



City Council Meeting
Public Comments
November 15, 2023

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 15

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Abigail Carnell

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Abigail Carnell. I am a resident of Rancho Bernardo and a Marine Corps veteran. I am asking the Escondido city council to take immediate steps to deescalate the conflict and resulting massacre in Gaza. I ask for the support of a resolution calling for a ceasefire and pressuring Israel into allowing humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives, many of which are children. What has happened in the last 30 days has been a genocide of Palestinian civilians who had nothing to do with the vicious attack by Hamas on the festival goers that began this conflict. Additionally, here at home we have seen a rise in Muslim and Palestinian American hatred, making our own citizens feel unsafe and isolated. We must stand up for what is right and put a stop to this senseless killing of civilians and children. We cannot undo the cruel and senseless deaths of over 10,000 civilians killed by Israeli military actions (over 1,000 of these deaths being Israeli civilians). Death is happening on both sides and fueling hatred here at home, and better solutions can be reached with a stop to the violence. I plead with the city council of Escondido to stand with other California cities like Richmond and Alameda in calling for an immediate ceasefire.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Adri V.

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am asking Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deesclate the current genocide happening in Palestine by supporting a resolution calling for ceasefire and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this city council to take a stand against mass genocide to save the palestinian children and families. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. They have no clean water, electricity, food, adequate health care and they cannot wait any longer to meet their basic needs and human rights; We must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. Though we cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day. This is not a religious conflict, but consequence of imperialism and settler-colonialism. Free Palestine.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Aisha Chaudry

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am writing regarding the issue of Israel and Palestine. I urge this City Council to follow the lead of Alameda and Richmond in calling for a ceasefire and for humanitarian aid to be provided to the people of Gaza. Escondido has a large diaspora of individuals from oppressed communities from all over the world, we need to represent the voiceless in our city by demanding the persecution and genocide of Palestinians be stopped. Escondido and the larger San Diego area often deal with social challenges related to funding and we cannot watch our tax dollars go to fund another war and be used to harm indigenous populations. The Escondido valley was first inhabited by indigenous folks, we have our own history of colonization that cheated the indigenous population out of their land. It is a debt passed down to Escondido residents. We should drive to honor the indigenous inhabitants and to stand with indigenous peoples around the world. We have a chance to part of righting a wrong that we benefit from daily. A wrong that is unfolding before our eyes and is more horrific than most of us could ever have imagined. A person in Gaza dies ever 4 minutes, a child dies every 10 minutes. We cannot waste another moment with business as usual, ignoring this giant stain on our humanity. Please establish a resolution and bring pride to Escondido for standing on the right side of history and taking a step towards repairing the harm of colonization in the world. Our votes for members of this council are dependent on this issue. We will not forget where the council stood during the next election.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Alison Valentino

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

"My name is Alison and I am contacting the city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day.

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Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Alla Ginzburg

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

This resolution is anti-Semitic and weaponize the city and community. . Israel was viciously attacked.by Hamas on October 7th, more than 1400 people were brutally killed and about 240 were and still kidnapped. Israel does everything to protect peaceful Palestinians while freeing the Gaza from Hamas. This resolution is dividing and not supporting good in the fight against evil.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Amina Savas

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza. In one month, 10,000 Palestinian civilians have been murdered by the state of Israel, 5,000 of them children. This is a genocide. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Angelica Bonilla

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Angelica, I commute to work in Escondido every week, and I am contacting this city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. I beseech you all to imagine you or your families facing death every single day as these innocents have, to imagine what it must feel like to face the bombing done by Israel. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Anisa Chaudry

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Escondido is full of beautiful children, so we all know how important it is to save the children. PLEASE pass a resolution supporting Palestine so we can tell the world that our little city cares about human life and stands behind ENDING GENOCIDE! Over 11,000 people killed and half of those are children. Please support what is right, just, and moral. Pass a resolution supporting Palestine.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Anzy McWha

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am writing once again to urge you to pass a resolution supporting Palestine and condemning Israel's ongoing war crimes. As a community, we can't sit by and do nothing while genocide and ethnic cleansing take place. I am very upset that my tax money is being used to support an apartheid regime and bomb innocent civilians in Gaza-- about half of them children. Anyone who has studied history knows that the US government supported South African apartheid, has a long history of racism, and has frequently if not always been on the wrong side of history. Escondido does not have to be on the wrong side of history this time. I understand that it might be scary to stand up for Palestine right now, as we are all being subjected to a frenzy of war propaganda. Perhaps you fear taking a stand because of the potential opposition. Remember, there were many people who were vehemently opposed to desegregation and now we all scoff at their antiquated and racist ideas that were swept into the dustbin of history. Resist the political pressure and speak up for what's right. When we think about the Holocaust and say "never again," that means never again for anyone! Please use your platform to advocate for a ceasefire, for emergency aid to enter Gaza, and for an end to all US monetary support for the Israeli apartheid regime. Thank you.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Barbara

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Barbara and I am contacting the city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Item # 5

Subject Escondido stands with Palestine

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ben Errez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Escondido should do the right thing, condemn Hamas terrorism and stand with Israel. This is an attempt to weaponize the city and polarize the community on an issue that should have no sides.

