



City Council Meeting
Public Comments
November 12, 2025

Item # Non-Agenda

Subject

Position No Position

First and Last Name Stephen Wheeler

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am Stephen Wheeler.

Honorable Civil Servants,

No less than twice, I requested this body, as a future agenda item, to provide some level of impact assessment to our city letter to county Federal representatives re: immigration control practices in our city and much, much more importantly reducing the level of fear with which much of our community STILL lives with each day.

Having had no acknowledgement from any of the 5-civil servants before me, I performed my own Public Records Request.

It took only minutes for me to understand your silence.

It IS hard to broadcast our failures; independent of how much I may personally expect it from my government.

I have repeatedly expressed to this august body my waning faith in government.

This ineffective action & lack of follow-up, including those proposed to you by residents other than myself, seems only to reinforce my doubts.

Can you help a brother out?

I want to believe.

Previously, I have offered specific proactive letter follow-ups to you as several of our County sister cities have already enacted.

Fundamentally, WHEN IS THE FEAR GOING TO END? However limited, You have the power.

Only requirement is....WE.... have a spine.

Secondarily, re: city cannabis retail sales approval:

I most recently offered to all Councilmembers my service to research any issue which may provide you current reservation on issue advancement. I expected 5-responses.

To the 2 of you which responded, I offer a nod of my head. That's what civil servants do where I come from.

Councilmember Fitzgerald, based on your law enforcement expertise, I asked you individually for ONLY one thing. You offered me NOTHING.

Faith in Government.....still waiting, still hopeful it will come.

With respect,

Thank you.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # PL23-0130/PL25-0086/PL25-0085 Escondido subdivision RELIGIOUS Facility

Subject Escondido subdivision RELIGIOUS Facility

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Savannah Madden

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments 100% against!

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email arory@att.net

Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # PL23-0130/PL25-0086/PL25-0085 Escondido subdivision RELIGIOUS Facility

Subject Escondido subdivision RELIGIOUS Facility

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Aurora Madden

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Please do not build a religious facility near my residential property

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email jeff.madden@att.net

Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # PL23-0130/PL25-0086/PL25-0085 Escondido subdivision RELIGIOUS Facility

Subject Escondido subdivision RELIGIOUS Facility

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jeffrey Madden

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Absoluey 100% against putting a religious facility, of the type indicated, in a residential area right next to my property

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date Nov. 12, 2025

Item # PL23-0129/PL23-01-0130/PL25-0086, PL25-0085

Subject ISKON subdivision

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Carolyn Kennedy

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I oppose to the entire project because of fire danger, increased traffic, 2 laned road. The street on a dead end. Only one way in and one way out. Our Home Insurance just doubled by Connect Insurance starting this month. It increased by \$300 monthly.

Concerned about homeless being fed and housed. The infrastructure is not mentioned. There are no traffic lights on Conway and Rincon. 5 services a day will create noise and traffic.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 12, 2025

Item # ISKCON Religious Facility & Residential Subdivision – 1315 & 1356 Rincon Ave (agenda item # to be confirmed)

Subject Opposition to ISKCON Religious Facility & Residential Subdivision

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Michelle Young

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am a Canyon Grove resident. Our HOA represents 179 homes directly south of the proposed ISKCON Religious Facility and Residential Subdivision at 1315 & 1356 Rincon Ave. We support religious freedom and responsible development, but we have concerns about:

- Traffic & Safety: Rincon Ave/Conway Dr are not designed for increased volume and overflow parking from frequent services/events.
- Noise/Hours: Early-morning (reportedly 4:30 AM) and evening activities with outdoor music/chanting are incompatible with a residential area.
- Neighborhood Compatibility: The 11,767 sq. ft. facility and clustered homes are inconsistent with surrounding single-family character.
- Environmental/Fire Risk: Limited access and evacuation planning for large gatherings in a wildfire-prone area.
- Community Outreach: Many neighbors report limited notice/engagement prior to approval.

I respectfully urge the City Council to deny the CUP and DRP and consider alternatives that align with residential scale, safety, and community input. This is just no ok.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 12, 2025

Item # ISKCON Religious Facility & Residential Subdivision – 1315 & 1356 Rincon Ave (agenda item # to be confirmed)

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Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Carolyn Winters

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Council Meeting Date November 12, 2025

Item # ISKCON Religious Facility & Residential Subdivision – 1315 & 1356 Rincon Ave (agenda item # to be confirmed)

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Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Aung Lwin

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Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # ISKCON Religious Facility and Residential Subdivision – 1315 & 1356 Rincon Avenue

Subject Opposition to ISKCON Religious Facility and Residential Subdivision (1315 & 1356 Rincon Avenue)

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Richard Khasim

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

As President of the Canyon Grove Homeowners Association, I am submitting this comment on behalf of our 179-home community located directly south of the proposed ISKCON Religious Facility and Residential Subdivision at 1315 & 1356 Rincon Avenue.

While our HOA supports freedom of religion and responsible development, we share significant concerns about this project's scale, design, and potential community impacts:

Traffic & Safety: Rincon Avenue and Conway Drive cannot safely handle the expected increase in vehicle volume and overflow parking from frequent daily services and events.

Noise & Disturbance: Activities reportedly beginning as early as 4:30 AM and extending into the evening are incompatible with a quiet residential neighborhood.

Neighborhood Compatibility: The 11,767 sq. ft. temple and clustered home layout are inconsistent with surrounding single-family properties.

Environmental & Fire Risk: The project area lies in a high wildfire risk zone with limited evacuation routes.

Lack of Community Input: Nearby residents, including our HOA, were not adequately informed or engaged before the Planning Commission vote.

