



**City Council Meeting**  
**Public Comments**  
**June 11, 2025**

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 06/11/2025

Item # 1

Subject Boost program review

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Nasim Khamooshian

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The Boost program has truly been a game-changer for my home daycare business. From day one, I felt supported in every area—curriculum planning, marketing, enrollment, and even receiving wonderful toys and learning materials for the children.

I especially want to thank Starlynn, who has been my main point of contact throughout the program. She has been incredibly kind, responsive, and helpful every step of the way. Her support and encouragement made such a difference and reminded me that I'm not doing this alone.

Thanks to Boost and Starlynn's amazing guidance, I've seen real growth in my business and feel more confident than ever in the care I provide. I'm so grateful for this program and highly recommend it to any daycare provider looking to grow and thrive!

— Naseem, Home Daycare Provider

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Item # 10

Subject Public Comment for Escondido City Council – May 2025

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Sabrina Garza

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Good afternoon, Mayor White and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of our CEO, Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, thank you for your continued support and for considering Mama's Kitchen as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Mama's Kitchen has proudly served Escondido residents for over 20 years, providing home-delivered, medically tailored meals to critically ill individuals who are low-income and at risk of malnutrition due to conditions such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, type 2 diabetes, heart failure, and kidney disease. In fiscal year 2025-2026, Mama's Kitchen anticipates delivering a total of 35,970 medically tailored meals to 135 low- and moderate-income (LMI) Escondido residents. Funding requested from the City of Escondido's CDBG program would help support delivery of 18,280 of those meals to 42 LMI Escondido residents. These meals are prepared in our City Heights kitchen and delivered directly to clients' homes.

Our clients face serious health challenges that limit their ability to shop, cook, or maintain proper nutrition. Many live alone or care for dependent children, and rely on our medically tailored meals to manage their condition, avoid hospitalization, and maintain quality of life. One Escondido client shared: "Thanks to Mama's Kitchen, we've had one less thing to worry about. Their meals have helped me and my family focus on my healing instead of my survival."

Last year, 92% of survey-responding clients reported improved or stabilized health due to our meals, and 82% reported fewer ER visits or hospitalizations.

For 34 years, Mama's Kitchen has never turned away an eligible client or charged a fee. Your recognition and partnership empower us to continue this essential work in Escondido and help our most vulnerable neighbors heal with dignity.

Thank you for your time and support.