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City Council Meeting
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Agenda # Oral Communication

Subject FY 2020-21 State of California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Aisha Wallace-Palomares

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments My name is Aisha Wallace-Palomares, I am a resident of Escondido. I would like to urge the council today to now approve this additional grant funding to the EPD. Approving this funding is taking the city in the wrong direction, instead we should be working towards expanding community services, not increasing community policing. According to the budget for fiscal year 2019, the Police department received 43% of the total city budget, \$45, 928, 260, that is a six million dollar increase from 2016. They do not need more money, especially not another half a million dollars. We all know the history of DUI checkpoints in Escondido, how they were purposely put in areas of the cities that were composed predominantly of people of color. We do not need to fuel more stress, more anxiety, and more distrust, we already have a president that is doing that. BIPOC communities are facing assaults from all directions, including the police. We do not trust the EPD especially with their long history of racially motivated incidents. More than ever what we need right now is to build community trust and resilience to get us through this pandemic. BIPOC communities are disproportionately affected. Now is not the time to increase public distrust by allocating more money towards a system built on the oppression of black people. I implore the council to not approve this grant, they don't need it.

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Agenda # Oral Communication

Subject FY 2020-21 State of California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name María Wallace

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 26357 Crescendo Dr

City Escondido

State California

Zip 92026

Comments Dear City Council Members, my name is Maria Wallace, a long time resident of this city. 43% of the city's budget goes into the Police Department, and now they want \$515, 000 more to do "checkpoints" on "bipoc" communities, "Really!" Do you think that by continuing this "checkpoints," our communities are going to feel safer? Not really, it will bring more fear, as if is not enough loosing llives and loosing jobs because of the pandemic. These checkpoints are not needed, and we don't need more policing in our communities. Please don't approve this grant.

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Agenda # 4

Subject Read aloud

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Corey Pigott

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments Erasure of city records, especially police records is the EXACT type of behavior that cities CANNOT be demonstrating. This reduces and after a point entirely eliminates public accountability. Keep the records, database management really isn't that hard.

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Agenda # 4

Subject READ OUT LOUD

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kristen Brown

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 942 Howard Avenue

City Escondido

State California

Zip 92029

Comments Under Government Code section 60201 records and/or documents that are pending request under the California Public Records Act can not be destroyed. These records and/or documents are currently being requested under #20-330 These records and/or documents must be kept until request has been granted or after 2 years of the request being denied.

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Agenda # 7

Subject Ballpark lighting upgrades

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Corey Pigott

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Comments Please approve.

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Agenda # 7

Subject Read Out Loud LED Retrofits

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Penn Diehl

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 22078 Gallop Way

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92029

Comments LEDs beat metal halide bulbs in basically every respect. The city will save money on lighting replacement, maintenance, and energy costs. Additionally, Escondido will need to continue spending on lighting and energy retrofits (including building electrification) to meet the requirements of its Climate Action Plan and avert catastrophic climate change. Please approve item 7.

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From: noreply@escondido.org

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:10 AM

To: Paul McNamara

Subject: Contact Council (select recipient from drop-down list): Read out Widening of Citracado Pkwy and new fence

Ruben Garza

rubshop3030@yahoo.com

Please read out my comments at next open meeting. My name is Ruben Garza I live at 1751 W. Citracado Pkwy #179 Escondido CA 92029. I am writing because the city is going to take down the fence the houses my dogs in my yard. I keep that fence up and its fairly new. I ask that you allow me to keep the portion of the fence about 40 feet. Another item is that Mountain Shadows Mobile Home Park is on both sides of the street and the swimming pool and club house is on the bigger side. The problem I have is that they're going to increase the speed limit to 55 and make it wider. Many people cross the street at the entry part since thats where they exit and enter park. With a wider road and taking the mediam away then the danger of crossing is much more dangerous. I think it should be 35 at the resident portion to prevent a tragedy or install a cross walk at the entry of the park with light or make the speed limit 35 like Avenida Del Diablo which is right there also? Thank you for your time.

