



**Public Comments**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**August 12, 2020**

I am happy to see that Chief Varso is looking at key indices at improving the selection, retention, and on going training of officers in the Escondido Police Department. I offer the following suggestions that merit his serious consideration, and that of the city council, in his attempt at improving the department.

1. Officer Hiring - I'm not completely clear on recruitment efforts from within the city of Escondido. It's just not big enough to generate an adequate pool of highly qualified law enforcement candidates. If the idea is to recruit the most desirable candidates, the larger the pool, the better the chances for attracting the most qualified candidates. Perhaps an incentive for moving into Escondido once a hiring decision is made would result in the desired outcome. Particular attention should be paid to attracting candidates fluent or competent in Spanish, as well as having a police department that is reflective, in terms of ethnicity, to the city.

2. Training Programs - One of the greatest challenges facing policing today. However, I have a problem calling the issues listed as "training issues". If the definition of **training** is acquisition of a skill through repetition, topics such as racial bias issues, cultural awareness, and mental health issues should not be included. These topics should be classified as **education** issues. If the definition of education includes understanding through learning, then I suggest that hiring considerations include a candidate with a strong educational background in the social sciences. Law enforcement is one of the most important career choices that requires a working understanding of social issues; a job where a strong social science background could make a big difference in a successful hiring decision. In line with the issues of a broader in-service educational experience, I suggest that members of the Escondido Police Department attend the Tools for Tolerance Program offered at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. The program is designed specifically for California law enforcement officers and is cost-neutral for the department. Costs are covered by POST, including overtime replacement costs.

3. Data Disclosure - I suggest that the topic of Citizen Complaints be included. Within this topic, which should be broken down into those complaints that include the subtopic of Use of Force - among other subtopics - and should include (without necessarily publicly naming the accused officer) the outcome of the complaint. An annual report should be required which would include an analysis of complaints that might indicate a pattern of troubling conduct. Perhaps this is already a department practice, but I don't know.

4. Outreach Practices - I applaud the Chief for including the topic of Community Policing among this overview. But I don't know why the Chief includes **Community Policing** as an outreach practice. My understanding is that community policing is more of a philosophy of management which includes policies and procedures that greatly includes input from the community as well as from the entire department, from the street officer up to and including the chief. In other words, it is more of a philosophy of inclusion and input from every stakeholder within and outside the department. Unless there has been a huge tectonic shift in the operations of this department, I doubt that this is happening but would love to see it.

5. Civilian Oversight Committee - In line with the philosophy of Community Policing, Escondido should create a Civilian Oversight Committee whose responsibilities, as the name suggests, is having another set of eyes looking at the police department's practices, policies, and planning. This topic is one that should be reserved for an entire meeting, but the suggestion of having such a city committee falls well within the philosophy of Community Policing. I would be happy to make myself available to discuss these and other issues with Chief Varso. - Bill Flores

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Read out loud

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Christine Buchanan

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**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I am writing in support of the establishment of an independent, citizen-led oversight committee that would hold our local politicians and the local police accountable for protecting our communities. This committee would also provide insight to the needs of the community and steer policy in the right direction to focus on community resources and development. If money is a concern, I suggest the City of Escondido consider medical marijuana dispensaries as an additional source of revenue for the city.

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Justice Reform

**Position** No Position

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**City** Escondido

**State** CA

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**Comments** In addition to the disclosures requested, the City needs to establish an independent citizen oversight committee to enact systemic changes and steer policy towards police accountability in the right direction.

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**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Masks?

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Danielle Polson

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**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** What is your mask policy? I live in Escondido and work downtown, so I see police officers often. I have never seen one officer wear a mask. This is unacceptable. I know you have received mask donations and a grant for cleaning supplies. What is your plan moving forward to ensure your officers do not spread COVID-19 and further harm our community?

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Independent Citizen Oversight Committee

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Kevin Stevenson

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 2202 Village Road

**City** Escondido

**State** California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** We need systemic change now! I proudly support an independent citizen oversight committee to enact the systemic change that is necessary.

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Dear Council Members & Mayor,

Our family built a granny flat on our almost one acre property in South Escondido to help provide additional housing for our community. We rely on the rental income to help pay our mortgage and the cost of doing so, especially now during this pandemic. We are not wealthy.

