



**City Council Meeting**  
**Public Comments**  
**January 28, 2026**

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Item # General public Comment

Subject Traffic Cameras are Desparately Needed

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Richard Littorno

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

As a former Mayor of Clayton CA, I very much appreciate your service.

We desperately need traffic control cameras around the Westfield Mall.  
All Red lights are simply ignored by many.  
a fatality awaits....

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Council Meeting Date January 28, 2026

Item # public comment

Subject Please correct mistake, Cancel ICE contract

Position No Position

First and Last Name Laura Ellen Hunter

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Mayor White, City Council Members, and City Manager McGlynn,

We are not in normal times and we are in need of your leadership. This ICE contract cannot be viewed as a 'normal or routine' action even though it may have been in place previously.

Since 2025, ICE has devolved into a rogue agency. If it ever was, it is not now, a federal agency that protects the public. ICE is brutalizing Americans of all stripes. The ICE treatment of children is abhorrent, deporting a 2-year old and using a 5-year old as 'bait' against his parents--before deporting him.

And they are killing people.

You know exactly what they are 'practicing' in our publicly funded training facility and you should stop it.

They are an immoral agency and our leadership should not welcome them to our city.

While he may not understand this yet, the issuance of this ICE contract is very bad for the reputation of our Chief of Police and very bad for the city. Chief Plunkett is new. He made a mistake. It can happen when you are new to a position. But now, you must direct him to fix it. Because he is new, he may not understand how much this issue is eroding the hard-won trust that previous chiefs have accomplished between the EPD and the public over many years.

He may not be aware of the deficit of trust that existed between residents and the police in the past. His failure to cancel this contract, which will draw even more ICE agents to our city, is putting all of that at risk. Our city will end up worse off because of his action if you don't reverse it.

There is a lot about the federal government's aggressive behavior we cannot control right now. They are invading and occupying states against the will of state leaders. They are trying to deliberately provoke conflict all the while disrupting families and economies and terrorizing communities.

But, this contract is something you can do something about. You can cancel it.

We do not want them here. You should not want them here. The more they are here, the less safe Escondido is. Far less safe. They make our city worse. Don't be party to that.

Tell ICE no. Tell Chief Plunkett you want the contract cancelled. Please.

Laura Hunter

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Council Meeting Date 02/25/2026

Item # Unsure

Subject Cancel ICE Firing Range Contract in Escondido

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Heriberto Acevedo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Thank you, Mayor White, for placing this issue on the February 25 City Council agenda. I ask that you also ensure ICE does not train at this facility before that date.

Allowing armed ICE agents to train here brings fear, trauma, and risk into our community. This decision affects residents who already feel targeted and unsafe.

I urge the Mayor and City Council to cancel this contract immediately. ICE should not use the firing range between now and February 25 while this is under review.

Our community deserves transparency, safety, and leadership that prioritizes residents over federal enforcement agencies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Council Meeting Date February 25, 2026

Item # Not yet stated

Subject ICE Contract

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Adam Hopps

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I'd like to thank Mayor White for bringing the contract between ICE and the City of Escondido for bringing the issue of an agreement between Escondido and the Department of Homeland Security to the city council agenda.

As a resident of Escondido, born in Palomar Hospital, and graduate of San Pasqual High School, I strongly urge the city to discontinue the contract allowing ICE agents to train in our city. It is very clear the presence of ICE is a danger to our community and makes us all less safe. The history of our city's connection with ICE is fraught with violence and illegal actions against our residents.

Additionally, I'd like to request that:

1. No ICE agents are allowed to use the facility until the February 25 city council meeting
2. The city amends its contract policies to require council approval for all contracts entered into with the Border Patrol, regardless of \$\$ amount.

A Better Escondido requires the protection of our residents from unconstitutional actions.