Dear Mayor McNamara and Councilmembers Diaz, Martinez & Morasco:

I am writing you today to protest the scheduled action, specifically Item 13, on your September 23rd City Council agenda. This proposed action is alarming as in the midst of a housing crisis and a pandemic, the proposed fee increases are \$9,286.74/single family home and \$8,528.06 on a multi-family unit. These costs are borne by your constituents when they buy or rent a new home.

Every year the BIA notifies your City Manager requesting, and I quote from our letter, *“we respectfully request that your agency provide us with timely information regarding any potential action by your jurisdiction involving changes in fee schedules, amendments to existing and/or new rules, regulations and policies proposed which shall affect the building industry. The request is made to provide BIA sufficient time for review and comment as required under the mitigation fee act and other appurtenant state regulations (pursuant to Gov. Code section 66016(a)).*

BIA also requests that we receive appropriate and timely notice of any public hearing or workshop involving fee schedules, with access provided to background material created to support creation of new and/or changes to any existing fee(s), rules, regulations and policies involving the building industry. (i.e. covering all development impact mitigation fees, review & inspection fees) or otherwise under consideration by your jurisdiction. BIA will reimburse the jurisdiction for reasonable copying costs. Electronic file sharing would be preferable.

As the representatives of the building industry we are charged with the responsibility to ensure that our members have a clear and timely understanding of the methodology used to determine that the proposed costs are reasonable and that valid nexus and proportionally findings were made.”

As of this communication, other than the staff report attached to the Council Agenda, the BIA has received no backup documentation, engineer’s estimates for public improvements or nexus studies to support the increases proposed by staff. We are requesting any and all back up materials or studies for your proposed increase in development impact fees.

BIA wasn’t given adequate time to review any City studies or estimates and to share this information with our members. We were given a “heads-up” in early September when the Asst. City Manager requested a copy of our Fee Survey which he used to write the staff report.

We request a 45-day delay before your Council acts on this item so the BIA can review your nexus studies, share this information with our members and confer with your staff to answer any questions our members may have regarding the proportionality of these fee increases.

Finally, BIA staff has always had a collaborative, respectful relationship with Escondido City staff. It is unfortunate that your staff gave BIA the least available time allowed to possibly review and respond to this proposed Council action before Wednesday’s meeting, especially in light of the above-mentioned events.

A 45-day delay is both fair and justified under the circumstances as this proposal will have a major effect on the cost of a new dwelling unit in Escondido.

Sincerely,

Borre Winckel, President & CEO, BIA San Diego

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Agenda # 13

Subject Fee Increase

Position No Position

First and Last Name Erik Bruvold

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 100 E San Marcos Blvd., Suite 400

City San Marcos

State CA

Zip 92069

Comments RE: Fee Increase (Item #13) TO BE READ ALOUD Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers, As Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego North Economic Development Council I have the pleasure and opportunity to work with scores of businesses throughout North County and have frank conversations with them about their business models, how they think about investment returns, and the constraints that they face. These are frank and honest conversations about what does (and doesn't work) and they help us be better promoters of North County opportunities. While our board of directors has not (and is unlikely to take) action on today's item I want to urge the council to think about how this increase impacts businesses whom are already some distance through the development pipeline. They have developed financial models predicated upon certain costs and a return on investment. Depending on the phase at which they are at, it may not be possible for them to increase the number of units in their project or otherwise recoup these additional costs. In some cases, a project may be delayed until market forces "catch up" and allow the developer to recoup the costs through higher prices. IN other instances, the financing costs may be too great to delay and the project gets cancelled all together. We are aware of the challenges municipalities in our region face – both long term and because of this pandemic. It is important to recoup costs and not subsidize new development. I would just urge the council to appreciate that fees of this nature can change whether a project is viable and consider their input on your pipeline of projects which have already begun the process. Sincerely,
W. Erik Bruvold Chief Executive Officer San Diego North Economic Development Council

