



City Council Meeting
Public Comments
August 13, 2025

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Item # Noise pollution

Subject Very loud gatherings

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name david owens

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I live right behind orange glen school on Momar lane. We are getting very tired of having to listen to excessively loud music from different houses around us. It's completely unacceptable, it gets so loud you can't hear anything but the noise. To make it worse these gatherings start around 6 o'clock and go on until past midnight. Surely there is a limit on the amount of noise these gatherings can make. People should not have to deal with this invasion of their privacy in their own homes.

Escondido Fights Illegal Fireworks

August 11, 2025

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Escondido City Council
City of Escondido
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Via Email

Subject: Urgent Request for Council Resolution to Enforce Illegal Fireworks Ban and Launch Proactive Fire Safety Measures

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

The Escondido Fights Illegal Fireworks group respectfully urges the City Council to take immediate action to address the growing threat of illegal fireworks. These are not harmless disturbances—they are dangerous, destructive, and a public safety crisis that threatens lives, property, and our emergency services.

1. **Strengthen Enforcement Through a Maximum Enforcement Program (MEP)**

The time has come for Escondido to move beyond reactive enforcement and establish a structured Maximum Enforcement Program. This program should prioritize interdepartmental coordination, with fire and police personnel working together year-round to enforce fireworks laws. **We also recommend adding a Fireworks Social Host Ordinance (FSHO)** that allows citations to be issued to property owners where violations occur, even if the violator is not directly identified. This will streamline enforcement and make accountability clearer.

2. **Establish Higher Fines and Strict Liability**

To deter repeat offenders, fines should be increased to the maximum amount allowed by a general law city (\$1,500), with each violation subject to a separate fine. Additionally, **violators should be held strictly liable** for their actions, regardless of intent, to ensure enforcement is effective and equitable.

3. **Launch a Drone-Based Enforcement Pilot Program**

We strongly support the launch of a drone-based enforcement program modeled after successful initiatives in Riverside and Elk Grove. The Escondido Fights Illegal Fireworks group has gathered and can provide implementation documents from other cities' programs—Riverside, Elk Grove, and Long Beach—that you can use to model a program for the City of Escondido. **Drone operations can provide real-time documentation, enhance deterrence, and shift enforcement to a proactive model.** We also advocate for **stacking fines** for each device used, ensuring proportional accountability for each violation.

4. **Annual Enforcement Reporting**

We urge the Council to require that **both police and fire departments present an enforcement operation plan by May 1st of each year**, as well as an **after-action report by October 1st** to assess the effectiveness of the program and inform future enforcement strategies.

5. **Allocation of Citation Revenues**

To ensure sustainable enforcement, we recommend that at least **50% of all collected fines be allocated to an "Escondido Illegal Fireworks Enforcement Fund"** to support ongoing illegal fireworks enforcement efforts.

The risks associated with illegal fireworks demand immediate attention. We ask the City Council to adopt a resolution that implements these proposals, which will ensure Escondido becomes a leader in fireworks enforcement and public safety.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to public safety.

Sincerely,

Escondido Fights Illegal Fireworks

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Council Meeting Date August 13 2025

Item # 10

Subject Letter for immigration reform

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Olukemi Barnes

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I want to express my support and appreciation to the council for taking up this issue and preparing this letter. I urge the council members to vote to send this letter to our Representatives in Congress. Currently, how immigration is being handled is often a source of stress and negative interactions for the community. I hope that you and our representatives remain dedicated to helping your constituents have a good quality of life, and do what you can to improve it whenever you can.

Thank you,
Kemi Barnes

Escondido Neighbors for Solutions

August 11, 2025

Mayor and Members of the Escondido City Council
City of Escondido
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Via Email

RE: SUPPORT for letter to Federal Immigration and Requests for Additions

Dear Mayor White and honorable members of the City Council.

Thank you for your leadership in proposing the letter to our federal representatives. Your commitment to seeking 'holistic, clear, and just policies' for our community is an important first step and we support this direction for our city and this letter.

However, as you know, waiting for federal action will take time—and our community's needs are immediate. The problems we face are not just national issues; they are local issues of public safety, community stability, and trust that are happening here in Escondido, right now.

Your letter rightly stated that 'unclear immigration enforcement policies reduce community trust in local law enforcement.' This is a critical point. When federal agents operate without clear identification, using confusing and intimidating tactics, it erodes the trust that our local police need to do their jobs effectively. When residents fear reporting a crime or cooperating with police, our entire community is less safe.

We have two requests.

First, we request that the letter be expanded by adding a new section to seek support from our Congressional delegation to emphasize community safety and stability and protect our residents from current unjust and excessive tactics in the present.

For example, we request add to page 3 of the draft letter:

(The Escondido City Council respectfully requests that you)

Help us to promote community safety and stability to ensure:

- Our local police will not be pressured to act as immigration agents or share information with ICE beyond what the law requires and in compliance with SB 54.¹
- Officers are unmasked and display clear identification, including badge numbers, so residents know who they are speaking with.
- Prohibit racial profiling by federal enforcement agencies in our community per the requirements of AB953.²

¹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB54

² <https://oag.ca.gov/ab953>

Second, we ask the City Council to communicate through resolution or other means, how it expects current enforcement activities be carried out. We have previously submitted a list of possible actions for your consideration.

Endorsing action on future immigration reform is critical, but we also need to address what is happening now and in the immediate future. Addressing current impacts is not about partisanship; it is about protecting all of us. It is about a local government doing what it can, right now, to uphold the principles of due process and public safety that you all hold so dear.

We are not asking you to do the work alone. We are standing with you, ready to help. We are simply asking you to take this vital next step to ensure that while we wait for federal immigration reform, our community in Escondido is as safe, stable, and trusting as it can be.

Please contact Lisa Richards lrichards111@yahoo.com with any questions or for more information.

Sincerely,

Escondido Neighbors for Solutions

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City Manager Sean McGlynn

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California state law prohibits racial profiling by law enforcement. This is primarily established through the [Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015 \(AB 953\)](#) and the California Penal Code. AB 953 expands the prohibition to include identity profiling and mandates data collection and reporting on stops by law enforcement agencies.