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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Oral Communications

Position No Position

First and Last Name Esmeralda Cardenas

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear city council,

As a resident of the city of Escondido, I find it ridiculous that you would rather tax your citizens during such a horrible economic time rather than open up to other ideas and end the prohibition of the cannabis industry for Escondido, which would be a great resource to the city. While all the cities around us such as Vista and San Marcos benefit from the over 12 million dollar boon being brought in by this industry you won't even consider it and it's a shame. Rather than take more money out of the pockets of hard-working people we could build a thriving city even by just allowing a few permitted locations. I hope that you see the error in what you are doing, the benefit this could bring to the people, and that making us pay more in taxes is not how to build up the city.

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Item # 6

Subject City Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kevin Stevenson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I find it astounding how there are people in this city who can hear Mike Morasco say with a straight face that it's better to cut funding for public services like schools and homeless outreach than allow cannabis shops to open in Escondido and bring revenue to the city, and they honestly think he's right. How pathetic.

If we should cut funding for anything, it's the wealthy elite/private property protection racket that murders people of color while doing nothing to save kids from a school shooter, also known as the police. Defund the police, damn it! *insert pearl clutching from white racists here*

But back to Mike. He would rather pander to geriatrics who are stuck in 1994 than generate revenue for Escondido. Some of your taxpayer money goes to him as he votes against the best interests of our city.

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Item # 6

Subject Operating Budget

Position No Position

First and Last Name Linda Wilkinson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I have been a volunteer docent at the Queen Califia Magic Circle for over 3 years. So many people, from all over the world, come to see it. Many people tell us that they come to Escondido just to see the Queen. We enjoy watching the children get so excited about seeing such a wonderful art installation! We hope that this wonderful installation as well as other art are not forgotten in the budget process. Too often art is one of the first items to be cut from budgets when it is one of the most impactful item to fulfill our soul.

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Item # 6

Subject Fiscal Year Operating Budget

Position No Position

First and Last Name Ron Guiles

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The mark of any well thought of city is a well educated populous. The corner stone of making this happen are good schools and a good functioning Library. We have both at this moment and I would urge you to refrain from cutting our Library services. We have a good working relationship and contract with LS&S and I would hope we can continue to provide the Library services our citizens deserve.

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Item # 6

Subject Queen Califia Magical Circle

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Barbara Michalec

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Escondido City Council,

Make the most of what you have, when you have it, where you are.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

In this age of limited resources, it is more important than ever to be able to recognize when you are in possession of a diamond that you can “make the most of.”

Escondido is in the possession of one such diamond, Queen Califia’s Magical Circle in Kit Carson Park.

My hope is that those in power in the City of Escondido recognize Queen Califia’s worth and do their utmost to allow the park to shine as a cultural symbol worthy of the City of Escondido, the State of California and our entire nation.

Because ... Queen Califia’s Magical Circle is the ONLY such park in the entire United States by world renowned artist Niki de Sainte Phalle. There are three of Niki’s parks in the world and Queen Califia is the only one on this continent.

People come from ALL OVER THE WORLD to visit Queen Califia’s Magical Circle. They come HERE, to Escondido, because this is where Niki chose to put her masterpiece that honors California.

The Park is an homage to California. It’s named after Queen Califia, the legendary beautiful and powerful queen who ruled over the island of California and from whom the state got its name. The park is imbued with rich regional history and myths of all the peoples who formed

Southern California including the Southwest Indian, Mexican, African-American and Spanish cultures.

The City of Escondido is at a crossroads. Does the city want to ignore Queen Califia and cut money to the departments entrusted to keep her maintained and open to the public thereby guaranteeing a slow but certain death from neglect and apathy ...

Or ...

Does the City of Escondido want to make the most of Queen Califia's Magical Circle and see her do the job she was created to do to the enrichment of the City, its inhabitants and all citizens of California.

Queen Califia's Magical Circle is a vehicle towards wealth, unity and peace. Just like other beacon properties around the world, like the Eiffel Tower, the Pyramids, the London Bridge, the Empire State Building, Queen Califia is a property that if MANAGED WELL and not treated like a unwanted albatross will reward with bounteous MAGICAL gifts.