Adam Hopps

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Council Meeting Date 01/28/2026

Item # 1

Subject ICE/DHS

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Mari

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please do not have any ice agents or DHS in our community! This is not the ice and DHS of yesterday. This is something different and dangerous. You see what they have done to Minneapolis, they will do here also. Do not allow them an inch! Do not let them into our community!! Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/26

Item # Public Comment

Subject Ice Firing Range Contract

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The city should release a copy of the contract to the public asap. Council should use every strategy possible to cancel this contract. If it cannot be cancelled by the city, the city should demand the federal government exercise their ability to cancel under contract conditions. Council should ask federal electees to help us get this contract cancelled on the Fed side.

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Council Meeting Date 2/25/2026

Item # DHS/ICE using Escondido firing range

Subject DHS/ICE using Escondido firing range

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Curtis Fitzgerald

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please cancel the contract allowing DHS/ICE to use the city's firing range. The city should not cooperate or assist them in any way.

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Council Meeting Date 2/4/2026

Item # 0

Subject EPD allowing ICE at shooting range

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Janae Lessnau

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

It has come to my attention today that the Escondido Police Department (EPD) has signed a contract to open up their police training facility and shooting range to allow its use by US Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE). I'm contacting you in order to STRONGLY oppose this contract and eliminate any access by ICE to city facilities.

As I understand it, this contract was signed less than a week after ICE killed Renee Good, an unarmed protester in Minneapolis. Multiple organizations have condemned this killing and it's plain to see in the eyes of most Americans that her death was unnecessary. Though some controversy remains, our country and city are still mourning her passing. Signing a contract to allow ICE to use the city's shooting range is about as tone-deaf as it could possibly get.

Regardless of how you, the chief of police, and any city councilmembers may feel about ICE and the killing of Renee Good, Escondido taxpayer dollars are used to fund these police training facilities specifically for use by our city employees; in service of protecting our city and its residents. They are NOT intended to be used to assist the federal government in any capacity, particularly when violence and danger to civilians seems to follow ICE wherever they swarm as of late.

I urge you to do everything in your power to nullify this contract immediately and preserve our city resources for our city.

Thank you for your time

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Council Meeting Date 2/25/26

Item # ICE contract

Subject ICE contract

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Allison Bray

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I respectfully but firmly request that the Escondido Police Department cancel the contract allowing ICE access to Escondido's firing range immediately. ICE's presence in our city makes everyone less safe, regardless of citizenship status.

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Council Meeting Date Feb. 25, 2026

Item # ICE contract Escondido firing range

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Carly Roman

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am very concerned by the presence of ICE in our community. I am an attorney and swore an oath to uphold the constitution, yet see that federal agents are disregarding the rule of law by detaining people without probable cause and entering homes without exigent circumstances. Given recent national events, where an American citizen was assassinated while driving away from an ICE agent, we should not be inviting ICE into our community, or providing ICE with access to Escondido's firing range. I respectfully request that you not only cancel this contract.

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Council Meeting Date 02/25/2026

Item # Ice contract for Escondido firing range

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jonathan Roman

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Why was this not publicly announced? Escondido is a predominantly Hispanic city and this contract with ICE will certainly cause turmoil and financial chaos that will ultimately impact Escondidos revenue, and for what?! Measly \$67K?? I am voting Dane White out come 2026, please let him know the community will do the same!

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Council Meeting Date 2/25/2026