Our tenant has been receiving the Cares Act Unemployment benefits extended through July 31 (with \$600 additional income Per Week). However, Since the Council created the Rent Moratorium for Escondido? they have simply decided to not to pay their rent.

They have not provided any verifiable documents to show financial hardship and have not returned our calls to discuss setting up a payment plan or agreement for the back rent they now owe. They are attempting no contact.

The rent moratorium has created financial hardship for our family in having to cover the loss of rent for our granny flat -For Months. This Cannot Go On Forever. We will be facing Foreclosure on our property. If Your intention was to safe guard Escondidans from homelessness? We will all be homeless, renters and landlords alike.

Please understand, we are acting in good faith and understand the current difficulties we all face. We do not intend eviction. But we cannot continue to take on the financial brunt of Escondido's management of this pandemic with the cost of our personal property being lost to the banks!

If you wish to help tenants pay their rent, then pay their rent for them. Do not do so at the cost and livelihood of other members of Our Community, tax paying property owners.

We ask the Council Members to please Not vote to extend the rent moratorium past the already four and a half month long term, so our family can attempt to recover financially from the loss of income it has created, and allow us some leverage to negotiate, in hopes of saving our personal property from the foreclosure we now face!

(End of Publicly Read Statement).

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Private contact information for the City Clerk and Councilmembers:

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter,

Dana Elmer

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Eviction moratorium READ OUT LOUD

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Eileen Arterburn

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 524 E 5th Ave

**City** Escondido

**State** California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I have been living next to someone who would have been evicted if the moratorium happened one week later. This person has been squatting in an apartment that shares a common wall with me since his mother moved after terminating her lease at the end of December. He has been in and out of prison, has had innumerable people living on the property, dealing drugs, smoking meth in our common laundry room, having "red light" parties, people urinating outside, living in the garage, fights that involve machetes, bats, and as recently as a couple of weeks ago, someone trying to stab another outside my front door. BBQs and drug parties that devolve into fighting start as early as 6 am and continue sometimes for several days. There is no masking, no social distancing. They have broken into cars and broke into my neighbors home, which they told him about. He would not report it because he is afraid of retribution. At first my neighbors warned me not to call the police because they would probably harm me and we were waiting for the eviction to rid us of these people, although calls were made to no avail. I have called The police several times, other neighbors have called for domestic violence, etc, but no matter how many times the police are called, with the no bail, situation, if anyone is taken away, they are back within hours. These people have never paid rent, were never on the lease and have been allowed to terrorize the people who live here because of the eviction moratorium. I am not opposed to the moratorium for those who are unable because of covid to pay their rent, but this situation is not like that. The property manager has done all that he can do legally to evict these people. We are not safe with this element here. When I have asked them to even wear masks, I have been called a pejorative for women, flipped off, and of course no masks or social distancing outside my front door. There needs to be something built into the moratorium if it is to continue to alleviate situations like this. This has given me PTSD because I do not feel safe in the home I have had for over 12 years, and at 70 in a pandemic cannot move nor should I have to. I need relief other than being placated by the police when they come out and do nothing other than occasionally taking someone away for a couple of hours. This is an untenable situation that the City Council can rectify by writing the moratorium to allow for evictions for this type of situation. The common good is not served by allowing criminals to run rampant. All citizens of Escondido need to be taken into account if you are going to extend the moratorium.

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Eviction Moratorium

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Zachary Schaefer

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 367 Lambert Glen

**City** Escondido

**State** California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Honorable Mayor and Members of Council, As you are aware, the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic has had far-reaching, devastating effects on our community. This is especially true for our citizens that have had their work hours cut, salaries reduced, or have lost their incomes altogether. We need to continue to protect our citizens from eviction as the financial impacts from the pandemic continue to mount. The State's recent guidance leading to additional business closures and walk-backs of previous openings has caused great uncertainty on many households, my own included. My spouse's income has been reduced by nearly 80% due to partial closure of her worksite. I continue to work in an essential workforce, but I will not be able to if we lose our home from eviction, something that is assured if evictions are allowed to proceed. Please safeguard our citizens from this catastrophic outcome. Extend the moratorium until the end of the year at the minimum. This crisis is nowhere near it's conclusion and will only be made worse by a spike in homelessness. Thank you.