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Email charlieyoungblood1102@outlook.com

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is Charlie and I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, many of those including children, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day. The fact that so many cannot recognize that this is a genocide is heartbreaking. If we let them, Israeli forces will not stop until the Palestinians are completely gone. We always say that if we don't know our history we're doomed to repeat it, and now people are screaming for their voices to be heard, begging for history not to be repeated, and no one is listening. Please do not let this continue.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Cindy Kreeck

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments North County resident in Poway.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Colet Valencia

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I am contacting the city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate the ongoing crisis in Palestine by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 32 days is a genocide against the innocent civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose. We must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day.

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Item # Oral Communication

Subject Resolution supporting palestine

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name DAN PRITSKER

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear city council,

I would like to express my strong objection to passing a resolution supporting Palestine. This resolution is based on completely false facts and is inspired by Hamas's supporting organizations. To remind you, on October 7th Hamas attacked Israel, did inhumane atrocities like raping teenage girls, and killing elderly and children in despicable brutal ways that are even worse than ISIS.

The attempt to bring such a resolution to the city council is nothing else than an attempt to weaponize antisemitic narratives. Passing such a resolution will offend to Jewish population of the city, and incite even more hate against the Jewish minority. I strongly believe that city council should work with the community to promote an inclusive culture and celebrate the diverse heritage of all city residents.

Thank you

Dan

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Diana Ford

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments CEASEFIRE NOW!!! FREE PALESTINE!!! NO MORE WAR!!!

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Email jathecoolest@gmail.com

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

"My name is Emilia and I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day."

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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Support for Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Eric Bowman

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Eric Bowman. I urge the city council to pass a resolution supporting the Palestinian people and denouncing the ongoing occupation and escalating campaign of terror carried out by Israel. The city of Richmond CA just did this, and we should follow their example.

We need to support an immediate ceasefire to provide humanitarian relief and end the ongoing violence that continues to take innocent lives.

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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Support Solidarity with Palestine and Calls for Ceasefire

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Gurleen V

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

hello,

i live in Carlsbad but heard about the Escondido city council being open to discussion and hearing from their community regarding the current genocide happening to the Palestinians across Palestine and Israeli occupied land. I hope to lend my voice in support of a resolution that shows solidarity with Palestine. Such resolution should urge for an immediate ceasefire, humanitarian aid to be allowed in and distributed to all civilians in Gaza, a condemnation of the Israeli military's many war crimes and violations of international law, as well as a rejection to our tax dollars being spent on war. Taxpayer money should be re-invested in our communities to support Escondido infrastructure, businesses, healthcare system, unhoused people, and the education system. Supporting war and genocide is not what majority of San Diego county residents stand for and representatives who are our voices should be taking action that reflects their constituents and community values. I hope you do the right thing and stand in solidarity with the Palestinian community. Thank you for your time.

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Email halehyz@gmail.com

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Haleh Yz

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Haleh and I am contacting my city council regarding the genocide of Palestinians and calling for action to be taken. Every day for one month straight I have watched in horror as my tax dollars and government enabled the continuous murdering of innocent lives. I have witnessed images of entire families be buried in seconds under collapsing buildings--buildings that they were told would offer them safety from the incessant rain shower of Israel's bombs. I have seen a father call out for his daughter in agony as he frantically searches for her body under heaps of cement blocks. I have seen ice cream trucks being used to preserve dead bodies. I have seen images of the body parts of children strewn in the street as their siblings look on in horror with no chance of ever having a normal childhood. So much trauma, grief, and violence witnessed by innocent eyes. Our worst nightmares are the daily reality of Palestinians. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a ceasefire NOW. The lives that were lost today could have been prevented by yesterday's ceasefire. We do not have a moment to lose. We must stand up to prevent more bloodshed and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day and have lived under Israel's occupation for decades. I urge you, I beg you, to take action NOW.

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Item # Oral Communications

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Hannah Endthoff

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is Hannah Endthoff and I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the city council to take immediately action to deescalate, by supporting a resolution by calling for an immediate ceasefire and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. Too many have been lost already. How dare this country's officials sit back and just watch. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a ceasefire. What horrors and atrocities on Gaza's innocent civilians for the past 30 days is a genocide. Save the Children has reported that every 10 minutes a child dies. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that have resulted in over 100,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed. We are their voice. Free Palestine

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Subject Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Harley M

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Harley, a resident of North County who often is in Escondido as well. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate action by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day. I suggest Escondido set the example for other cities not only in San Diego or California but nationwide, to stand for and end to this genocide.

