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Item # 10 - FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 OPERATING BUDGET ADOPTION

Subject Elections Budget - Possible District 3 Special Election

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Robroy Fawcett

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Without much logic, the City Council went forward with sequencing elections in new Districts 1 and 2 for November while no current council member resides in new District 3. Should old District 3 Council Member Joe Garcia win in new District 2 in November, an opening on the City Council for new District 3 would result in the need for a special election.

The funding of elections is a core function of the City, and must be its highest fiscal priority. Based on past quotes in this and other jurisdictions, I would expect a special election to fill a vacancy in new District 3 would cost \$300,000.

Good municipal management warrants budgeting for possible expenses, and it is probable that Joe Garcia, being a sitting member, will win in November. Thus, the need for a Special Election in November must be considered and accounted for with the proper high fiscal priority. The May 11th budget (Agenda Item 10) appears to lump election expenses into "Other Expenses" of \$2,669,400 which "include expenditures for contractual salary and benefit obligations, various CityWide membership fees, consulting fees necessary for the preparation of expected 2022 Ballot Measures, and direct support provided by the City for the Community Fireworks program, Cruisin' Grand, and the Christmas Parade." No express mention of election costs, just consulting fees for expected ballot measures. The June 8th budget (Agenda Item 6) shows a \$150,000 reduction in the budget for Other Expenses, and states that "the expenses for the upcoming ballot measures are also accounted for in this budget." The Fiscal Analysis for the June 15th Resolution 2022-55 (Agenda Item 6), which includes the election sequencing, states, "\$400,000 has been allocated in the 2022-23 General Fund Non-Departmental budget for this election." Thus, the budget seems quite opaque as to how much of the budget is allocated to expected and probable election expenses.

A probable special election would not be an issue if the City had wisely sequenced elections

for Districts 1 and 3 for this November, and for Districts 2 and 4 for November 2024.

Fairness to new District 3 voters would have the City allocate ~\$300,000 of its \$120,000,000+ budget for a probable special election. Local elections have important consequences and new District 3 voters should not have their votes dismissed as not meriting budget allocation by city staff and elected officials who do not represent them.

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Item # 10

Subject TINY TOTS DE- FUNDING

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name LAUREN SAYEGH

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I learned today that the City Council will be deciding today the fate of the Tiny Tot preschool program. I am imploring our council to reconsider this option. The Tiny Tots program has had a huge impact on my children's early development. Not only is it a affordable options for parents but the curriculum prepares them for the next steps in their early education.

This is where my now first grader learned how to write, identify colors and so much more to prepare him for kindergarten. My daughter is currently enrolled and after coming out of a pandemic where she did not have access to these resources as with many children's in her age group she was grossly behind and as a full time working parent I do not have the resources nor the tools to bring her up to speed. After attending Tiny tots for just four months she is now at her age level and her social skills have improved greatly.

Early childhood, particularly the first 5 years of life, impacts long-term social, cognitive, emotional, and physical development. Healthy development in early childhood helps prepare children for the educational experiences of kindergarten and beyond. To take away this affordable and important resource from the community would be a great disservice.

I hope you will consider the impact of defunding this program will have on the many families who depend on city resources like these.

Respectfully,
Lauren Sayegh

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Item # 10

Subject Defunding Tiny Tots

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Christopher Sayegh

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Our family has sent multiple children through the Tiny Tots program, my sister also sent all 3 of her children through the program. This program has benefitted our children tremendously. It has helped them grow in multiple ways. The amazing teachers have taught them how to learn to interact with other children, teach them songs, their ABCs, and overall extended their self esteem before transitioning into Kindergarten. We understand that budget cuts need to be happy for every city/state/organization, but closing down this program will be a detriment to our kids and future residents of Escondido.

Thank you for your consideration in keeping this program alive and continuing the perfect beginning steps for our little ones.

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Item # 10

Subject Lack of accurate and complete Escondido HOME web page(s)

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Bob Wise

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The Escondido CITY DOT ORG website no longer has the Rent Control Administration tab in the Community Services Department

or anywhere , although it can be found from the search box on the upper right . RETIRED employees Karen Youel & Bellinda are still

listed on that cover page -AND- RRB "Guidelines" are difficult to find except on the search box .