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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY SHELTER OPEN HOUSE MEETING ESCONDIDO CITY HALL MITCHELL ROOM

201 N. Broadway
Monday, April 13, 2015
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The City of Escondido Planning Division invites all interested persons to attend a community open house meeting at the place, date and time listed above to gather public input on locations for the potential expansion of the City's Emergency Shelter Overlay. Staff will be available to provide information and answer questions. No formal presentations will be given; visitors are welcome to arrive anytime during the open house. **Please note that there are no pending applications to develop an emergency shelter being considered by the city at this time.**

BACKGROUND:

Every California city is required to adopt a General Plan that guides the jurisdiction's build-out and long-range development. The General Plan includes a Housing Element containing policies and programs to address the housing needs of the entire community that is adopted every eight years. In order to qualify for a wide variety of grants to plan, design and construct various city improvements, including streets, sidewalks, parks, trails, open space, etc., the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) must certify the jurisdiction's Housing Element to be compliant with state housing law. Because Escondido's prior Housing Elements have all been certified by HCD, the City has been awarded over \$9,500,000 in grants since 2007 benefitting the entire community.

A new state housing law requires jurisdictions to include an area where emergency shelters are allowed as a permitted use. The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2013-09 that amended the zoning code and designated 74 acres of M-1 (light industrial) zoned land in west Escondido as an Emergency Shelter Overlay (overlay) in compliance with state housing law on October 23, 2013. The overlay does not require property or business owners to sell or lease their property for emergency shelters; it merely identifies a designated area where emergency shelters can locate in the community as a permitted use without a public hearing.

Comments received from residents and business/property owners resulted in the City Council directing staff to further examine the overlay. Specifically, the City Council motion states (*verbatim*): "Adopt Ordinance No. 2013-09, approving the amendment to the zoning code and directing staff to expand the overlay zone to other M-1 zone areas, or a combination of zones, subject to additional public hearings." Staff is evaluating additional areas for expanding the Emergency Shelter Overlay pursuant to the City Council's motion. The community open house meeting will be conducted by the Planning Division staff to accept community input regarding proposed expansion areas. *You have received this notice because you either own property and/or a business within the existing emergency shelter overlay, or within an area being considered for expanding the overlay, or have expressed interest in receiving information regarding this matter.* All interested persons are encouraged to attend and provide input.

The City of Escondido recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to public services for individuals with disabilities. Please contact the American Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) coordinator (760) 839-4643 with any requests for reasonable accommodations at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The City of Escondido does not discriminate against any person with a handicapped status.

For additional information or questions about this meeting, please contact:

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