Do you want to be remembered as the Escondido City Council that tossed Queen Califia to the wayside and let her slowly decline and fall into ruin? Because the world will want to know HOW and WHO let such an iconic symbol of love and fun and culture worldwide crumble away on its watch. Are you THAT council or will you be the Escondido City Council that steps up and SEES this diamond in all her glory. We have a diamond here NOW. It's not a diamond in the rough. It's not hundreds of miles away. It's here; it's beautiful; it's waiting for YOU, the City Council, to awaken and embrace the potential that is there in Queen Califia's Magic Circle, for you to share her with the world and MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT YOU HAVE.

Humbly, Barbara Michalec
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Item # 1

Subject Budget

Position No Position

First and Last Name Greg Tucker

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I live in the Escondido area and own 2 rental houses in the city.

Please consider not catering to the homeless. The vagrancy laws permit you to put them in jail and start the process to clean them up. They need to be off the street and either living a productive life or in a mental institution.

Our country and our state has spent more money taking care of these individuals than a mental institution would ever cost. It's time to quit catering to them and really improve their lives.

Thank you for listening to another point of view.

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Item # oral communications

Subject Grand Ave project

Position No Position

First and Last Name Lorene Hatley

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello Mayor and City Council Members,

I would like to comment on the ongoing changes being made to Grand Ave., in particular, the elimination of the landscaped center median in certain locations. It begins with the disappointment that money was spent a mere 3 or 4 years ago to take out the eucalyptus trees and re-landscape the median, only now to be torn out, and completely eliminated in some locations. To be frank, the blocks where there is no median looks ugly and has taken away from the charm and character of the downtown district. Now there is a wide area with left turn "pockets" to nowhere. I was told by someone that the median had to be eliminated due to fire access? The landscaped median should have been a top priority when re-designing the downtown area, not something to be on the "chopping block" of elimination. If further changes are being made to street design in the area and east of Juniper, I am respectfully asking your consideration in making it a priority to keep the charm, beauty, and character of the downtown district intact by keeping the landscaped median in place. Also, if it is at all possible, please consider returning the landscaped median to the blocks where it has been removed. Thank you for your time and consideration, Lori Hatley

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Item # 6

Subject Cannabis Equity Solution

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Leslie Ellsworth

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

This is ridiculous, the way some of you on this committee are acting about a plant that heals and could create income for our community. Do not speak for me when you say that Escondido citizens do not want money from Cannabis tax. We should be moving forward alongside other cities with incorporating cannabis taxes, instead, we live like Reefer Madness is still a thing. Let's stop letting negative stereotypes about cannabis effect the way in which we could have the taxes from such be used towards resources. You already put so much funds into police, let's put these taxes towards the resources our community needs.

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Item # 6

Subject Budget Deficit Solution

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Polett Schafer

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Good evening Zack, city council members and mayor,

Why is cutting funding for community services due to the city's budget deficit we all knew was coming okay and accepting \$1 from taxes on cannabis not okay? 52% of Escondido residents voted to legalize cannabis in 2016. I implore you all as elected officials to listen to the voters. Why is increasing our city sales tax due to the city's budget deficit we all knew was coming okay and accepting \$1 from taxes on cannabis not okay? This city council is showing their planning for the future isn't a priority if we're asking to do deep and harmful budget cuts, threatening city employee pensions, while taking pride in protecting this seemingly sacred and untouchable trust money. The budget subcommittee members, Mayor Macnamara and Council Member Morasco have a simple voter supported solution being actively and consistently advocated for to help with the city's budget deficit. While I personally live in unincorporated Escondido, my county Supervisor, Joel Anderson, who was against cannabis legalization himself, stated "he's listening to CA voters" and is now working on a permitting program for SD county. Learn from his example. Listen to the voters. Do not continue to kick this valuable can down the road while further harming our community that needs to be prioritized.

Thank you,
Polett Schafer

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Item # 6

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Mary Ann Smith

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Greetings Mayor and Councilmembers. I was looking through some of the items in the proposed budget for this coming fiscal year and thought it odd that the City would be adding positions when trying to fill a budget gap (Specifically the Grant Writer, HR Analyst and Digital Media Technician). It seems like it would make the most sense to not add any additional, non-emergency positions, before seeing if the tax revenue measure lands on the November ballot and hopefully ultimately passes. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns.

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Item # 7

Subject Budget

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Joanne Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments I approve of the 1 cent sales tax to get the City back on track.