On behalf of Canyon Grove residents, we respectfully urge the City Council to deny the Conditional Use and Design Review Permits and to consider alternatives that align better with Escondido's residential scale, safety standards, and community values.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 12, 2025

Item # ISKCON

Subject Hare Krishna Development

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

While I firmly believe in religious freedom, this plan of development seems to be quite overreaching and does not fit with the neighborhood development in the surrounding area. Please oppose this development. Thank you.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date TBD

Item # TBD

Subject ISKCON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Daniel Kassebaum

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am opposed to development of the plot for non-residential use. The entire area is zoned for large estates, not commercial. The temple does not fit with the other properties that surround it and is not in a location suited to large gatherings. While the proposal calls for small to medium sized gatherings, the ISKON website promises much much more - a site for hundreds of members to gather for all-day services. The plan does not have sufficient parking for so many people, so the obvious result is that the streets would be clogged with parked cars. Additionally, the proposed dorms are better characterized as multi-family residences, which the site is also not zoned for. I would fully support the development of single-family residences as depicted on the ISKON plan but not the temple.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email sleeper565@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date Wednesday November 12

Item # To be determined

Subject ISKCON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Sandra and Charles Sleeper

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

With going traffic concerns in the North Broway Rincon area of speeding trucks and cars, more traffic would bring concern of the areas safety. In the area there are 5 schools and one park that would be impacted by more vehicles. The other concern would be the amount of people added to this area and the noise and it would produce for single family homes in the area. There are a lot of things not being said by the ISKCON that is not real of how this will impact the neighborhoods. I urge you as a long time Escondido to vote no on this project.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Many Council members appear to not have seen certain documents in which I am referencing, so please see attached.

I would also like to add that I personally spoke with the head of Cal Trans yesterday, to verify my suspicions. She happens to be the wife of my husband's co worker, imagine that. She confirmed that the numbers used are very skewed and actually laughed when she saw N/A on weekend ADT. "So, no one leaves their house on Sunday?" she laughed. Also, confirming that the ADT is unrealistic for such a project. Basically, just trying to bypass a LMA which would require using the VMT metric.

She explained to me that CalTrans will only use VMT metric, as it is more environmentally friendly. She has to lean in hard on developers, she said. She also said that an environmental study needs to be done?

Has there been an environmental study done? If so, when?

Lastly, she said in order to obtain a LOS A rating, it would mean zero cars going through the intersection. We know that is not the case. Not only is it not zero cars going through Rincon and Conway intersection, Mr. Mike Stephenson's truck was totaled on that very same intersection. Imagine that. Actually there have been many accidents on that intersection.

So how does an intersection with a history of accidents obtain a LOS A rating? Please explain.

I urge the Mayor and the City Council members to please review all of which I am sharing. To simply ignore these concerns would be irresponsible and negligent of our Members. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Best Regards, Debbie Korn

**Table 27
 Project Trip Generation Summary**

Proposed Land Use	Rate	Size & Units	ADT	%	Split	AM Pk Hr			PM Pk Hr		
						IN	OUT	%	Split	IN	OUT
Weekday											
Residential - Single Family	10 /DU	11 DU	110	8%	0.3 0.7	3	6	10%	0.7 0.3	8	3
Place of Worship	9 F	7,034 SF	63	5%	0.6 0.4	2	1	8%	0.5 0.5	3	3
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Saturday											
Residential - Single Family (1)	9.48 /DU	11 DU	104			NA	NA			NA	NA
Place of Worship	9 F	7,034 SF	63			NA	NA			NA	NA
			Saturday Volumes:	167							NA NA
Sunday											
Residential - Single Family (1)	8.48 /DU	11 DU	93			NA	NA			NA	NA
Place of Worship (Sunday)	36 F	7,034 SF	253			NA	NA			NA	NA
			Sunday Volumes:	346							NA NA
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			Average ADT (7-day total divided by 7):	197							

Source: SANDAG Brief Guide of Vehicular Traffic Generation Rates for the San Diego Region, April 2002. (1) ITE trip rates.
 DU - Dwelling Unit, MF-Multi-Family, SF - Square Feet, ADT-Average Daily Traffic; Split-percent inbound and outbound.

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Best regards, Debbie Korn

City of Escondido Police Department

From 1/1/2014 to 10/2/2025

Total Collisions: 113

Injury Collisions: 84 Total Injured: 131

Fatal Collisions: 5 Total Killed: 6

Collision Summary Report

BROADWAY from RINCON AV to EL NORTE PY

16-00143	1/4/2016	16:33	Monday	BROADWAY - VILLAGE RD	22'	Direction: N
	Hit Object		Other Object	Unsafe Speed	22350	Hit & Run
Party 1 Driver	North	Making Left Turn	Male	Age: 26	1997 FORD	F-150
Veh Type:		Sobriety: HBD Not Under Infl	Assoc Factor: None Apparent			Lap/Shoulder Harness Not
1603185	3/16/2016	19:41	Wednesday	BROADWAY - EL NORTE PY	98'	Direction: S
	Rear-End		Other Motor Vehicle	Improper Turning	22107	Hit & Run
Party 1 Driver	North	Changing Lanes	Male	Age: 24	2002 BMW	F
Veh Type:		Sobriety: Impairment Not Kno	Assoc Factor: None Apparent			Not Stated
Party 2 Driver	North	Stopped In Road	Female	Age: 20	2003 HYUNDAI	ELANTRA
Veh Type:		Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent			Lap/Shoulder Harness Use
1603340	3/20/2016	21:43	Sunday	BROADWAY - SHERIDAN AV	387'	Direction: S
	Broadside		Other Motor Vehicle	Improper Turning	22107	Hit & Run

October 1

5:46 PM

1) Select the Street Classifications for each street in the study area
 2) Answer the questions for each Street Classification that applies to your project

	Yes	No
1. Prime Arterial:		
a. Does the project add 900 ADT or more to any segment classified as 8-lane Prime Arterial?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Does the project add 800 ADT or more to any segment classified as 6-lane Prime Arterial?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Major Road:		
a. Does the project add 700 ADT or more to any segment classified as 6-lane Major Road?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Does the project add 500 ADT or more to any segment classified as 4-lane Major Road?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Collector:		
a. Does the project add 500 ADT or more to any segment classified as 4-lane Collector without parking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Does the project add 250 ADT or more to any segment classified as 4-lane Collector with parking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Local Collector and other:		
a. Does the project add 200 ADT or more to any segment classified as 2-lane Local Collector or any other classifications?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Certain types of projects which generate less than 500 ADT may be considered by the City staff for an LMA waiver only where the affected segments and intersections operate at LOS C or better.
 Please briefly explain why your project might be eligible for an LMA waiver.

