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Agenda # 4

Subject Marijuana

Position In Opposition

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Comments I believe the Council had it right when they voted to ban the cultivation, processing, delivery, and commercial sale of marijuana within Escondido. Young people do not need easier access to the drug and adults are entirely capable of figuring out how to procure their own. Whatever the fiscal benefits of reversing this decision might be, they cannot possibly outweigh the negative consequences our youth will bear for years to come.

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Agenda # 6

Subject marijuana businesses

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Comments My work in foster care has taught me that problems that occur in adolescence and the behaviors that begin in the teen years, are very difficult to rectify. No amount of supposed marijuana taxes or grants will ever compensate for the negative consequences of promoting marijuana use by commercializing storefronts, and other marijuana businesses. That all will be duly noted by youth as permission to use pot. Also marijuana money can be very corrupting. As the recent the KPBS article noted regarding marijuana businesses donations to elected officials: 'Pay to play continues to be alive and well. Supervisor Fletcher said one of the consultants who helped draft the County's marijuana policies was Dallin Young, a local cannabis advocate and lobbyist, who was his field director of his mayoral run in 2013'. So the voice of money took precedence over the voice of the people. Never wise to let marijuana money into our City.

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Agenda # Oral communication

Subject Marajuana businesses are bad for Escondido

Position In Opposition

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Comments Dear Mayor and City Council members. I know that the city council will be discussing marijuana business TODAY. I think it is a very unwise idea because it is troublesome, divisive and complicated issue that requires considerable expense on staff time, enforcement time, both code enforcement as well as law enforcement. And the societal costs are inestimable. Do not be bullied into this idea of marijuana businesses because you are threatened by Big Marijuana, or as they are now called, cannabis capitalists, that they will collect signatures on a ballot measure. It is a very expensive proposition for a city of Escondido size, they usually only go after smaller cities, no city the size of Escondido. Even if the ballot measure is successful, data shows that when a City Council comes out against the ballot measure, it fails. Escondido families have so many needs right now that it would hard to watch the City staff spend the type of resources that are needed to put together a proposal as contentious as bringing marijuana businesses into our neighborhoods. Our families need more support for their students, and mental health resources for their teens especially who are under a lot of stress and isolation. So the idea of normalizing and commercializing marijuana use by having marijuana businesses in town is very unwise. From a Escondido pharmacist.

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Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Oral Communications

Position In Opposition

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Comments I'm writing as a parent and director of a youth mentoring program. I urge you to resist pressure from the marijuana industry to allow cultivation, manufacturing, and/or retail sales of marijuana in Escondido. The social and financial costs are far higher than any tax money that might be generated. A Centennial Institute study says it costs \$4.50 for every one-dollar collected in taxes. As for retail sales, the industry brings aggressive advertising and marketing, which further normalizes put use in the minds of adolescents. Increased youth use is a tragedy will unfold for years to come, as we see higher rates of mental health problems. High-THC Concentrates (vapes and edibles) are the top sellers at pot shops. These products can be 99% pure THC. In addition, cultivation brings odor, uses large amounts of water at a time when drought may be on the horizon, and puts pesticides, rodenticides and fungicides into the soil and ground water. Please support public health and safety, not the pot industry. Thank you.

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Subject Cannabis Legalization/ Equity

Position In Favor

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Comments This item should've been voted on back in March when it first was placed on the agenda. Pulling the item was a shameless act to move the conversation away from equity and to delay legalization that is not only popular, but likely inevitable. A majority of Escondido voters voted in favor of legalization when it was on the ballot in 2016, and support has almost certainly grown as legalization has been rolled out in other localities; Legalizing. will bring in much needed revenue to the city and benefit those who use cannabis to treat a number of medical conditions Not only should Escondido legalize cannabis, but equity must also be considered. The War on Drug disproportionately penalized marginal communities, particularly people of color. The communities that were harmed by cannabis criminalization deserve to face a fair shot at operating a cannabis business.

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Subject Potential legalization of Cannabis Sales

Position In Favor

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Comments Support Option 3, because it is the fairest option to generate revenue, and allows City to place proposed taxes on the ballot for consideration by Escondido voters in 2022. : Evaluate a regulatory structure that would legalize cultivation, processing, and retail sale of cannabis products for both medicinal and recreational use – This option arguably addresses public opinion regarding cannabis cultivation and use. The City would retain the ability to amend or update its own regulations. The City would also be able to determine the local tax rate on cultivation, processing, and retail sales, likely in the 4% to 5% range, with a target for consideration by the City Council in early 2022. The City Council would not have the authority to enact such taxes, but could place proposed taxes on the ballot for consideration by Escondido voters.

