're scared they don't have control and that lame. it's clear they do not know how to train someone to respond in a way that deescalates situations. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. Do the right thing and support the people in finding solutions to these problems that don't end in senseless and useless violence. "

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Council Meeting Date 5/12/2021

Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police oversight & reallocating funds to community services

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Zachary Farber

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 5055 Saratoga Ave #3

City San Diego

State CA

Zip 92107

Comments My name is Zachary, I am an organizer with the ANSWER Coalition in San Diego. I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. You have the power to do the right thing and make a difference in the way our community interacts with law enforcement!

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Estrada's Mexican Restaurant
246 Quince Street
Escondido, CA 92025

May 7, 2021

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Escondido
201 North Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Dear Mayor and Council –

Before you on May 12th is a project application in which we have a vital interest – Casa Mercado, a 120-unit apartment development.

We are the owners of two of the eleven lots which underly the project; they are at the corner of Quince and Third. For 52 years we operated a restaurant - Estrada's Mexican Food - on the site. The restaurant has been our sole source of income. In 2018 we signed agreements to sell the lots to Paul Mayer. Maria, already being fully retired, agreed to sell her property outright. Guillermo and Lily needed to follow a different course. They were anticipating retirement but needed to establish a means of providing an income stream during retirement. To meet that need, they agreed to sell their two lots but chose to use the proceeds to become minority partners in the project and receive incremental payments from the revenue generated by the completed apartments. This meant that their returns would be spread out over their retirement years – the only source of income for them.

Lily and Guillermo had hoped to keep their restaurant in operation until construction of Casa Mercado commenced. However, due to health concerns and new job plans for their adult children who were assisting in the restaurant, it became necessary to close the business for good on October 31, 2019. Since that time, Mr. Mayer has actually been advancing the monthly payments expected to be made from the finished project. Of course, that means that future payments will have to be reduced accordingly.

All of this makes approval and development of Casa Mercado critical for us as a family. When the plans for the project were first presented to us, it seemed like such a logical and desirable use of the 11 parcels of land that it never occurred to us that the project might not be approved and developed. We relied on that assumption in building our retirement plans around the project and they now hang in the balance. Even leaving aside our personal financial interest, we still believe this apartment project, oriented to Escondido residents with moderate incomes, makes perfect sense in this location. For all of these reasons, we can't urge too strongly the importance of approval.

City of Escondido
May 7, 2021
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Mr. Mayer has explained that there are also two issues related to the project approval. One, as we understand it, is the possibility that the project will be required to bear significant very recently imposed financial assessments that will make it unviable. However, the processing of plans and the arrangement of financing for this project were initiated and settled far earlier than the onset of the assessment plan. We're told that a similar larger project has been exempted from the assessments as a so-called "pipe-line project" and we believe that Casa Mercado should receive a similar exemption. The other issue relates to the fact that five of the 11 land parcels for the project are being acquired from the City and there is concern that the terms of the purchase agreement may be changed if the project is exempted from the financial assessments. The Casa Mercado project has been in the works for almost four years and its cost has already been escalated by delay. Mr. Mayer has made it clear that any further escalation of the land-cost will make the project infeasible.

In summary, we sincerely believe Casa Mercado would be an ideal use for the property that our family has owned for so many decades and hope that it will receive Council approval.

Yours truly,

Maria, Guillermo, & Lily Estrada