The project applicant is requesting an LMA waiver based on the following:
 1) The project trip generation at 173 weekday ADT is less than the 500 ADT threshold requirement for a LMA,
 2) The project will add less than 200 weekday ADT to any surrounding roadway,
 3) The project will add less than 20 weekday peak hour to any surrounding intersection approach leg, and
 4) The nearest major intersection of Rincon Ave at Conway Dr is calculated to operate at LOS A (AM and PM peak hours).

PART 2

Trip Distribution and Trip Assignment

Select Zone (Model Series _____) Projects that generate greater than 2,400 daily trips

Manual Estimation Projects that generate less than 2,400 daily trips

Provide an exhibit detailing the project's trip distribution and trip assignment.
 Provide a table with the project's daily trip assignment for each street segment in the study area.

grassland. MM No. 2 requires clearing to occur outside of the nesting season (Feb 1 through September 1). MM No. 3 requires a nesting bird survey if vegetation removal occurs within nesting bird season. MM No. 4 requires replacement of mature trees. MM No. 5 requires biological monitoring for coastal and orange-throated whiptails during grading and construction. MM No. 6 through MM No. 12 require Archaeological and Native American monitor(s) to attend construction, conduct training session, delineation of Environmental Sensitive Area, monitoring during construction, requirements during the event of unearthened resources, requirements for reburial, and monitoring report. MM No. 13 requires a paleontological monitor during initial cutting activities. MM No. 14 requires proper removal of potentially hazardous materials and a soils testing for pesticides. MM No. 16 through 20 require fire protection measures such as removal of dead trees, maintaining fuel modification, and realignment of Rincon Ave.

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continued

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no known areas of controversy for this project known to the Lead Agencies.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

There are no responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

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Trip Distribution and Trip Assignment

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Study Intersections and Roadway Segments (NOTE: Subject to change based on staff review)

- | | |
|---|-----|
| 1. Rincon Ave at Conway Dr | 6. |
| 2. No other locations, waiver requested | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

Attach a separate page if the number of study locations exceeds 10.

Other Jurisdictions

Is this project located within one mile of another Local Jurisdiction? Yes No

If yes, name of Jurisdiction: County of San Diego

Specific Issues to be addressed within the Study

(in addition to requirements described in the Guidelines – to be filled out by City Staff)

1. None, waiver requested
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Recommended by:

Justin Rasas, P.E. 7/13/23

Consultant's Representative Date

Scoping Agreement Submitted on 7/13/23

Date 8/16/23, 8/20/23, 12/13/24

Scoping Agreement Re-submitted on _____
Date

Approved Scoping Agreement:

City of Escondido Date
Transportation Specialist

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Coordinates	33°9'58.95"N 117°4'45.72"W
Cities	Escondido
Counties	San Diego
Regions	Citywide, Southern California
Cross Streets	South side of Rincon Ave, ease of Conv
Zip	92026
Total Acres	24.53
Parcel #	224-100-84-00; 224-100-85-00
State Highways	I-15
Railways	None
Airports	None
Schools	Escondido High School, Rose Element
Waterways	Vista Canal
Township	12 Sou
Range	2 West
Section	03
Base	San Bern
Other Location Info	1315 and 1356 Rincon Ave, Escondido,

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # 00000

Subject ISKCON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Maria-Carmen Molina-Boomer

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I oppose the project as proposed and feel there are inaccuracies in the data provided and studies used to approve the plans thus far. My concerns are FIRE DANGER in a HIGH FIRE ZONE. This neighborhood has had many households dropped or refused homeowners insurance because of this zoning. This concern cannot be ignored with only one primary road for evacuation. The destination temple would draw large numbers to a narrow dead end road. TRAFFIC CONGESTION is of great concern as well. The temple will have services from 4:30 am to 8:30 pm DAILY. Our area has had a number of fatalities and collisions and this will greatly increase these occurrences.

My next concern is INADEQUATE PARKING on the proposal. The number of parking spaces will not cover the estimated size of the congregation. Given that concern, parking in the brush is a dangerous scenario (fire danger) or street parking clogging up residential neighborhoods and streets. NOISE is the last concern due to the nature of the land use proposed which includes outside activities that will have a disruptive effect on neighboring residences with music and outdoor celebratory activities at extended hours. Code enforcement has been and will continue to be a challenge. In addition, festivals held by ISKCON include bonfires and outdoor processions.

Lastly, imagine a two story home with a temple spire as high as the Carvana building to visualize how out of place this project will be.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email lino.filio@hp.com

Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # Proposed ISKCON Project in North Escondido

Subject Proposed ISKCON Project in N. Escondido off of Rincon Ave.

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Lino Filio

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I live in the community of Brookside, which is within 0.25 miles from the proposed project. After reading and educating myself on the proposed project my family and I are deeply concerned about what the project, if approved, will mean to our community and neighboring communities. My concerns mainly revolve around safety, reduction in the value of our homes, attraction to the homeless in the area, fire, and traffic. In addition, the proposed project does not seem to match the neighborhood, which is mainly comprised of single family homes and open space.

The neighborhood has already seen large homeless encampments in our area off of Centre City Parkway and reviewing the ISKCON Hare Krishna website and beliefs with devotees establishing a "Food for Life" program it appears highly possible that this program will attract the homeless into our area. With that, our property values may decrease and safety for our children may be at risk.

