

City Council Meeting Public Comments January 11, 2023

Submitted on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - 3:46pm Submitted by user: Visitor Submitted values are: Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council Email josec.sdpsl@gmail.com Council Meeting Date 1/11/2023 Item # Oral Communications Subject Housing First Means Stronger Communities Position In Favor First and Last Name Jose Cortes Are you an Escondido Resident? No Comments

Hello, I am a longtime San Diego county resident in the neighboring city of El Cajon. Like Escondido, my hometown has experienced the cascading social and economic crisis's brought about by market economics in the realms of housing. Housing First prioritizes providing permanent housing as quickly as possible, with few to no preconditions or barriers. Supportive services are offered to assist with housing stability and individual well-being, but participation is not required. This approach is guided by the belief that people need basic necessities like food and a place to live before attending to anything less critical, such as getting a job, budgeting properly, or attending to substance use issues. This approach has been widely recognized as an effective solution to homelessness. Escondido has a real opportunity to adopt this model, already being explored in other cities, to find real solutions to problems thousands of residents face every day. Please consider doing the right thing and take action to use the platforms of public office to promote a Housing First agenda during this session.

Submitted on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - 2:37pm Submitted by user: Visitor Submitted values are: Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council Email <u>zdeneris@gmail.com</u> Council Meeting Date 1/11/2022 Item # Oral Communication Subject Housing First Policy Position In Favor First and Last Name Zach Deneris Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes Comments

For far too long, Escondido has failed to provide adequate housing and assistance to its most vulnerable residents. I support a Housing First Policy because I think the only clear solution to homelessness is giving people homes. It's clear from other city initiatives like the 28 days that the city can do more. I see this as the largest priority for the city. Anything less is a disservice to these people and it will cost them their lives if they stay on the street any longer.

Submitted on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 11:19am Submitted by user: Visitor Submitted values are: Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council Email <u>hbutler434@gmail.com</u> Council Meeting Date 1/11/23 Item # oral communications Subject escondido housing for all Position In Favor First and Last Name Hannah Butler Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes Comments

People need basic necessities like food and a place to live before anything else. Help with getting a job, education in managing their finances, help with overcome addictions, or even mental healthcare come after food and shelter. In many cities around the world this approach has been tested and found successful in helping people who are living on the streets get on their feet.

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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Escondido Housing for All

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Daniel Colmenarez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I'd like to advocate that the city council adopt the housing first policy, which prioritizes putting our homeless neighbors in shelter first and foremost. I feel so strongly about this because there is simply no facet of life unaffected when one does not have a place to call home. Our neighbors on the street have no means of accessing the necessities of life when they don't have a roof over their head. After reading data on the housing first policy, I learned that the city would even be saving money on emergency services costs by housing the homeless population, this must be the council's top priority. Submitted on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 2:17pm Submitted by user: Visitor Submitted values are: Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council Email <u>yusefm@hotmail.com</u> Council Meeting Date Jan 11th Item # Public Comments Subject Inclusionary Housing Position In Favor First and Last Name Yusef Miller Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes Comments Mayor, City Council Members and Staff.

I am Yusef Miller, with the North County Equity and Justice Coalition, writing in full support of the work of Escondido Housing for All, and all of its allies; in the campaign to move the Inclusionary Housing Ordanace forward.

Homelessness is a crisis, because Housing is in crisis; we need a real solution that is compassionate and equitable. By working with the faith community, non-profits and city staff; we can implement a plan that is not simply window dressing, but instead, a model for other city's to follow, and one that we can be proud of.