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Subject RESOLUTION SUPPORTING Palestine.

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Hilit shifman

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

The board is now inciting antisemitism and all your Jewish and non Jewish constituents are scared. They are even afraid to put down their names because violence is so dominant at all the rally's and protests. We are terrified. I am writing on behalf of one of your constituents (that again is terrified to be named because they don't want to be attacked)
By legitimizing Hamas and violence:

1. You legitimize and defend the horrific savagery of the Hamas massacre and don't see it as a terror organization. It also demonstrates that you lack a commitment to the fight against terrorism and the prevention of financial support for organizations that promote violence, hatred, and instability.
2. Your vote raises questions about your dedication to upholding the values of peace and democracy around the world. The Hamas commander Mahmoud al-Zahar proclaimed in a video that was published on MEMRI TV in December 2022, "The entire planet will be under our law; there will be no more Jews or Christian traitors. We believe in what our Prophet Muhammad said: "Allah drew the ends of the world near one another for my sake, and I have seen its eastern and western ends. The dominion of my nation would reach those ends that have been drawn near me. The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is no injustice, no oppression, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity and no killings and crimes like those being committed against the Palestinians, and against the Arabs in all the Arab countries, in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and other countries" .

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jasper A

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is Jasper A. and I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. This is a genocide. Palestinian people trapped in Gaza are living through genocide in real time, as Israel bombs, starves, and displaces them. The Israeli military has been bombing Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023, murdering 10,022 Palestinian people and counting, while about 2,000 Palestinian people are missing, likely dead or trapped under rubble. Another 26,000+ Palestinian people have been wounded in Israel's bombings. Israel has bombed hospitals, refugee camps, and the oldest church in Gaza, while forcing out Palestinian people in northern Gaza from their homes amid bombings. It's extremely urgent to stop these massacres. Lives are on the line right now, will you try to help them or will you be complicit in their deaths?

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jenna

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

More than 10,000 people have been killed in the span of only a month since October 7th. There's estimated to be a lot more people dead under the rubble. Half of these deaths are children and the children who do survive are gravely injured. Many children are now orphaned and have absolutely no surviving family members left to take care of them. There are no pain killers or anesthetics in Gaza right now, children are having to undergo surgery and pregnant women are having to have c-sections without any form of pain relief. There is absolutely no reason for the U.S. to continue supporting the annihilation of Gaza. This council must pass a resolution in support of Palestine in order to put pressure on our Federal government to call for a ceasefire. The pain and suffering of the people in Gaza cannot be ignored. The people of Gaza deserve to live.

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Item # Oral communication

Subject Pass resolution supports Palestine

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Joseph Weinstock

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

The war between Hamas ISIS and Israel, had begun on October 7th in a brutal massacre of 1400 Israelis. Support Palestinians/Hamas is supporting radical terror group. Hamas is a designated terror group by the US gov. The EU, and some other states. Israel on the other hand, is a democratic state, an ally of the USA. I would vote to support Israel who fights radical terror if at all. No honest American should support Palestine represented by Hamas.

Thanks.

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Item # Palestinian Support

Subject Palestinian Support

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jules

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I am an educator in Escondido an surrounding areas and live in UTC. I am asking for the Council to unequivocally state the need for an immediate ceasefire and humanitarian aid to Palestine and to end these crimes against humanity by Israel resulting in a genocide of Palestinian people.

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Item # 1

Subject Pass a resolution in support of Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Kim Caloca-Madden

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

People are starting to notice that despite widespread public support of a ceasefire, our elected officials do NOTHING to stop the daily murder of innocent Palestinian civilians.

It seems that our democracy is a farce.

What comes next for us as a nation, I do not know.

But what I do know is that we need a CEASEFIRE NOW.

PLEASE. Do the right thing. We must come together in every way possible to make this injustice stop.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Leana Freajah, RN, BSN

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

As a Palestinian American ICU RN who was born and raised and lived most of my life in the States..:

I am begging you. Please don't kill off my family tree.

Please help end the bloodshed on both sides.

Absolutely nothing justifies the killing of innocent civilians.

I mourn for the lives lost and pray for the ones trying to survive, caught in the crossfire on both sides.

History has proven to us time and time again that all we've been doing is creating, funding, and enabling endless cycles of violence, rage, and radicalism on both sides.

Your words have value to them. Choose them wisely. The world is watching.

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Item # Oral communication

Subject Vote to support Hamas

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Liz carnes

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I'm a resident in carlsbad and frequent Escondido often. I know Escondido to be a great "hidden valley" and urge you to NOT bite to support any vote that divides communities- especially the hatred that comes from what is being called "Palestinian Support" which is nothing more than fostering hatred and promoting death.