Item # N/A

Subject Escondido Police Department/ DHS/ICE Firing Range

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Sofia Bianconi

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Mayor White and City Council Members, Thank you, Mayor White, for scheduling the ICE firing range contract for review at the February 25th City Council agenda. This demonstrates responsiveness to community concerns. However, I am writing to urge you to support the immediate cancellation of this contract. Drawing armed ICE agents into our community in this way has serious implications that we are witnessing in real-time in Minneapolis. What is happening in Minneapolis schools right now should alarm every Escondido resident: A preschooler, Liam Ramos, was detained by ICE agents right after school and flown to a detention center in Texas. The image of him in his blue winter hat being detained has become a symbol of the indiscriminate nature of these operations. Four students from one school district have been detained in recent weeks. Children are having panic attacks in class and teachers must hold them for half an hour to help them calm down. Students are attending online class from basements, hiding while ICE agents bang on their doors. Elementary school children are wetting themselves during school lockdowns when ICE is spotted nearby. A second-grader counted off all her missing classmates, sorting them in her head as "white versus brown kids." A special education teacher had to spend class time training students with physical disabilities on how to respond to ICE encounters because "their responses could literally end their lives." Schools had to suddenly pivot to offering remote learning with "most of the brown kids at home, and the other kids at school"—enforcing racial segregation through fear. Teachers are doing social services instead of teaching—arranging food deliveries, checking on pregnant mothers avoiding prenatal care, helping families connect to legal aid. As one Minneapolis educator said: "This is a generational trauma." By allowing ICE to train at our firing range, Escondido is actively contributing to this enforcement infrastructure. We are training the agents who create this climate of terror in communities like ours. This contract: Increases armed ICE presence in our community, even if enforcement doesn't happen at the range itself. Undermines public safety when families are too afraid to report crimes, seek help, or send children to school. Damages trust between immigrant communities and local police. May violate SB54 (California Values Act) by providing facilities and resources for immigration enforcement. Recent violence makes this even more urgent: ICE officer shot and killed Renee Nicole Good. ICE used chemical irritants outside a Minneapolis high school during dismissal. U.S. citizens are being violently detained. I strongly oppose allowing ICE to continue using the firing range between now and February 25th. Every day of training represents another group of agents being prepared to conduct operations that traumatize children and devastate families. The community needs immediate action, not a month-long wait during which this harmful partnership continues. I

respectfully urge the City Council to vote for immediate cancellation of this contract and to ensure Escondido remains a welcoming, safe community for all residents—especially our children. Thank you for your service and attention to this urgent matter.

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Council Meeting Date 1-28-26

Item # unknown

Subject Cancel ICE contract

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Lisa Richards

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Mayor White and City Council,

As evidenced by yet another fatal shooting in Minneapolis we are truly at a tipping point and cannot do anything which puts our residents in more danger than already exists and is increasing at an alarming rate.

I strongly oppose the contract the Escondido Police issued a contract with DHS/ICE to use our firing range. Mayor, I am asking you to use your power as Mayor to place this issue on the next possible agenda. Councilmembers, please support placing this on the agenda. We should not be allowing ICE to use our public resource, paid for by the tax-payers. Drawing more armed, poorly trained ICE agents to come to our city is completely unacceptable. Please urge the Police Chief to cancel this contract and schedule this for a public discussion.

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Council Meeting Date 01/28/26

Item # Public Comment

Subject Ice Firing Range Contract

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

With another killing in Minneapolis by ICE agents, masked agents breaking down doors and dragging off people who have contributed to our communities for decades, and ICE attacking and murdering American citizens who are exercising their constitutional rights and attempting to keep their neighbors safe, I'm asking the EPD to keep Escondido safe and cancel their contract with ICE. Please!

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Council Meeting Date January 28

Item # 1111

Subject Hud funds

Position No Position

First and Last Name JuanFlores

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

"I would like the City Council to spend the expiring HOME funds on rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of ALL ages - NOT only seniors on the Section 8 waiting list."

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Council Meeting Date 1/25/26

Item # 8

Subject Expiring HOME funds

Position No Position

First and Last Name Brenda Townsend

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Re: Agenda Item 8

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/26

Item # 8

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Allison Bray

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Rather than accepting the proposal from City staff (outlined here: [LINK to 1/28 Agenda \(Item 8 page 60\)](#)), we are asking the City Council to prioritize expiring HOME funds for where they are most needed:

A rental subsidy program, such as Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Specifically, we ask the City Council to amend the Consolidated Plan to:

Serve any income-eligible household in Escondido

Expand the targeting of rental assistance to establish a preference for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, in addition to seniors;

Include households not currently on the Section 8 waiting list (since that waitlist will be closing soon)

Allow for income-based subsidy amounts, rather than flat-rate subsidies.

To ensure the effective and timely use of these funds, we further ask that the City:

Acknowledge that, given current home prices in Escondido, the First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program is not effectively serving those who qualify;

Partner with local organizations, such as Interfaith Community Services, to help individuals transition from temporary to permanent housing through rental assistance.