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**Council Meeting Date** August 12,2020

**Agenda #** 18

**Subject** Read Aloud : Escondido Campaign/Election Reform

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Ana Marie Velasco

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 944 Reed terrace

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I'm writing to support the position of Sierra Club North County Conservation Group on this issue. It's paramount that Escondido changes its policy toward Election campaign contributions. Our city stands alone regarding large contributions allowed per candidate/district. All other cities in the 78 corridor allow less than 1/3 of Escondido.donations allowances. These restrictions should be extended to any person or organizations who has business in front of the Council .This measure will allow " un-conflicted decision- makers acting in the best interest of the residents of the city ". Finally, I support , election reforms in two fold : a) Add a Primary Election to make sure that the final candidate has the support of the majority of the voters.B) Lastly, move the Mayoral race to align with the presidential election to ensure maximal participation.of our residents.. Thank you for taking these points into consideration...

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 18

**Subject** Ordinance reducing campaign contributin limits

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Chris Nava

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 858 Calle Montera

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** As an active member of the Sierra Club North County Group, I strongly support the group's election contribution limits recommendations submitted earlier. Real or perceived conflicts of interest in the decision-making process have no place in governance and raise questions of transparency and fair representation. Case in point is the Safari Highlands, LLC (Harvest Hills developers) donations to candidates in the November 2020 City Council races. We see from reports the developer has donated \$4000 each to Candidates for City Council Morasco, Garcia, and Ostrem. The intent of the donations is quite clear. A vote on the highly controversial Harvest Hills development will before the city council for a vote. Money from big interests diminishes the voices of the community who for the most part cannot afford like donations. In a real way, it tilts decisions in favor of special interest., I question the staff's Timing and Implementation comments that contribution limits would take place beginning next election cycle of January 1, 2021. We contend that Undue influence by special interests is unacceptable and wrong. Why wait to remedy a wrong until 2021? I urge immediate implementation. Sincerely, Chris Nava

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 18

**Subject** Consideration of Ordinance Reducing Campaign Contribution Limits for Mayor and Councilmembers and Related Campaign Control Amendments

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Danielle Coony

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 933 Vereda Callada

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** Money should not equate to political power, particularly in a city with significant economic inequality. To have a limit this high reflects a willingness to accept that power imbalance and exclude large portions of our community from the same political voice afforded to those with the means to reach the donation limit.

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 18

**Subject** Reducing Campaign Contributions

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Kevin Stevenson

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 2202 Village Road

**City** Escondido

**State** California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** \$4,300 is ridiculous. No one running for or serving in office at Escondido City Hall needs to receive campaign contributions that big. For the longest time, the citizens of Escondido witnessed big money influencing our city council members. We need change. Reduce the campaign contribution limit to \$1,000.

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 18

**Subject** Campaign election reform

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Laura Hunter

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 744 Quiet Hills Farm Road

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers, We hope you have received and had a chance to review our letter filed on Monday outlining our recommendations. To reiterate, Sierra Club NCG believe it is critically important to improve representation and remove any conflict, real or appearances, from Escondido decision-making process. For reasons outlined in our letter, the significant reduction of the maximum campaign contribution and restrictions on timing and limits for donations from entities with a financial interest before the Council are imperatives. We also outlined a relevant current example which supports adopting these two action. As of the last campaign filing, Safari Highlands LLC, the interest behind the highly controversial Harvest Hills development, has donate \$4,300 each to three candidates, one in each open district. In the name of good government, we ask the Council to restrict these kinds of donations in the future and we call on the candidates to return them now. These two changes alone will significantly improve the public confidence in our electoral process and in our elected bodies. We also ask that the Council schedule for future discussion the issue of adding a primary election and moving the election of the Mayor to the Presidential election, the cycle in which the largest % of voters participate. Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Laura Hunter, Sierra Club NCG

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 18

**Subject** Reduce Campaign Contribution Limits

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Marisa Allen

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 1007 Howard Ave #24

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** Please consider reducing the campaign contribution limits. At \$4300, the limit is over 50% greater than the limit for federal elections, which is unacceptable. City council elections are far less expensive to run, and such a high limit increases the chances of outsize influence from one person or entity. The council should consider reducing the limit closer to 2007 levels, and also consider adopting restrictions similar to the City of San Marcos regarding the acceptance of funds/and or the voting on matters related to campaign donors. Elected officials should be listening to their constituents, and not just following the whims of whoever funds their campaigns.