You do understand that the slogan "from the river ti the sea" is not meaningless jargon - but instead calls for the elimination of an entire people. It is a call for the genocide of Israelis (as actually evidenced by the atrocities of October 7) - which is also a call for the genocide and murder of Jews worldwide.

I urge you, as public officials entrusted with the safety and care of ALL citizens that you NOT align yourself with terrorist activities which, at the very least, are divisive and are intended to promote hate.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Luis DeNiz

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Free Palestine. Call for immediate cease fire.

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Subject Pass a resolution supporting palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Madisyn Carrillo

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Madisyn Carrillo and I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day. Please listen to the people. We need to be their voices for them. We must save them.

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Item # NA

Subject Passing Resolution in Support of Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Marina Warren

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello, I am a resident of the Escondido area and I am writing this comment in public support of demanding a ceasefire on the people of Gaza. Rep. Cori Bush and others have introduced the Ceasefire Now resolution H.Res. 786, calling for an immediate ceasefire and for humanitarian aid to be allowed to enter Gaza. We are often taught that international issues cannot be solved at a local level. But today I am doing whatever I can to raise awareness of the enormous amount of U.S. tax dollars funding Israel's military each year. This is a genocide of Palestinian people in Gaza. I support an immediate ceasefire, along with two thirds of American voters, as found in a recent poll by Data for Progress. I am asking for my city council to publicly call for a ceasefire, in line with the Ceasefire Now resolution in the House, H.Res. 786, led by Rep. Cori Bush. I am asking for us as residents of Escondido to use our voices in outrage against the continuous attacks funded by our military. Thank you for your time.

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Item # Oral communication

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Maya Dayan

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments Please stay on the right side of the history. Support Israel!

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email macas.scheer@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Michael A Scheer

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Michael Scheer and I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a ceasefire now. The US is currently supporting a genocide of the Palestinian people. It has been made obvious by Israel's tactics (like bombing pediatric cancer hospitals, universities and locations they declared as "safe zones", and killing more children than any other age group) and rhetoric (like Israeli Minister of Heritage Amichai Eliyahu considering dropping a nuclear bomb on Gaza a viable option) that they intend to kill as many Palestinians as possible and make Gaza uninhabitable. We as American taxpayers cannot be complicit in funding a genocide. Thank you

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email sakublock@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023 - 4:00pm

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Support for "Palestine"

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Mike Berks

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Neighboring residents, don't want to weaponize a disputed and divisive foreign issue that further alienates our communities and creates a potential for further hatred and violence our country is already experiencing. A definite NO to this.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email rachelasaurus@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15, 2023

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Rachel P

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Hello,

Please pass a resolution calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza and announce your support for Palestine. The US government is funding the Israeli military's assault on Palestine, especially in the Gaza strip. The US government is funding Israel's genocide of the Palestinian people. Israel has killed over 10,000 civilians in Gaza over the last month. Israel has cut off water and food entering Gaza, Israel has cut off gas, the Internet. Israel is bombing and releasing illegal weapons like white phosphorus. All of this is documented by reporters on the ground in Gaza and it is also documented by members of international bodies such as Doctors Without Borders, who have been interviewed telling these stories on US media. Israel has been bombing places protected under international law: it has bombed hospitals, schools, UN schools, bakeries, buildings with solar panels. Israel has bombed families of journalists in documented specific intent. The president is Israel, as well as top officials, have used words of genocide, calling Palestinians "human animals" that they will eradicate completely. As the land of the free that is a member of the UN, and a country containing Palestinian people itself, why is the US funding genocide? You, the Council, have a role to play in this genocide. You can speak up to condemn Israel and call for a ceasefire in Gaza. Or, you can stay silent, and be complicit in this genocide. Countless of your constituents are calling and writing to their elected officials, and please not how many are writing messages to this meeting today. How many of our messages do you need to read out loud today to stand up for human rights? Thank you, Rachel

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email rockiejohnson17@yahoo.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Raquel Johnson

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I am asking the Escondido city council to support a resolution calling for ceasefire and pressure to Israel to allow humanitarian aid to Gaza. As a California resident I urge this council to stand with other California cities in calling for a ceasefire now. What has been occurring is a genocide against Palestinians. It has been reported by Save the Children that a child dies every ten minutes in Gaza. Free Palestine.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email rebecca.queen01@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass A Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Rebecca Quinonez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I strongly urge city council to pass a resolution that would call for an immediate ceasefire in Palestine, and to pressure Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save millions of lives. Instead of being complicit in genocide, it is your duty as political leaders to save as many lives as possible. 50% of Gaza are children! Another Nakba is happening right before our eyes. Please, call for a ceasefire and an end to the occupation.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email robin.pomerence@icloud.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Robin and I am contacting the Escondido city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps towards deescalation by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire and pressuring Israel to let humanitarian aid into Gaza. I urge this council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda in calling for a ceasefire now. There is an active genocide in Gaza, last I saw over 10,000 Palestinians have been killed, thousands more injured, trapped under rubble, and suffering from dehydration and hunger. Join other cities and counties in standing up for what is right, freedom, liberation and preserving human life. We have the ability to make a difference and stop this suffering. Free Palestine!