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Agenda # public comment

Subject non agenda public comment

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Comments I work in Escondido which has been a good place to raise a family. Their friends have had their lives upended and have grappled with the changes that have come from the disruption of their educational and economic trajectories as the result of COVID. Their future plans have been high jacked. Now I understand that Escondido City Council will be looking at bringing marijuana businesses to our City. This is not the time. What my sons need, and all our young people need are educational opportunities, technical skill instruction and equipment to pursue their education, and work and internship possibilities. Could we put Escondido's resources there instead of pushing highly financed marijuana businesses into our City, and enlarge their footprint at our expense. If we really care about the success of youth, then give our youth a clear pathway to education and jobs, not pot businesses.

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Subject marijuana

Position In Opposition

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Comments Good Evening, my name is Becky Rapp, I'm a mother and youth group mentor here tonight to voice my concerns regarding the potential marijuana ordinance. In no way is it a good idea to expand marijuana into the city of Escondido. My son goes to school in the heart of Escondido and I'm grateful there are no marijuana dispensaries near it. Although tax revenue is enticing it is in no way worth the negative effects marijuana businesses will bring to Escondido and cities who have gone down that road are now facing the consequences. Recently medical societies joined together sharing concerns with governments efforts to legalize marijuana. These doctors state, "We are very concerned that the long-term public health costs associated with hospitalizations and treatment for psychiatric/addictive disorders could significantly outweigh any revenues that states anticipate would be received from the legalization of cannabis There is plenty of pot in the county of San Diego and if someone wants to order it can be delivered and purchased at the stroke of a button.

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Subject why marijuana dispensaries have negative impacts for communities

Position In Opposition

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Comments I am a high school counselor here in Escondido. We serve a diverse student body of roughly 9,000 students out of which 70% qualify for free and reduced lunch. I have seen the challenges and adversities that our students and families face on a daily basis for the past 8 years. Since the legalization of recreational marijuana in 2016 we have seen a significant increase in youth use as well as the decrease in the perception of harm that marijuana can cause. I do not believe that having access to marijuana shops in Escondido will benefit our community at all. I truly believe that it will give youth more access and increase the number of youth who use and become addicted to marijuana and other substances. We do not need another obstacle for our youth to navigate in order to be successful. Please keep these shops out of our community so that our youth have a better chance of staying drug free, healthy and productive.

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Agenda # 0

Subject Police Oversight Committee

Position In Favor

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Comments Honorable City Council, I write to speak to you all regarding the growing concern over the use of police force in situations where an alternative form of action would be highly favorable, not only to the life of the party who the police have been called to interact with, but also for the police officers as well. As many of my fellow Escondido residents have already expressed during last week's city council meeting and the many more that have spoke out about the death of our fellow Escondido resident Steve Olsen, this call to reassess our how Escondido's police interact with the general is critical. It is true that we are currently at a flashpoint, but it also a necessary time to use models of our fellow California city's (Oakland and San Francisco) and many more (including Portland, Ore; Denver; Seattle) who are creating pilot programs that integrate trained professionals to respond to nonviolent mental health, drug and alcohol or homeless crises. In a 2015 study by the Treatment Advocacy Center entitled "Overlooked in the Undercounted: The Role of Mental Illness in Fatal Law Enforcement Encounters" people with an untreated mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed during an encounter with police than other civilians. Undoubtedly, our law enforcement officials interact with people struggling with mental health, drug and/or drug addiction, and homelessness far more often than the average Escondido resident. I am also aware that our police officials received extensive training on how they should approach these situations. While both of the above are true, in my experience working in homeless advocacy work over the last four years, it is apparent that there is a clear distrust between our police officials and our fellow Escondido residents who are experiencing homelessness. Thus, no matter the amount of training that our police officials acquire, there approach to a nonviolent nonviolent mental health, drug and alcohol or homeless crises will always be through the eyes of a police officer. However, if Escondido joined other cities and created a pilot program where trained professionals (Social workers, mental health professionals, community members, etc.) respond to a situation where a gun is not required perhaps Mr. Olsen would not have passed away from a gun shot wound and others in the future who are a having a similar crises would not suffer his same fate, but instead be directed towards proper services that will serve them. Additionally, if the City of Escondido adopted such a plan it would help foster community trust and limit police waste by not having them respond to situations where a police officer would not be required. Thank you, Sean Frawley