The Proposed project neighbors 5 schools within 0.5 miles: (Reidy Creek Elementary, N.Broadway Elementary, Rincon Middle School, Calvary Christian K-12, and Escondido High School). With increase in traffic and potential attraction of the homeless our family feels that child safety may be at risk, especially since kids walk to and from school.

Please reconsider and vote NO on this project. My family hopes you consider the long term effects and safety to the area.

Thanks so much for your time.

Lino Filio

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 12, 2025

Item # Unknown

Subject ISKCON

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Melisa Knudsen

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

We do not need this in our neighborhood

This will bring massive people in our area. We do not need homeless being feed in our neighborhood
We have other organizations in Escondido that work with homeless already

Please Vote NO on this project

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email dbmcmb@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # 000

Subject ISHCON temple project

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Don Boomer

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email dnschnei@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date Wednesday, November 12

Item # TO BE DETERMINED

Subject ISKCON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name David Schneiderman

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Allowing the implementation of this ISKCON project to be permitted in our neighborhood would be complete insanity and would hinder our local safety as well as our sanity in a residential area. While religious freedom is great,, scope and safety of building out a 24 acre project, in an area that clearly doesnt have the infrastructure to support the development is a terrible idea. The scale and scope of this proposal is NOT that of a traditional religious facility. There are obvious traffic concerns for a facility planning to hold 8+ worships daily, some starting as early as 430am and continuing into the evening, and many of those being slated to be outside, which include drumming and chanting. That is ALL DAY. In a residential area, let alone a rural residential area. This is not the appropriate place for such a development. This development also more closely resembles that of a commune with dormitory style housing suggesting long term communal living, not just a place to gather and worship. With their planned free meal programs, this will like attract a transient population of which we again, have no infrastructure or oversight set up to support. One they get their free meal, where will they go. Likely in to the surrounding neighborhood. Lets also talk about fire risk. The existing road is insufficient for handling 400+ person gatherings let alone the multi thousand people gatherings they sometimes attract for their flag ceremonies etc. What are evacuation plans? There is no enforceable wildfire mitigation for this development in a freakin BOX CANYON or evacuation strategy for such gatherings in such an area. Like, are we not all already on edge with all the fires recently? We need to worry about fighting an extra few hundred cars if we need to evacuate on a basically 1 lane road??? My opposition absolutely does not stem from religious intolerance or cultural bias, rather the clearly obvious and tangible impacts of the project itself on the surrounding community. The residential aspect of this project will likely not be developed due to the cost of the infrastructure improvement required and taken on by ISKCON and then we will be left with essentially a religious pilgrimage site hosting festivals, seven daily services, weekend weddings, and activities associated with the animal sanctuary is not a typical neighborhood fixture, will jeopardize safety and security, and will significantly alter the character of our area and be built without proper infrastructure. PLEASE do not allow this to proceed.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # don't know

Subject Hare Krishna project

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Peggy Williams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Have been a resident of Escondido for over 55 years. I have seen many changes in the City, some of which are good and some not so good. I live in Rocky Point Ranch, which is adjacent to where the proposed location of the temple will be built. Our neighborhood as well as surrounding neighborhoods will be affected by traffic, noise, and most of all fire danger. There is only a two lane road that turns into a one lane road. therefore making it very dangerous for incoming and outgoing traffic, as Rincon is dead end road with one one way in and one way out. I hope the City Council realizes what a bad decision they would make if they vote in favor of this project. Also they have an animal sanctuary on their grounds. Thank you for your consideration in voting NO.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # don't know

Subject ISKCON - Hare Krishna Temple project

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name William Williams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

We do appreciate each of the council members for having an open mind for the project presented by ISKCON.

Your visit to the site was certainly appreciated.

We have presented factional base reasons for our views against this project.

Our concerns were with the traffic flow, fire dangers and noise.

As a long time resident of Escondido this will be a turn-ing-point for our town.

If passed this will affect this area for generations.

Please consider voting against this project.

Urgent Concerns Regarding Emergency Egress for Proposed ISKCON Development on Rincon Avenue

Dear Mayor Dane White, City Councilmembers Judy Fitzgerald, Consuelo Martinez, Joe Garica and Christian Garcia,

My name is Lloyd Hudspeth. I was born and raised in the Los Angeles area, met my wife in San Diego, and together we chose Escondido as our forever home.

Throughout my life, I frequented the Pacific Palisades and Altadena areas, regions recently devastated by wildfires due to inadequate evacuation protocols and limited egress routes, resulting in catastrophic gridlock within boxed canyons. With a career in Public Safety with the City of Anaheim, I have firsthand experience assisting in managing natural and man-made disasters, including frontline fire operations regarding citizen evacuations. These experiences have underscored the critical importance of proactive emergency planning.

After reviewing the documents submitted to the Planning Commission for the proposed facility on Rincon Avenue, I have serious concerns about the absence of comprehensive fire and emergency protocols prior to construction. Rincon Avenue, from its intersection with Conway Avenue, is a narrow, two-lane rural road terminating with no emergency egress noted with a “No Outlet” sign as you travel eastbound from Conway Ave. into the box canyon (see attached photograph). In the same photograph you see in the background the adjacent eucalyptus grove lining the roadway, which represents a significant fire hazard; ignition would trap all residents, visitors, and “ISKCON” facility members and guests within the boxed canyon.

A viable secondary emergency egress solution is the northern extension of Canyon Grove Drive to connect with Rincon Avenue. Over eight years ago, while considering a home in the Shea Homes “Canyon Grove” development, a sales representative confirmed that the abrupt termination of Canyon Grove Drive (see attached photograph of map) was temporary and intended for future connection to Rincon Avenue.

The area east of the project lies within San Diego County jurisdiction, necessitating collaboration with county officials to secure an easement and establish a secondary emergency egress. This measure would protect not only future facility participants and ISKCON members but also existing residents in the surrounding neighborhoods east of Conway Avenue.