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email Saad_jamil_asaad@hotmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/01/2023

Item # Oral communication

Subject Pass a resolution supporting palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Saad Fattouhi

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email sasha.burik@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15, 2023

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Sasha Burik

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

We must stand against the genocide of innocent people. The majority of people stand with Palestine and our government needs to reflect that. Due to money received from lobbyists, May of our congressional representatives are refusing to call this a genocide and are staunchly standing by Israel despite their constituents advocating for them to support Palestine. It is incredibly important at this time that locks governments help ameliorate this situation by representing the true demands and wishes of the people.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email hassaneselma@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15, 2023

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Selma Hassane

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Selma and I am contacting you regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine.

Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email shir_cornblum@hotmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15, 2023

Item # Palestine

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Shir Cornblum

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email theresazettner@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/23

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Theresa Zettner

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I'm calling on the City of Escondido's City Council to adopt a resolution supporting Palestine in an act of support for humanity. We are witnessing a genocide. Over 8,000 Palestinians have been killed. 8,000. 40% of the Palestinian population are children. The average age in Palestine is 18. This is something we all must show up for and say 'this isn't right.' I am making this comment today as a resident of San Diego, as a human being who can't witness this any more without taking actions in whatever way I can. I hope you do the same. Thank you.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email jackmasonbrase@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jack Mason-Brase

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I'm a resident and I'm contacting my city council in regards to Israel and Palestine. Myself and many others are in deep pain over what is happening in Gaza; we don't understand why city council won't support a ceasefire. Are you not seeing what we're seeing? So many neighborhoods are obliterated. People are dying of starvation, dying from bombings, dying in rubble, dying in their parent's arms. For those who say Israel has the right to defend itself, how is killing over 4000 children defending itself? Do you think history will support your decision to not speak up for Palestinians in the future?

I know you have compassion for people, and I know you're making this decision based off the information you're seeing. How are we seeing such different information? There are so many people on the ground, sharing their stories, sharing what they see. This week I've seen babies with their heads blown off, surgery in the streets, cats with their eyes hanging out, toddlers trembling as their school is bombed, dogs collapsing in the street dying of starvation. If this doesn't get you to say ceasefire, what will? Popular opinion?

I haven't stopped believing you can show solidarity with those dying tomorrow because a ceasefire wasn't called today. History will thank you. Please.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email sernunez511@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Sergio Nunez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is Sergio and I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email graceg927@proton.me

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Grace Grey

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Grace Gray and I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email rigowilliams@yahoo.com

Council Meeting Date Nov 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments Free Palestine. We need a ceasefire now. This is a human rights issue

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email tylerschwenk1@yahoo.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Tyler Schwenk

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My Name is Tyler Schwenk, an SDSU graduate and member of the War Crimes Project. I am pleading with the Escondido City Council to support a resolution calling for a ceasefire, to allow humanitarian aid into and area devastated by war. The War Crimes Project has been actively documenting all of the war crimes currently taking place, including but not limited to; the crime of Genocide, the crime of Apartheid, the crime of Collective Punishment, and the crime of Ethnic Cleansing as defined by the United Nations International Criminal Court. We will not let these crimes go unaccounted for, and I hope your choose to be on the right side of history legal reasons if not for the humanity.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email bases.repose.05@icloud.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # Oral communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is Ms. Delu and I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. I am asking the Escondido City Council to take immediate steps to deescalate, by supporting a resolution calling for a ceasefire, and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives. I urge this City Council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda, California in calling for a Ceasefire now. What has occurred for the past 30 days is a genocide against the civilians of Gaza in Palestine. Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes. We do not have a moment to lose, we must take immediate action for this urgent humanitarian crisis. We cannot undo the cruel collective punishment that has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, but we can stand up to prevent more bloodshed, and save the lives of so many people who are suffering every day.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 15, 2023

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Laisha Guerrero

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email alicialambert55@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Alicia Lambert