Yusef Miller

North County Equity and Justice Coalition

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I live on Robin Hill Ln and getting out of there to turn left on Iris Ln (to take the kids to school) is treacherous. With cars speeding (not obeying the speed limit), I would suggest putting stop signs at EVERY intersection to mitigate speed and promote safety for residents entering/exiting along Iris, i.e. putting a stop sign at Elkhorn Ln, Cheyenne Ln, Iris Way, and Robin Hill Ln. ALL intersections between Village Dr and Centre City Pkwy. Listening to the most recent council meeting, I would suggest doing a current traffic assessment and not using the 2018 data because there has been waaaaay more growth than there was in 2018 and in 2020 due to Covid, that shouldn't even be equated into the research. In terms of parking along Iris, it's fine as long as we have STOP signs at EVERY intersection along Iris, between Village and Centre City Pkwy. If there are stop signs, people would have to stop. Without stop signs and having public street parking, that would be dangerous because you won't have any visibility when trying to turn on a busy street. I go through this on a daily basis when taking the kids to school. Sometimes people park on the side, north of Robin Hill Ln on Iris, I can't even see, which is hazardous when trying to make that left turn. I believe STOP signs would be the best resort to control speed and help with public safety. I can't reiterate that enough! Another concern I have are cars using the western entrance of Robin Hill Ln from Centre City to get to the new complex. This is a private road and also a dirt, not maintained road, so having that type of traffic on our road would deteriorate it even more. How would you address this issue? Left turns are more difficult than right turns, so if you live on Robin Hill Ln, you'll come through the Centre City entrance to Robin Hill to go around the Iris/Robin Hill intersection - I'm sure it will happen, so does that mean you'll also fix our dirt road? Was that taken into consideration? GPS tells you to turn on Robin Hill Ln from Centre City, it doesn't tell you to turn on Iris Ln to get to Robin Hill. Will cars park on Robin Hill Ln on our private road if no parking is available? I don't want random cars parking on our road that shouldn't be there. The parking is really going to be a bad situation. ALL cars along Robin Hill Ln should be a NO Parking zone. Not to mention, with all this traffic, there will be illegal dumping which we've seen plenty of times in front of the parcel mailbox location on Centre City and also on Robin Hill Ln from Iris.

Submitted on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 11:22am Submitted by user: Visitor Submitted values are: Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council Email <u>hbutler434@gmail.com</u> Council Meeting Date 1/11/23 Item # item #8 Subject rent increase application too costly Position In Opposition First and Last Name Hannah Butler Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes Comments

This proposed increase would disproportionately affect the low-income tenants who are already struggling to make ends meet and contradicts the protection proposed by Prop K, which was put in place to ensure that the rents on mobilehome spaces DO NOT INCREASE at an excessive rate and that any increases that do occur are reasonable, fair and based on justifications. Given that we are currently in a local and national cost of living crisis and homelessness in San Diego is at a record high, this is no justification for a rent increase at this time. It is clear that Greencrest LLC are attempting to profit off of a vulnerable population with the support of the city council.

Submitted on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 12:40pm Submitted by user: Visitor Submitted values are: Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council Email jonathanchavez4545@gmail.com Council Meeting Date 1/11/2023 Item # Item #8 Subject Escondido Housing For All Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jonathan Chavez Are you an Escondido Resident? No Comments

I am opposed to this proposed increase since it would disproportionately affect the low-income tenants who are already struggling to make ends meet and contradicts the protection proposed by Prop K, which was put in place to ensure that the rents on mobilehome spaces do not increase at an excessive rate and that any increases that do occur are reasonable, fair and based on justifications. Given that we are currently in a local and national cost of living crisis and homelessness in San Diego is at a record high, this is no justification for a rent increase at this time. It is clear that Greencrest LLC are attempting to profit off of a vulnerable population with the support of the city council. Submitted on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 6:47am Submitted by user: Visitor Submitted values are: Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council Email conejo.gloria.r@gmail.com Council Meeting Date 01/11/23 Item # 9 Subject Safe Parking-lots Position No Position First and Last Name Gloria R. Conejo Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes Comments

Like the City of Vista, the City of Escondido needs to implement safe parking-lot programs that are staffed and resourced with community partners. The current RV park in the city proposal is a step in the right direction, but it holds too many restrictions for those facing houselessness. Follow City of Vista's lead in housing solutions (among other issues Escondido residents care about).

Submitted on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 11:25am Submitted by user: Visitor Submitted values are: Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council Email <u>hbutler434@gmail.com</u> Council Meeting Date 1/11/23 Item # item #9 Subject recreational parking isn't always recreational Position In Opposition First and Last Name Hannah Butler Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes Comments

We need to as a community, consider every regulation according to the perspective's of everyone within our community. While the intent of this regulation may be to keep our streets looking orderly, people's basic necessities come first.

This ordinance disproportionately affects marginalized communities who rely on RVs as their primary form of housing. Many people who live in RVs do so out of financial necessity, as they may be unable to afford traditional housing options. By prohibiting or restricting RV parking on city streets, this proposed ordinance may effectively criminalize homelessness and make it even more difficult for people who are already struggling to find affordable housing.

Submitted on Monday, January 9, 2023 - 7:39pm Submitted by user: Visitor Submitted values are: Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council Email <u>marshell1555@yahoo.com</u> Council Meeting Date January 11th 2023 Item # 9 Subject RV parking on residential streets Position In Favor First and Last Name Martha Farrel Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes Comments

This has been an ongoing safety issue for our street, Aster Street. There were two now one large RV that parks daily in front of a residence he does not own. It adds to making our street less safe because it blocks the line of sight to exit our driveway safely. This long term RV owner does not move vehicle unless it's street sweeping days. Please help us by implementing and adopting proposed ordinance. Thank you.