Precedent exists in the City of San Diego’s Rancho Peñasquitos community, where concerned community members successfully obtained a court judgment requiring Lennar Homes’ 530-unit “Juniper” development to widen roads and develop a secondary egress plan after identifying similar risks.

In summary, approving this project without a secondary egress and widened roadway (to four lanes) places an unacceptable number of lives at risk! The area is designated as a very high fire hazard severity zone, and existing developments predate modern fire codes. Emergency vehicles must also have unimpeded access without endangering first responders. I respectfully recommend tabling this project until:

1. A joint meeting is convened with San Diego County officials.
2. A revised Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is completed.

3. Widening of Rincon Ave. from the proposed project to the intersection of Conway Ave. and
4. An easement is secured to extend Canyon Grove Drive, northward to Rincon Ave, as the secondary emergency egress route, ensuring safe coexistence for all stakeholders, that being ISKCON members, guests and the surrounding neighbors, both within the City of Escondido and the County of San Diego.

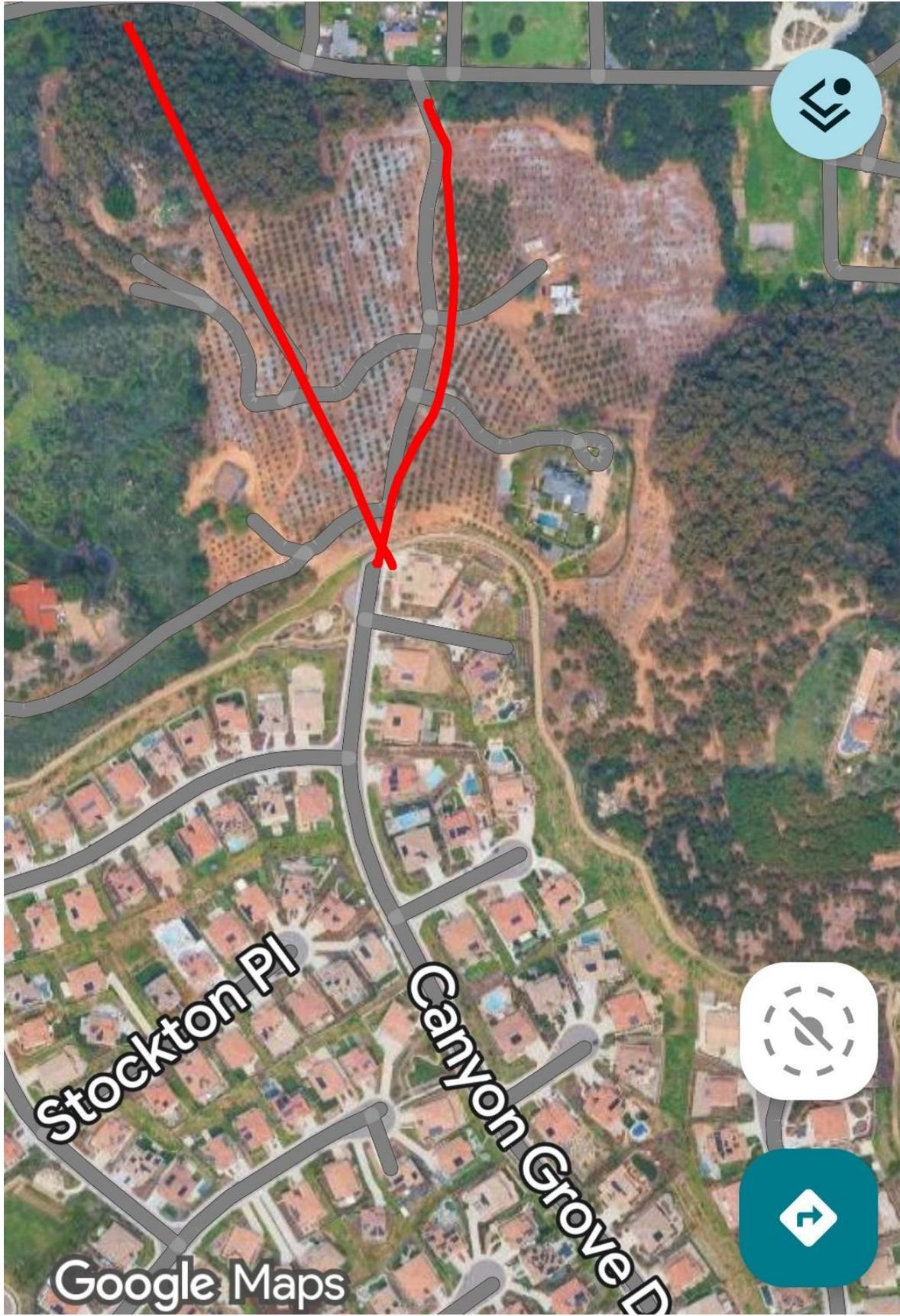
Thank you for your time and consideration. Due to the limited notice provided regarding this project's dissemination into the surrounding communities, I am writing as a private citizen, though I also serve as HOA President for the 242 homes within our "Garden Society of Escondido" (Brookside) community, located approximately 2,000 feet west of the planned project. Our Board of Directors will review this issue at its Executive Meeting on November 13, 2025. Therefore, I once again respectfully request that the City Council prioritize Public Safety by postponing approval until all critical concerns are addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Hudspeth

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Council Meeting Date November 12, 2025

Item # Proposed ISKCON Project in North Escondido

Subject Proposed ISKCON Project in North Escondido

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jonelle Filio

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I'm a Brookside resident and I don't feel this project is appropriate for this location as it's so close to high value residential homes and multiple schools in the immediate area. Project designates 7days/wk throughout the day for various events. In addition, they are allotting larger event to take place at this location which will bring on more traffic to the area. This will become a potential safety issue especially with children in the neighborhood.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/25

Item # Iskcon Krishna Temple Project

Subject Iskcon temple on rincon

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Cullen Beatty

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

concerned over lack of fire safety/infrastructure mitigation plan and lack of adequate parking, with potential for transient, food hall and other safety considerations resulting from an incomplete plan submittal.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # TBD