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am a Jewish American whose Grandparents immigrated from Germany. I am also a mother and an Escondido resident. The mothers of Escondido are begging you to stop the slaughtering and suffering of innocent children. There are children alive and buried under the rubble slowly dying. There are children burned from head to toe with no pain medication. Infants are dying of starvation and lack of water. Children alone and orphaned. Violence against women and children is never justified. This is unacceptable FOR ANY REASON. This is genocide. This is ethnic cleansing. THIS IS WRONG. Please stand up and say NO MORE. Please demand a ceasefire and stand with the civilians in Gaza.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email bases.repose.05@icloud.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # Oral communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email erickdr0422@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 15/11/23

Item # 1

Subject Ceasefire in Gaza

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Erick Rosales

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is Erick Rosales and I am contacting my city council regarding Palestine and Israel. As city council members of Escondido you represent the people of this city, it is your responsibility to be on the right side of history and represent us as a community that opposes genocide and opposes the continued apartheid on the palestinian people. It is your responsibility to take steps descalate, support a resolution for a ceasefire, and use your power and our spirit to pressure Israel to allow humanitarian aid into the gaza strip. As it stands 11,000 are dead, half of which are children. We dont not stand for genocide, we dont stand for the apartheid, we stand for liberation and as council members you must represent our cries. Cries for justice, cries for freedom for the palestinians, and cries to stop the violence. Join other cities such as Richmond and Alameda, and demand the end of the terror in gaza.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email marimcmurdock@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Marianna McMurdock

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Marianna McMurdock. I urge you to follow the lead of Richmond, CA, Alameda, CA, and Providence, RI to pass a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Palestine and occupied Gaza. There is no time to waste, over 11,000 civilians have died senselessly, nearly half are children, with bombs paid for with our tax dollars. Voters will remember your silence if you choose to remain complicit in this ongoing genocide.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email jord.boaz@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/23

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestines

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jordan Boaz

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

My name is Jordan Boaz and I am urging you to pass a resolution to support Palestinians. Escondido Council must immediately take action toward a ceasefire and to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza. The longer you wait, the more people die. This is not the time to fiddle with politics. Take action. Save lives. We have to fight for the living. Humanitarian aid now. Ceasefire now.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email jazminealc6@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15

Item # Oral communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jazmine Alcaide

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email summerisfarah@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Summer Farah

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am a Palestinian Escondido resident absolutely paralyzed by the nightly updates coming from Gaza this past month. I have seen the bodies of families mutilated under rubble and the stories of loved ones killed in the street. As I am writing this comment, footage from Al-Shifa hospital shows infants cloaked in smoke, sounds of gunshots as the IDF fill the building. Over 4,000 Palestinian children have died, on our dollar. Thousands of children never got to turn five, on our dollar. According to the US CPR Military Map, the tax money Escondido sends to Israel each year (\$1,846,000) could fund 5,255 households powered by solar each year, or cancel student debt for 48 individuals, or buy thousands of respirator masks to protect ourselves from sickness. It may feel like a city does not have a responsibility to a foreign nation, but when our labor is funding genocide abroad, a resolution in support of the Palestinian people is the least we can do. We should join our neighbors in the Nay Area, in Richmond, in passing a resolution like this.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email izzycchavez@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Isabel Chavez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is Isabel Chavez and I have been a resident of Escondido for the majority of my life. I am contacting my city council regarding the genocide in Palestine. I am asking my city to support a resolution calling for ceasefire and pressuring Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza to save thousands of lives.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email talnewfield@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Tal Newfield

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I am not an Escondido resident, but a resident of San Diego.

I urge this city council to stand with other cities like Richmond and Alameda in calling for a ceasefire NOW.

Save the Children has reported that a child dies in Gaza every 10 minutes.

We do not have a moment to lose.

CEASEFIRE NOW.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email reewannazzal@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # 17

Subject War on Faza

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Reewa Nazzal

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Dear City Council board members,

I kindly ask you to call for a ceasefire in Gaza.

The ongoing bombing of innocent civilians , hospitals and worship places should not be allowed or justified under any circumstances.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email palbergo@sbcglobal.net

Council Meeting Date November 15, 2023

Item # 17

Subject Public Contact

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Pamela Albergo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Just as I was during the August 16th meeting, I am unable to attend in person tonight's council meeting. I am terribly disappointed in Christian Garcia, who says that it is his "honor to serve" and yet wants to take away the voices of those who cannot for a variety of reasons appear in person at the City Council meetings.

My inability to be able to attend meetings is due to taking care of my two year old grandchild. Many others have mobility issues or vision issues and cannot drive, or cannot drive at night. I find it very discouraging that the voices of numerous constituents will not be heard if you get rid of the policy of reading comments into the record.

The policy of allowing members of the public to submit written comments and then to have the comments read into the record does not add much time, if any to the meetings. The policy allows for a much wider view of what is important to members of our community and it ensures that all the council members hear all of the opinions submitted by the public.

Modifying the policy as you are suggesting will not ensure all council members have read each of the comments submitted. This would be a disservice to the entire community as it will prevent those members of the community to have their opinions heard.