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** 18

**Subject** Campaign Donation reform

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** patricia borchmann

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 1141 carrotwood glen

**City** escondido

**State** California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I agree with Sierra Club NCG, and believe it is critically important to improve representation and remove any conflict, real or appearances, from Escondido decision-making process. These changes will significantly improve the public confidence in our electoral process and in our elected bodies. For reasons outlined in letter by North County Group Sierra Club, I agree the significant reduction of the maximum campaign contribution and restrictions on timing and limits for donations from entities with a financial interest before the Council are imperatives. Thank you to Escondido City Council for taking action to bring the current excessive campaign contribution limits into line with the norms applied in other cities in San Diego county, so the donation limits applied in Escondido will no longer be a cause for public concern over how excessive donations may cause conflict of interest on pending cases, especially on controversial projects such as Harvest Hills. I also agree with the outline of a relevant current example which supports adopting these two action. As of the last campaign filing, Safari Highlands LLC, the interest behind the highly controversial Harvest Hills development, has donate \$4,300 each to three candidates, one in each open district. In the name of good government, I ask the Council to restrict these kinds of donations in the future and we call on the candidates to return them now. We also ask that the Council schedule for future discussion the issue of adding a primary election and moving the election of the Mayor to the Presidential election, the cycle in which the largest % of voters participate.

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/11/2020

**Agenda #** 18

**Subject** Campaign Finance Reform

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Timothy Swift

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**Street Address** 2147 Willowbrook St

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029-5326

**Comments** Dear Mayor & Council- I'm writing to request attention to some key considerations for campaign election reform, as they ultimately hold significant bearing on electing officials that are truly representative of our community as a whole, while also minimizing the chance for our elected's to be beholden (or perceived to be beholden) to powerful special interest groups as a result of large corporate campaign donations. \ Campaign contributions should be set to a max limit of \$500 for City Council races & \$1000 for Mayoral races. \ Impose limits on contributions from entities with business in front of the City Council (e.g. developers) \ Hold a primary election to ensure that the winning candidate has the support of a majority of voters. \ To ensure highest degree of voting participate, align the Mayoral election with the Presidential election cycle. Thank you for your consideration, Tim

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To: Escondido City Council Members

I write to you to consider my proposal (see attachment below) to unify Escondido by addressing the circumstances surrounding and the effects of the Escondido City Council's and Police Department's conduct regarding the targeting of Escondido's Latino community during the years 2005 through 2010 and beyond. Beginning in 2005, the Escondido City Council began an open attack on the city's Latino community through the formal endorsement of an anti-Latino, anti-immigrant ballot initiative; to passing unlawful city ordinances attacking the immigrant population; to making racist remarks from the dais and encouraging similar remarks from the public; to failure to properly supervise the City Manager and City Attorney resulting in an unlawful police action (Driver's License Checkpoints); to a windfall of millions of dollars to the city from the unlawful checkpoints and towing of vehicles; to allowing a uniquely close relationship with immigration authorities which ultimately lead to the separation of families and undue hardships upon the city's Latino community, I submit this proposal for your consideration and action.

With the change in leadership on the council I am hoping that you might see the justice and benefit in finally addressing this situation that bore heavily on this large segment of our city. The city has had time to move beyond the days of turmoil and pain inflicted on our important Latino community, but has yet to formally recognize what happened, apologize, and consider making some sort of restitution to what had been inflicted upon our neighbors. While I realize that this proposal is out of the ordinary, our country, in fact, is experiencing a time of reckoning and self-reflection like never before. Escondido's history of exclusion and bias goes far beyond it's city limits. In order for this city to heal, within it's border and beyond, we need to address what happened and to take affirmative steps to formally recognize the injury inflicted on the Latino community, how it happened, then move forward with an open hearts and an open government with the assurance that this kind of conduct will never happen again.

I am available for any further explanation you might desire.