Subject ISKCON Temple/Subdivision

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Dan Fitzgerald

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

This project is a good project but at the wrong location. This is not a "Not In My BackYard" issue. There are too many issues that are not appropriate for this location. It's a dead end street, single lane road that is expected to host many events of large gatherings. Rural setting makes this location a potential fire egress problematic. Updated traffic study should be required. Please vote, No.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # TBD

Subject Proposed Hare Krishna (ISKCON) Temple/Subdivision on Rincon

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Robert Kennedy

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I have lived adjacent to the proposed facility for 14 years. We can bank on our power going out for "predicted high winds" 2 to 3 times a year as we are in a extreme risk fire area. Bring in more structures in the way of attracting more auto and foot traffic as well individuals who may choose to "inhabit" the area as underprivileged individuals seeking help from the new facility would pose significant risk to fire hazard (building encampments). I DO NOT oppose helping people seeking help or have any negative religious beliefs. My position is there is a better strategically located area that would fulfill all the requirements for the new facility without putting this community at risk of Fire exposure. Not to mention we are located at the end of an incorporated street that does not see much traffic. Putting in this facility would dramitically increase traffic around an area subjecting numerous schools and children in the neighborhood to increaed and unpredictable traffic at all hours. The current mapping of streets does not support such a plan. In closing, I support the following statements:

Rincon Avenue is a dead-end road with only one way in and one way out, which may not support high traffic for large scale events or emergency evacuations. Only 72 parking spots are proposed for entire temple facility

- Wildfire Safety: The 24-acre site lies in a high fire-risk area and does not include a comprehensive, enforceable wildfire mitigation and evacuation plan for residents.
- School Safety: proposed temple project brings in visitors for multiple daily services and large scale events which brings increased traffic and puts students at five (5) nearby schools at risk
- Community Impact: ISKCON worship includes ceremonies and services up to eight times daily from 4:30 AM seven days a week, which may affect neighborhood livability and quality of life
- Code Enforcement: Oversight is limited on weekends, when festivals, gatherings, or large events may occur.
- Free Food Distribution Program: ongoing free meal program could attract transient populations seeking shelter and food.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/25

Item # To be determined

Subject ISKCON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

According to the proposal, the project includes not only a temple but also on-site dormitories and a free food distribution program. These features raise serious questions. Dormitory-style housing suggests long-term communal living—not just a weekly place of worship. Coupled with the ongoing free meal program, this setup could inadvertently attract transient populations seeking shelter and food. North Escondido is already grappling with an increase in homelessness, and establishing a facility that offers such services—without appropriate infrastructure, oversight, or support from public agencies—could further exacerbate the issue. In addition to social impacts, the location itself presents logistical and safety challenges. The existing access road is insufficient to handle large-scale events, such as the 400+ person gatherings outlined in the plans, or emergency evacuation situations. While the temple may meet minimum fire code requirements on paper, the broader 24-acre property lacks a comprehensive and enforceable wildfire mitigation and evacuation strategy—something that is absolutely essential in our fire-prone region.

Another key concern is the lack of effective code enforcement on weekends—the very time when festivals, gatherings, and other large events are likely to occur. Without consistent oversight, we face increased risks of noise disturbances, traffic congestion, unauthorized camping, and even the emergence of temporary encampments.

In the case of the proposed ISKCON facility, the concerns extend beyond buildings or parking. This is not simply a church holding Sunday services. ISKCON's worship includes outdoor drumming, chanting, and ceremonies, reportedly scheduled eight times daily, beginning at 4:30 AM and continuing into the late evening. Such a schedule, in a rural residential zone, would drastically alter the character and livability of the surrounding community. This project is not a fit for Escondido and we urge the Planning Commission and the City Council to reject this plan. To be clear: this is not an objection to any particular faith or belief system. Our neighborhood is diverse in its religious views, ideology, and political positions.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # Hara

Subject Hara

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Hilda Clark

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Wrong place for these buildings due to many factors

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # PL23-0129/PL23-0130/PL25-0086/PL25-0085:ISKCON of Escondido Subdivision and Religious Facility

Subject ISKCON

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jacquelyn Curtis

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Council Members,

I live immediately across from where the Hare Krishna temple would be constructed. I have lived here for 14 years and have loved it. This monstrosity does not belong at a dead end, in a small neighborhood, at the bottom of a mountain with only one way out and a small easement that is not built and they are suppose to create as a second way in and out. This will negatively impact the neighborhood.

The temple is going to be 12,000 square feet and have ONLY 86 parking spaces. They will then use the neighborhood for parking to make up for the lack of planned spots. At the planning meeting their representative said they only have 3-4 events a year, but when you look up their building in SD they have 3 events planned for just Nov/Dec and that doesn't include weddings and other special events not listed on the website. I don't want a bunch of people who don't live here coming into the neighborhood. They don't have a vested interest. Every Hare Krishna will want their event at this brand new Mecca temple. Plus it is disruptive to have planned services and chanting at 4:30 in the morning, every morning, not to mention they will walk around on walks customarily chanting as they go through the neighborhood. These activities can not be changed because they are part of the foundation of their religion. When the parking and festivals/events become a frequent problem, what will you do about it? It will be too late.

The biggest concern many in the neighborhood have is the fact that a huge foundational principal is to serve meals at their locations. This is to attract new members. This neighborhood already has had problems from time to time with homeless people coming around and leaving drug paraphernalia around where my kids play in the open green spaces. I have found a needle, beers cans, and broken glass bottles. I have had to call the cops multiple times. At the planning commission meeting their representative assured the commission that they would not be serving food. I believe this is an out right lie. Serving food is literally a part of their religion. This is what they do. This is a lie to get the project approved and then they can do whatever they want. What recourse will I or my neighbors have when they start serving food and attract homeless people and it becomes a chronic problem? We have various green spaces that homeless people could set up camp while they wait for their next free meal.