Thank you, Pam Albergo

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email jsbw@cox.net

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # 17

Subject Councilmember Garcia changing his vote re: public comment

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name John Williams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

So Councilmember Garcia wants to CHANGE his vote to prevent online comments from being read TO the city council members DURING city council meetings?

First you voted in favor of massively increase your campaign donation limits, then you voted raise our water rates, and now you want to SILENCE the citizens of Escondido?

We pay you to listen to us. If that's an inconvenience, feel free to resign. Honestly, your job does not look that hard.

We all know you weren't elected to your seat on the council, but after seeing your decisions in the last few months, it sure seems you're not interested in holding onto it.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email joannetenney@hotmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # 17

Subject Electronic Public Comment

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Joanne Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

It is important to hear from all Escondido residents. Continue the practice of reading electronic comments, by the City Clerk, during open session.

I am disappointed that Councilmember Christian Garcia resubmitted this Agenda item, because it signals he no longer values public comment, and now he does not want to hear from everyone.

I wish that all Council members know, and value the importance of hearing all public comments: those made in person and those submitted electronically, from those who care enough about conditions in Escondido to actually prepare written or oral comments, and actively participate. Informed stakeholders want Council members to continue the practice of reading electronic comments aloud, by the City Clerk, during open sessions, unless they choose to speak themselves.

An informed electorate deserves action by elected officials who are fully informed.

The current practice is fair, and is valued by local stakeholders.

This is an equity issue to make sure all voices are heard. For many reasons, not everyone can attend Council meetings in person because it is a hardship, or for example most seniors feel unsafe when driving in darkness at night.

Patricia Borchmann

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email laschicasshop@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # 17

Subject Public Comment Policy

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Josie Jaimes

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello Mayor and City Council,

I am unable to attend tonight because I have class but I am grateful that I can submit a comment to be read out loud.

When you all took the oath of office, you signed up to hear from WE the people. You are all public servants who should care about what your voters want. As a young leader, I am surprised that Mr. Cristian Garcia would want to take an opportunity to hear from his voters. If you are planning to run in 2024 this will not look good on your voting record.

You say it is an honor to serve and this is how you demonstrate it? Do the right thing and keep the current policy. Public leaders should not shy away from hearing from the public whether or not they agree with us. For those that vote to do away with this policy, you don't deserve to serve in public office.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email marisajallen@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # 17

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Marisa Allen

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Hello Mayor and City Councilmembers,
I am writing to urge you to keep the public comment policy as is.

Allowing written public comment to be read out loud encourages participation from people who are otherwise unable to participate. There are a number of reasons someone may choose to submit their comment electronically-work commitments, childcare commitments, illness and lack of transportation are among them. For many people, it may be their only option to raise concerns or show support for an agenda item in a public manner.

Although the proposed policy would have those comments recorded in the minutes, everyone's voice deserves to be heard by the public and the voices of our workers, families, and senior citizens should be heard among those who are able to attend and register their comments in person. It is the right thing to do.

Thank you.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email lindajwilkinson@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/23

Item # 17

Subject Reading Public On-line Comments

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Linda Wilkinson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The City Council already voted on this issue and should uphold their previous vote. It helps all people watching the City Council meetings to understand all citizen's points of view. The Council members should be reminded, if they already read the comments, how many and what various interested parties have written.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email lillian.arjona@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date November 15

Item # 17

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Lillian

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Trying to change this policy is basically wanting to limit the public opinion to only allowing a specific demographic to have a voice in what happens in their city. City council members should be for their constituents- ALL OF THEM not just the select few. If we change this policy we are telling the group of people that their voice does not matter and they have no say in what happens in their city that they live / work and pay taxes. You are deciding that the group of people who work hard and cannot take time off or have a flexible work schedule or childcare are not worthy of a public opinion.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email shradar@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/23

Item # 17

Subject Allow citizens to speak!

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jonathan Shradar

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Restricting public comment on Escondido city business to only live in-person at council meetings is an affront to citizens of the city and a message to voters that their opinions don't matter. Council meetings already are at a time that conflicts with working Escondidan's schedules and the in-person process is confusing and overly controlled. Maintaining electronic public comment is vital for representation in our city.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email christinenava858@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # 17

Subject Public Comment

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Chris Nava

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Good evening Mayor and Members of the Council,

Councilman Christian Garcia's recent request to revisit the vote regarding public comments read aloud at city council meetings because he changed his mind on the vote is very disturbing. It appears that someone got to him about his vote at the August 16th meeting where the council voted to allow the public comments to remain as is.

I remind those members who have been lobbying to deny the public active participation in issues before the city that Agenda item discussions and decisions representing the overall public interest of the city are greatly enhanced by the knowledge, experience and insights of the public and is most valuable when heard prior to discussion of agenda items.