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Council Meeting Date jan 28, 2026

Item # 8

Subject INCREASE HOME FUNDS TO EXPAND RENTAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES AND BETTER ALIGN AVAILABLE FUNDING WITH CURRENT HOUSING NEEDS AND

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Gregg Oliver

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I would like the City Council to spend the expiring HOME funds on rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of ALL ages - NOT only seniors on the Section 8 waiting list.

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/2026

Item # 8

Subject Alternative Plan for HOME FUNDS Proposed

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Michele Schmalvogl

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Rather than accepting the proposal from City staff I am asking the City Council to prioritize expiring HOME funds for where they are most needed:

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Council Meeting Date 01-28-2026

Item # 8

Subject Spending the Expiring HOME funds

Position In Favor

First and Last Name LaTanya Ri'Chard

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I would like the city council to spend the Expiring HOME funds on rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of ALL ages. Not just seniors on the Section 8 wait list. Many residents are currently in need. California housing issues are a challenge for all. These funds should go beyond what the are currently earmarked to help a wider range of folx.

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/26

Item # 8

Subject expiring HUD HOME funds

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Tracie Barham

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I would like the City Council to spend the expiring HOME funds on rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of ALL ages - NOT only seniors on the Section 8 waiting list.

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Council Meeting Date Jan 28 2026

Item # 8

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Re: Agenda Item 8

"I would like the City Council to spend the expiring HOME funds on rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of ALL ages - NOT only seniors on the Section 8 waiting list."

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Council Meeting Date 1-28-26

Item # Expiring HUD home funds

Subject Expiring HUD home funds

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Darlene Simpson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

"I would like the City Council to spend the expiring HOME funds on rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of ALL ages - NOT only seniors on the Section 8 waiting list."

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/26

Item # N/a

Subject Expiring hud homes funds

Position No Position

First and Last Name Skylaar Adams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Item # 8

Subject HUD Home Funds

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Item # 8

Subject HOME Funds Usage

Position No Position

First and Last Name Brenda Townsend

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment - City Council Council Meeting Date - 1/28 Subject - HOME Funds Usage

To ensure that the \$348,546.75 in expiring HOME program funds are used where they are most needed, we respectfully ask the City of Escondido to prioritize these funds for:

A rental subsidy program, such as Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Specifically, we ask the City Council to amend the Consolidated Plan to:

Serve any income-eligible household in Escondido;

Expand the targeting of rental assistance to establish a preference for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, in addition to seniors;

Allow for income-based subsidy amounts, rather than flat-rate subsidies.

To ensure the effective and timely use of these funds, we further ask that the City:

Partner with local organizations (such as Interfaith) that assist individuals experiencing homelessness in transitioning to permanent housing.

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/26

Item # 8

Subject Use of Home Funds for Tenant Based Assistance

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Richard Cannon

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello Escondido City Council. My name is Richard Cannon, I'm a resident of Escondido, zip code 92026. I'm writing today to urge the City Council to consider expanding the use of existing HOME Funds beyond the current senior based rental assistance, to those of lower income folks that are at risk of becoming homeless, are currently homeless and are trying to find long term supportive housing, and other hard working families regardless of age. Below are some data points and research that shows we can achieve significant cost reduction for the City of Escondido by helping prevent, and help folks exit homelessness.

#### Prevention Is Dramatically More Cost-Effective

Research clearly shows that preventing homelessness saves cities substantial money. Every \$1 spent on eviction prevention saves \$4 to \$5 in costs related to homelessness (1). Emergency shelter costs approximately \$8,000 more per year than a housing subsidy (3). Eviction prevention costs average \$2,500 per household, while emergency shelter for just one month can cost \$5,000 (2). Once someone becomes homeless, taxpayers spend an average of \$14,480 per year per person, primarily for jail and emergency services (4). People experiencing homelessness visit Emergency Departments at roughly three times the rate of the general population (5). Cities spend millions annually responding to encampments.