I specifically bought my house in a quiet area, at the end of a street with no pass through traffic to avoid crimes of opportunity, homelessness, traffic and now that will all be gone.

Please vote NO. There are literally thousands of other locations that would not negatively impact a quiet, simple, slow paced neighborhood.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # PL23-0129/PL23-0130/PL25-0086/PL25-0085:ISKCON of Escondido Subdivision and Religious Facility

Subject ISKCON

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Joe Curtis

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please vote no. It is not an appropriate placement for a 12,000 sq ft temple and all the chaos that that brings. It should be in a more commercial area.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 12, 2025

Item # 10

Subject ISKCON Residential & Religious Facility

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Allen Williams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The religious facility does not meet the character and nature of the community, This is not a typical church with moderate numbers of meeting times and gatherings. Also the plan does not describe the full use of the property and therefore the projects lacks the appropriate infrastructure to address the impact of the property via outdoor activity and the use of the animal sanctuary as an integral part of the project. This project will have a lasting negative impact on north Escondido and I urge you vote no.
Thank you, Allen Williams

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # PL23-0129/PL23-0130/PL25-0086/PL25-0085:ISKCON of Escondido Subdivision and Religious Facility

Subject ISKCON

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jill Moran

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Vote NO because this temple would overwhelm the neighborhood which is unfair to the residents.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # PL23-0129/PL23-0130/PL25-0086/PL25-0085:ISKCON of Escondido Subdivision and Religious Facility

Subject ISKCON

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Brian Moran

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

For the size of the housing and temple they are planning on accommodating a lot more people than what they said at the planning meeting. Which means they are liars and nothing they said can be trusted. It is an obvious lie when you look at the size of the temple and the surrounding structures. This will smother and devastate the neighborhood.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # 1

Subject ISKCON of Escondido Subdivision and Religious Facility

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Kalpana Vasireddy

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # 1

Subject ISKCON OF ESCONDIDO SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Vamsi Vasireddy

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments I live ~4 miles away from the proposed project.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email anya_kova@yahoo.com

Council Meeting Date 10/12/2025

Item # TBD

Subject ISKCON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Anya Kish

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I have high concerns for impact on my family and community. The infrastructure is not prepared to support projected volume of visitors and the anticipated events could generate noise pollution not suitable for residential area. The area is already plagued by uncontrolled homeless / drug-using population and this project without a doubt will make matters worse. Community has many small children that should not be exposed to that.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date Nov 13, 2025

Item # To be determined

Subject Hare Krishna Temple

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ashley Chandler

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I feel that the plans for this temple is not the right area. Too much traffic and high fire danger. Dead end road is not ideal. In case of fire, neighbors in the back area wouldn't be able to get out quickly with their family and animals. There are no light signals at intersection of Conway and Rincon. Dangerous especially when school lets out and new homes are being built.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/25

Item # Proposed Hare Krishna (ISKCON) Temple/Subdivision on Rincon Ave

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name JoAnn Vasil

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am quite concerned about the impact it will have on the community. The proposed facility is in a high fire-risk area. I did not see any wildfire mitigation and evacuation plan. In addition, Rincon is a dead end road with only one way in and one way out which does not support high traffic events or emergency situations. In reviewing the plans, I see only 72 proposed parking spaces. The approval of this would increase the traffic at the intersection of Broadway and Rincon/ Country Club which is already a high accident area with 6 fatalities in the past years. There is also an elementary school located at this intersection.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date Wednesday, November 12

Item # TBD

Subject ISKCON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Hanna Scott

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I think this development would have a negative impact on this area. I am concerned with wild fire danger, increased traffic, and noise concerns. I am also very concerned about the large festivals planned at this location.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email eascottesc@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date Wednesday, November 12

Item # TBD

Subject ISKCON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Everette Scott

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date Wednesday, November 12

Item # TBD

Subject ISKCON RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Karen White

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11-12-2025

Item # 10

Subject ISKCON OF ESCONDIDO SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Susan P Caudillo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Concerns Regarding the Proposed Hare Krishna Facility at the end of Rincon Street

Traffic Capacity: Rincon Street and the surrounding roads are not designed to handle the volume of vehicles that would be generated by daily events, particularly on Sundays and during special events, which may occur on a regular basis. The resulting congestion would create safety issues and significant inconvenience for local residents.

Inadequate Parking: On-site parking will be insufficient for the anticipated attendance. As a result, vehicles will likely be parked well beyond the facility's property, spilling into residential neighborhoods and creating access and safety concerns.

Fire Safety Risks: The Hare Krishna ceremonies reportedly include open-flame bonfires. This practice poses a substantial fire risk not only to the worshipers and facility itself but also to surrounding homes and properties for miles around.

Public Safety and Homeless Encampments: The facility's offerings of free meals and services will likely attract individuals experiencing homelessness from across North County. Because the property will not have the capacity or infrastructure to house them, encampments could form in the surrounding area. This would increase both fire hazards and public safety concerns for nearby residential communities, particularly given the limited evacuation routes available in this location.

We respectfully request that the City Council carefully consider these impacts and take the necessary steps to protect the safety, access, and quality of life of the surrounding neighborhoods. Thank you.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # 2025040631

Subject Proposed Hare Krishna Temple/Subdivision on Rincon Ave

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Desiree Mondragon

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I'm writing to express concern about the proposed Hare Krishna temple on Rincon Ave. The site is on a dead-end street in a high fire-risk area with only one way in and out. Daily services starting at 4:30 a.m. would significantly increase traffic and noise, affecting nearby residents and the five schools in our area. Additionally, the planned food distribution program could attract large crowds and transient populations, creating safety and parking challenges our neighborhood isn't equipped to handle. This location simply isn't suitable for such a high-activity use.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date Wednesday, November 12

Item # To be determined

Subject ISKCON Residential Subdivision and Religious Facility

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Andrew Kim

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Impact to the safety of the community is the highest importance. Major concerns regarding parking, especially during special events and in the event of a wildfire like Paradise or more recently, the Palisades devastation and loss of lives.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # 1