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Agenda # 13

Subject Read out loud

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Janice Shackle

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 450 NEWPORT CENTER DR

City NEWPORT BEACH

State CA

Zip 92660-7657

Comments Dear Mayor and Council Members, Trumark Homes is writing in opposition of the proposed Development Impact Fee increase proposed per Item 13 of the agenda and would like the City to consider a postponement to this increase. We are already facing challenging times with selling homes in a new environment to meet the COVID pandemic restrictions. On top of COVID restrictions, we are facing lumber costs increases of an unheard 75% increase along with many delivery delays of items needed to complete our homes such as appliances. This fee increase of over \$9,000 per lot for SFR poses a significant hardship to the challenges we are already facing at this time. Your consideration of a postponement at this time would be greatly appreciated and helpful. Thank you.

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Agenda # 13

Subject RE: Oppose Fee Increase (Item #13) TO BE READ ALOUD

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Taylor Thompson

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 906 Sycamore Ave, ste 104

City Vista

State CA

Zip 92081

Comments Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers, The North San Diego County Association of REALTORS is concerned with the current Service CFD and the proposed impact fee increase for residential development. We are in a housing crisis and raising fees that burden down residential development in times like these seem counterintuitive. We would hope that the city would reduce costs and make it easier for residential development in light of the current crisis. As many potential buyers have found out, there is a lack of available homes for sale and having newly available homes adds to the market supply to meet demand. Without more housing supply, we will continue to see housing affordability decrease and the housing crisis become even more impacted. We urge the City Council not to take action on the fee increase and find other creative ways to address the recession and city budget. Sincerely, Taylor Thompson Government Affairs Director North San Diego County Association of REALTORS

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Villa Portofino

2690 South Escondido Blvd.

Escondido, CA

92025

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

Our project, Villa Portofino, is a small 15-unit apartment complex on South Escondido Boulevard. We initially submitted our plans in July 2018. We have been to the Design Review board twice and are now ready for final approval. In fact, if not for the impact of covid on city processing, we should have been approved by now.

We were recently told that we have to agree to annex to a Service CFD before our project will be approved. This will cost our residents over \$10,000 annually and the impact on rents will lower the value of the project by about \$250,000. We are a small company and cannot absorb this kind of loss. Since we have already purchased the land and our construction costs are fixed, this impact makes our project infeasible.

Given the City's need for housing and the positive effect it will have on the South Escondido Boulevard economy, we are requesting that City Council exempt pipeline projects as they have done for fee increases in the past. This would be fair since we have made major contractual commitments and incurred significant expenditures. It would allow us to proceed with our project and be part of the revitalization of South Escondido Boulevard.

Thank you for your consideration,

Regards,

Frank Giordano

Villa Portofino

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Agenda # 14

Subject Participation in CFDs of all projects

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 I support staff recommendation on this or Option 1. Since, as the staff report points out, these projects are exclusively 'investor-driven', the current residents and tax-payers have no obligation to subsidize the developer profits with future tax-dollars. To increase the deficit for this purpose is unconscionable. The deficit is large enough already. Further, I request that for sprawl projects, like Harvest Hills, additional costs be added which may not currently not reflected in the CFD analysis. Not only will police and fire services be much higher due to its location so far from the core service area, but backup and travel time too will drive expense and need for more staff. Higher staff ratios will have to be implemented if the city builds 550 homes in a high-risk fire zone. It is telling to note that the Harvest Hills units are estimated at almost twice the unit cost of the most expensive infill, but still does not reflect all of the costs for services. There are regional, state, and federal costs that will also have to be subsidized for projects like Harvest Hills For example, while urban infill will not need services of fish and wildlife and water quality agencies, projects built in sensitive habitat will. Harvest Hills and other such projects should incur full-cost pricing so the rest of us don't get stuck with the bill.

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