#### Rental Assistance Works

Right here in North County, we have proof that housing-first approaches succeed. After Oceanside moved 75 people from encampments into long-term housing, their unsheltered homeless population decreased by 17 percent (6). Almost every person housed has remained housed and continues participating in the program. Nationally, eviction prevention programs show as high as 97 percent success rates in helping tenants avoid eviction (7).

Not only would expanding the use of these funds help fill a moral and ethical obligation to support our neediest Escondido residents, they are a sound use of taxpayer dollars with a high rate of return through cost prevention.

My Request:

I respectfully urge the Council to amend the Consolidated Plan to:

1. Establish a rental subsidy program using Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for all income-eligible Escondido residents
2. Expand targeting beyond seniors to include individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness
3. Include households not currently on the Section 8 waiting list
4. Structure subsidies based on household income rather than flat amounts
5. Partner with local organizations like Interfaith Community Services to help individuals transition from temporary to permanent housing

The spirit of HOME funds is to help house people. Right now, we have residents one unexpected expense away from losing their homes. We have families in transitional housing searching for stability. These are the people this money should reach.

Let's not return these funds to HUD. Let's invest them where the evidence shows they'll do the most good—keeping Escondido residents housed and preventing homelessness before it starts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

References:

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Item # 8

Subject

Position No Position

First and Last Name Matthew Gutierrez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Item # Home Funds usage

Subject Home funds usage

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Kelly DeMello

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The City of Escondido has approximately \$350,000 worth of HOME funds from the federal government that can be spent on housing assistance for Escondido residents that will expire in 2026. The purpose is "to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people". Funds are currently allotted for assisting first-time homebuyers with a downpayment, and rental assistance for senior citizens.

On January 28, the City Council will vote on an amendment to the Consolidated Plan that determines how these funds are spent. In advance of that vote, I'm asking as many residents as possible to submit a public comment.

<https://escondido-ca.municodemeetings.com/bc-citycouncil/webform/public-comment>

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Expand the targeting of rental assistance to establish a preference for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, in addition to seniors;

Allow for income-based subsidy amounts, rather than flat-rate subsidies.

To ensure the effective and timely use of these funds, we further ask that the City:

Partner with local organizations (such as Interfaith) that assist individuals experiencing homelessness in transitioning to permanent housing.

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Item # 8

Subject HOME Funds Usage

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Amy Pippert

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

To ensure that the \$348,546.75 in expiring HOME program funds are used where they are most needed, we respectfully ask the City of Escondido to prioritize these funds for a rental subsidy program, such as Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). Specifically, we ask the City Council to amend the Consolidated Plan to serve any income-eligible household in Escondido, expand the targeting of rental assistance to establish a preference for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, in addition to seniors, and allow for income-based subsidy amounts, rather than flat-rate subsidies. To ensure the effective and timely use of these funds, we further ask that the City partner with local organizations (such as Interfaith) that assist individuals experiencing homelessness in transitioning to permanent housing.

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Item # 8

Subject Expiring Home Funds

Position No Position

First and Last Name Maya Flores

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/26

Item # 8

Subject HOME funds usage

Position In Favor

First and Last Name august laurence

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Council Meeting Date 01/28/2026

Item # TBRA

Subject HOME Funds Usage

Position No Position

First and Last Name keely nicole torres

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/2026

Item # 8

Subject HOME funds usage

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Joshua Kriegshauser

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please prioritize the HOME program funds for rental subsidy programs and make sure that they get used for income-eligible people of Escondido. Partner with trusted local organizations like Interfaith to make sure that the funds get used.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date January 28, 2026

Item # 8

Subject

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Denise Rolen

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/2026

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Subject HOME Funds Usage

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Marshall Andrew Fogel

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Council Meeting Date 1/28/26

Item # 8

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Michael Gutierrez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

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Council Meeting Date 01-28-26

Item # 9

Subject Maple Project

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ed Gallo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The original proposal for developing Lot #1 maintained the public parking in addition to providing resident parking. This current proposal not only removes ALL public parking but does not allow even one parking space per unit. The Walker Group has previously done parking studies for Escondido however I cannot agree with their current assessment. The DBA should be concerned about this as well.