Subject ISKCON RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Favor

First and Last Name KESHAHA B PRASAD

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

CHRIST & KRISHNA ARE RELATED HISTORICALLY THROUGH STUNNING SIMILARITIES IN THEIR LIFE HISTORY EXCEPT THAT THE TALES NA PARABLES ARE FROM TWO DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICL LOCATIONS. THE FOUNDER OF THE PROPOSED RELIGIIUS FACILITY SRILA PRABHUPADA WHO TAUGHT KRISHNS CONSCIOUSNESS, viewed Jesus Christ as a representative of God and a guru who preached God consciousness. He honored Christ as a "pure representative of God," an "advanced devotee," and a "spiritual master" whose message was suited for his time and place. Prabhupada highlighted Christ's teachings of love, forgiveness, and sacrifice, emphasizing that all genuine spiritual masters, like Christ, work to deliver God consciousness to humanity.

THEREFOREM THE PROPOSED RELIGIOUS FACILITY DOES NOT BRING DISCORD BUT UNITY AMONG THE COMMUNITIES AND WILL PROMOTE AWARENESS OF GOD AND WHILE EMPHASIZING RIGHTEOUS BEHAVIOR AMONG HUMANS

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 12 November 2025

Item # 10

Subject ISKCON OF ESCONDIDO SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Aditya Bor

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I regularly visit Escondido area and would visit even more if the ISKCON temple is approved. It would provide a positive cultural and spiritual space for everyone.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 12th Nov 2025

Item # 10

Subject ISKCON OF ESCONDIDO SUBDIVISION

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Parth Jayesh Desai

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I regularly visit Escondido area as my friends live there. I would visit even more if the ISKCON temple is approved. It would provide a positive cultural and spiritual space for everyone.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 12 nov

Item # 10

Subject ISKCON OF ESCONDIDO SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jaydeep Pstake

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I often visit the Escondido area and would do so even more frequently if the ISKCON temple is approved. It would offer a welcoming cultural and spiritual space for the entire community.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 12 November

Item # 10

Subject ISKCON OF ESCONDIDO SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Favor

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I regularly visit Escondido area and would visit even more if the ISKCON temple is approved. It would provide a positive cultural and spiritual space for everyone.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/2025

Item # 10

Subject PL23-0129/PL23-0130/PL25-0086/PL25-0085: ISKCON OF ESCONDIDO SUBDIVISION AND RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Larry Michel

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

As an Escondido resident for over 40 years I love to welcome new neighbors and businesses. Unfortunately, this project has many flaws which will undermine the enjoyment and, especially, the safety around where we live. My understanding is that there are far fewer parking places than should be required for the events they will have. This will force attenders to park on side streets and areas that aren't paved. This creates a fire hazard, ESPECIALLY, since there is only one small road going into the project. I attend Emmanuel Faith Church and I know the requirements that were placed on us when we built. Look at all of the parking that was required of us. This project has pitifully little parking for the attendance that is anticipated.

I would encourage you to table this motion until more research is done on parking and roads into the project. Thank you.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 12, 2025

Item # 10

Subject ISKCON Krishna Temple & Subdivision

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Gunnar Stephenson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I live at the residence referred to as the island parcel within this proposed development. I am opposed to this project as vital and foundational traffic studies appear to be missing or overlooked. Also, adequate fire evacuation plans need to be developed and approved. Please send this back to the Planning Commission to include these foundational and vital studies. Thank you.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/12/25

Item # #2025040631

Subject ISKCON Residential Subdivision and Religious Facility

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Cynthia Beck

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I'm a resident of Laurel Valley (Ash and Rincon) who will be GREATLY impacted by this proposal.

I've read the documentation, and it seems to me (like other initiatives approved by the City) the impact to the residents is being minimized.

Beyond the traffic issues (not just Ash and Rincon) but the increase in general within the square mile of this area, due to the Council approving other SF residences that are currently in development.

The issue is not just this one temple development. We objected to the developments on Stanley and Ash, and Conway and Stanley because we knew the traffic would increase as there are few streets that lead to the major streets. We are already seeing back up traffic in the mornings and evenings on Ash, Broadway and Rincon and even at Centre City Parkway.

Developers always say they will do mitigation if a problem develops BUT THEY NEVER DO and THEY NEVER HAVE. The City has never enforced this.

The residents of the oldest communities here have always borne the brunt of increased development in terms of traffic congestion, additional crime, increased noise and the constant barrage of construction vehicles barreling down the roads all day long. Sometimes you can't even cross an intersection on foot because of the traffic.

You can't just look at Rincon regarding traffic congestion: the side streets like Stanley, Conway, Ash and Linda Vista are also negatively affected since these last few developments went in.

We were told when the Buddhist temple went in that there would be no noise. There is noise that we can hear a few miles away. Also, noise doesn't just come from the temple itself – increased noise from increased traffic continues to be a problem night and day.

Bottom line: there is just too much development in this area. We are past saturated. When the homes on Conway and Stanley/Ash get occupied, we won't be able to get out of our neighborhoods

We were unsuccessful stopping the last two developments in our area, so we have to put our foot down somewhere. This has to be the hill to die on.

The City Council has to start supporting the current residents of this area of Escondido who have put them in office instead of just allowing development after development. This area has gone from a quiet country area to an overly dense, almost urban environment.

Bullet Point Issues:

- Increase Noise (from traffic)
- Increase Congestion on main and side streets
- Decreased egress
- Emergency evacuation issues, especially for Laurel Valley neighborhoods

Footnote: By the way, the biologist is wrong on the mammals in the area. We also have mountain lions which have been seen in the hills in this area. There are far more coyote packs than they cited in the study. The Bell's Least Vireo is in our area – a pair was nesting in an apple tree in our neighborhood. The City needs to get a new wildlife biologist.