**Bill Flores**

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**Council Meeting Date** 7/17/2020

**Agenda #** Non-agenda

**Subject** READ ALOUD - Pest mitigation in Kit Carson Park

**Position** No Position

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**State** CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I am writing in regards to the treatment of squirrels and gophers in Kit Carson Park. I witnessed a city employee put a hose into a gopher hole and then cause an explosion in it. This is unnecessarily violent and harmful to the animals. I am calling on the Escondido City Council to push for less violent methods of dealing with gopher holes in the park. I do not think the animals should be killed. The city should look into harm-free ways of allowing the animals to continue living in the park. I am asking that owl boxes be considered as a measure. Thank you.

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**Subject** country club development

**Position** No Position

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**City** escondido

**State** ca

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Nothing on the agenda covering the bait and switch of the Country Club development???  
The residents need updates. The new developer seems to have taken the project in a different direction than had been laid out by New Urban West.

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Joshua Stevens:

Regarding last month's vote by Councilmember Morasco to prevent the sales tax initiative from being added to this November's ballot, I was shocked and deeply disturbed at the Councilmember's dictatorial power-grab that singlehandedly denies Escondido's citizens the right to determine the future service levels of our city.

The subject of local control and taxation is an important one, and impacts all of Escondido's residents; therefore, all Escondido voters must be allowed to determine this, through the democratic process. Unfortunately, this simple truth was lost on the Councilmember, as he forced his personal agenda on to every one of Escondido's citizens. What he did was not only not right, it's unjust & un-American.

Councilmember Morasco's lack of integrity and disregard for the most basic principles of his role on the Council are truly reprehensible. For what it's worth, I reached out to the Councilmember to express my dissatisfaction on this subject, and he expressed interest in a dialogue on the topic with me. This was unfortunately just a charade, as he conveniently never returned calls or emails.

Councilmember Morasco is a stain on this City Council. His dereliction of duty, his political partisanship over solutions, and his lack of integrity were all on full display last month, and he will be held accountable this November.

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**Council Meeting Date** 8/12/2020

**Agenda #** Oral Communication

**Subject** Read Out Loud Face Masks

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Penn Diehl

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 22078 Gallop Way

**City** Escondido

**State** California

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** Escondido Police officers and city employees should be mandated to wear a face mask.

A form has been submitted, click the link below to view the submission:

<https://www.escondido.org/FormWizard/ViewSubmission.aspx?mid=5168&pageid=3094&rid=51d742df-6ca1-4153-9373-178458f4a77d>

My name is Rob Wise:

It appears the CITY of Escondido has since added ideas to the June 24TH RRB Resolution 2020-04R that were NOT approved during the Public Hearing of the Escondido City Council and were NOT approved at that Public Hearing by the Escondido Rental Review Board.

There was NO discussion of the MHP "Management's Discretion" during that Public Hearing by the City Staff , Deputy Attorney Gary McCarthy or during that CITY COUNCIL ambiguous , double choice approval process . WHY IS IT UP TO THE MANAGEMENT or the 50 - 50 toss of a coin \*\*\* **TO DECIDE WHAT IS FAIR TO US !**

**>>>>>> Please clarify this new Ordinance to be more concise**

It already exists in the "Short-Form" process GUIDELINES Section 12 D \*\*\* "**whichever is less**" and that principal should ALSO be in this NEW RRB Resolution 2020-04R , as I reminded the Deputy City Attorney Gary McCarthy .

This Escondido RRB example and precedent is from the > 1998 "Short-Form" that was written for clarity , where it has been a great achievement since then !

In 1988 PROP K was approved by the Citizens of Escondido for the Protection of the MHP Residents , it is NOT designed to be solely for the benefit of the MHP Management & Owners !

***Then the voters wanted it to be "Just, Fair, & Reasonable to BOTH Parties !***

At Sundance MHP we are very disappointed that the Escondido Housing Department refused to enforce & did not give accurate information about this new City Ordinance on July 6TH 2020 . A Real Estate Agent called to them to be able to tell a buyer of a Sundance Home & received NO help from the CITY or from the RRB staff That buyer then went to Oceanside .

The CITY should enforce this new Ordinance , -AND- it should get your new INFORMATION to ALL Escondido MHP Management & Owner(s) !

While it is very obvious to us ALL that the CITY and the MHP Owner(s) ***think that we are not able to assert our LEGAL RIGHTS*** , so you all think that they can do whatever invalid action that they want !

This leaves us ALL with the obvious conclusion(s) that the CITY is NOT trying (very much) to be >>>>>> ***"Just, Fair, and Reasonable" to US !***