



**Public Comments**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**September 16, 2020**

To the Honorable Mayor McNamara and City Council Members:

My name is Dave Ferreira. My wife is Becky. I have had a private practice in Family Counseling for more than 40 years here in town, and Becky has been a second grade teacher for almost as long. We have lived in Escondido since the late 70's and our home has backed up to Mountain View Park since it was created in the 80's. We love where we live and enjoy the sounds of laughter and fun that come our way from the park. We had the great pleasure of getting to know Mr. Fields and Mr. Rope (pronounced Ro pee), with their stories of the land and it's history.

Becky and I had the privilege of raising our 4 sons in this area. We also were involved in Escondido National Little League for more than 15 years in the 80's and 90's. We both served on the board and I coached and managed some great teams during those years. We personally reached out to schools and parents to help kids get to play who couldn't afford to pay. We still love the sound of the kids playing.

I'm sorry we are a bit late coming to the conversation, but we appreciated the discussion regarding the park during your board meeting. We would like to point out a few things that might help you as you make your decision regarding the future use of the land.

The first point is in regards to the 3rd ball field at the park. When we, as a little league board, were originally seeking a field at the park it was for the purpose of bringing the 13 to 15 year old players over from Hidden Valley, so the families could all be together. The younger kids would look up to the older kids and families would be strengthened. At that time we had more than 600 kids participating in the 6 to 12 year old program alone. All the fields were used nearly everyday except Sunday. 5 games each weeknight and 16 games on Saturday.

The numbers began to dwindle with travel team baseball and the more competitive players moving to the AABC (I believe that's what its called) at Kit Carson Park. When I asked a few years ago, the numbers at Mountain View Park were less than 200 players in the program. This, I believe has resulted in inter-league play with Escondido American and Valley Center little leagues. With my home backing up to the park, I notice that the fields are only used a few nights a week, and just a short time on Saturday. The third field is used exclusively for very young players from the ages of around 6 to 8. A few years ago the league (and I believe Mike Crews) upgraded the field, It is great for kids of that age. Bringing it up to the standards of the other fields is of concern. When I see people in the park playing, they aren't on the fenced fields (#1 and #2), they are on the open field #3. People are constantly playing softball, baseball, soccer, Frisbee and even cheerleading practice. Its close to the picnic area and people just go there. Its by far the most used and versatile field in the park. Our fear is that if you fence the field, many people won't use it, much like the other fields. We would encourage you to save the money(\$200,000 plus) and just touch it up each year. We appreciate the unanimous input to keep the lights off of field #3. We and our neighbors fully agree.

In respect to the bike park or vineyard, we have a few concerns. The first would be, if you put in a vineyard, how do you have paths through a vineyard and keep people from taking the grapes. With the bike park our concern parallels Council member Diaz' concern for parking. Having had clients and family go to the Carmel Valley Pump Track, Miramar Lake and the newly opened South Bay bike park, parking is a problem. Perhaps the local residents in our area may bike to the park, but these parks attract many from the outside and they drive their families' bikes to the park in trucks and vehicles with bike racks. There is no parking on the extremely narrow Mountain View Dr., and just a little on Citrus. The park has

some parking, but from what we've seen at the other facilities, it will not be adequate, especially when other events are taking place in the park. Our grandkids would overwhelmingly agree with Council Member Morasco in that they would absolutely love to have a bike park so close, but the parking remains a major concern. Perhaps at one of the other parks in town that has more room for additional parking, might be a prudent consideration.

May we finish by saying thank you for the time and concern you all give our city. Becky and I have served in many volunteer positions, and we know there can never be enough thanks. As one person said, everyone wants the power and position but no one wants the cross. Please be assured that we will support you in whatever you chose to do.

With greatest respect and gratitude,

David P. Ferreira, Ph.D.      Rebecca S. Ferreira

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**Council Meeting Date** 9/16/2020

**Agenda #** Oral Communication

**Subject** Aquatic Center

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Jeff, Michelle, Devon, Sean & McKayla Golding

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 3620 Ryan Dr

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** What were the results of the task force to investigate an aquatic center in Escondido? If this no longer exists how do we get attention back on this topic?

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**Council Meeting Date** 9/16/2020

**Agenda #** Consent #4

**Subject** Budget Adjustment for Full Time Lead Ranger Specialist Position

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Rick Paul

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Comments** Please read aloud. Dear Mayor and Council member. Please vote no. It would be completely irresponsible to add another employee to the City Payroll during this unprecedented budget crisis. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Council Meeting Date** 9/16/2020

**Agenda #** 8

**Subject** Read Out Loud

**Position** No Position

**First and Last Name** Danielle Polson

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 830 W Lincoln Ave #159

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Please seriously consider and answer the following questions: Do Traffic Officers carry guns? If so, why? Can any of this money be used to buy masks? It's clear the Police Department has none. How will Escondido residents be included in decision-making processes? How will you ensure that this will not be used to further harass residents, especially people of color? I look forward to hearing your answers. Thank you for your time.

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**Council Meeting Date** 9/16/2020

**Agenda #** #10 on consent

**Subject** Annexation into City Services CFD

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Michael McSweeney

**Escondido Resident** False

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**City** San Diego

**State** CA

**Zip** 92123

**Comments** Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers, We would encourage the City Council to pull Item #10 on this evening's Consent Calendar "Annexing Property into the Citywide Service CFD", and postpone any decisions concerning annexation into the Service CFD. Next week the City Council will be discussing the Service CFD, and to accept any annexations seems premature. My understanding is one or two of these properties might be affordable housing projects, and the idea of increasing the property tax on housing in times like this really isn't best idea. I would refer to the BIA's letter dated August 21, 2020 where we go into detail about our concerns and opposition to the Service CFD. I would simply ask the City Council delay the acceptance of these annexations into the Service CFD until such time the item can be discussed and a policy put into place. Sincerely, Michael McSweeney Sr. Public Policy Advisor BIA San Diego

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