Attendance at the meetings is not always possible for many fellow Escondido residents. Job schedules, family obligations, and inability to drive in the evening are unavoidable issues in the way of attendance. The voices expressing the pros and cons of a given issue, are also valuable to participants present and electronically. It informs and brings the community together as participants in city matters that are important. Community participation and in city affairs are of the essence of good governing and should be facilitated, not denied by council members who do not always hear what they want to hear.

I urge the council to maintain the decision of August 16th.

Sincerely,

Chris Nava

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email hello@julioadrian.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # 17

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Julio de la Torre

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Meetings are already inaccessible to the majority of the Escondido community due to time, limiting commentary to in-person, and removing visual/audio support looks like a calculated and intentional way to further marginalize and exclude the citizens of this city. Keep electronic commentary and find ways to make the meetings more accessible to all.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email karolina_salazar02@yahoo.com

Council Meeting Date 11/15/23

Item # 17

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Karolina Salazar

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Meetings are already incredibly inaccessible to the majority of the escondido residence due to the time the meetings are held and limited commentary to in person. Removing visual/audio supports looks like a calculated an intentional way to further marginalized and exclude the residence of the city. Please keep electronic commentary and find ways to make these meetings a lot more accessible to the residence in order to make it a fair democracy.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/15/23

Item # 17

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

You are responsible to your constituents, and that responsibility includes making sure they are heard while you are conducting government business that directly affects them. Attempting to limit their voice by reducing and restricting opportunities for communication is unacceptable. Maybe you do not like that you have to listen to the communities that elected you, but that is absolutely your duty. You do not get to cut off channels for public comment. Do better.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/15/23

Item # 17

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Angel Lopez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Meeting are already being inaccessible to the majority of Escondido residents due to time, limiting commentary to in-person, and removing audio/visual support looks like a calculated and intentional way to further marginalize and exclude the citizens of this city. Keep electronic commentary and find ways to make these meeting more accessible to all.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11-15-2023

Item # #17

Subject Public Comment

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Sandra Lang

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Can you continue reading public comments in person or electronically during open session. This is very important to members of this Community who would like participate and to know what is happening in our city! Some of us are unable to drive after dark because of poor eye sight or don't have transportation. It is so easy to go on line and view the meeting and then submit a comment.

Thanks for you consideration in this matter.

Sandra Lang

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 15, 2023

Item # 17

Subject Reconsideration of Public Comment Policy

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Rosette Garcia

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

On August 16, 2023, the Council voted 4-1 to keep oral communications at the beginning of city council meetings and to continue reading aloud electronically submitted comments. We sent you a letter following that meeting, specifically lauding the decision about reading electronically submitted public comments. We believe you set an exemplary model for how to treat electronically submitted public comment.

Thus we find it surprising and disappointing that barely 3 months later you are prepared to rescind this decision, despite most, if not all, the public comment you received on August 16, 2023, favoring the practice of reading e-comments aloud.

We urge you to reject the proposed resolution, amending Section 6 of the Council's Policies and Rules of Procedure. Listening to public comment is a fundamental aspect of being an elected official; taking the time to hear e-comments read by the City Clerk should be considered part of the job and not an onerous burden that needs to be eliminated.

As always, we thank you for your attention and your service to our community.

“My name is Evelyn Langston, resident of Escondido since 1974 and I have been coming to City Council meetings since 20 years ago. However, I am unable to make the meetings and I am in favor of the public comments being read into the record. I feel it is vital for people who cannot make the meetings to have a voice and the only way we have a voice is through the public comment. I know that it was approved in August and Christian Garcia has brought it back up and I find that suspect. Once again, I am in favor continuing the practice of reading comments into the record. I do not see this as a big issue.”

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # 17

Subject Limit public comments

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Patricia

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am wondering why the City Council want to silent the voices of the community , do not forget that you all are in that sit to represent us the community, this issue was reviewed early this year, please vote against it , do no silences our comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 12/06/2023

Item # 17

Subject Public comment only in person

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Maribel Valle

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Public Comment is as it reads, residents from the public stating their opinions their comments through any means possible. Once taking the online option away, that will limit the voices able to comment on matters important to them. Most of these individuals may be seniors, disabled persons or even ones who may not feel comfortable talking in person. Having both options will provide a wider range of public comment for council to make a better decision.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/15

Item # 17

Subject Opposed to limiting public comments in city council meetings

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Anna Nielsen

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Do not make civil participation even more inaccessible!

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date November 15, 2023

Item # 17

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Daniel Rose

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 11/15/2023

Item # Electronic Comments

Subject Electronics comments

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Christine Buchanan

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Given today's working culture, the most effective way to hear from constituents is via electronic submission.