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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Dulce Flores

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

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Zip

**Comments** the money needs to be spread to help the communities more and ensure that everyone have the resources they need.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item No. 8 Subject Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Christina Norwood Escondido Resident True Street Address 2141 Firethorn GLen City Escondido State ca Zip 92027

**Comments** Please DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE! It makes absolutely no sense. I am greatly in favor of anything that will help bring equality and justice to people of all races. But defunding the Escondido Police will hurt everyone and put many more lives in danger. I believe this would do way more damage to the black community than good. Please, may we all calm our emotions down and think rationally and logically about how to best address any brutality that at times, occurs from police. To remove funding is like punishing an entire class of kids when only 1 does something wrong. Look at the system as a whole, yes, but punishment/consequence should come only to those who do wrong. Please continue to keep our wonderful and diverse city safe!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 4 Subject Read Aloud - DSP Amendment Position No Position First and Last Name Carol Rea Escondido Resident True Street Address 420 E. 7th Ave. City Escondido State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** I call on the City Council NOT to authorize an application to amend the Downtown Specific Plan to allow ground floor uses in areas of the downtown UNLESS the Historic Preservation Commission will be allowed to make a recommendation just as the Planning Commission will. This proposal to make yet another change to the Downtown Specific Plan, which relates to one of the most significant collections of historic buildings in the city, is a critical one and should have input from the body of experts you have appointed. Please keep in mind the City Municipal Code states in Sec. 33-791, "The HPC shall act in an advisory capacity to the city council and planning commission in all matters relating to the identification, protection, retention and preservation of historical sites and areas within the city." Please allow the members of the HPC to carry out our duty.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 4 Subject read out loud Position In Favor First and Last Name Ed Gallo Escondido Resident True Street Address 1204 N. Escondido Blvd, B26 City Escondido State California Zip 92026

**Comments** As a member of the Downtown Revitalization Committee that completed the original Downtown Specific Plan in 1993 and as a council member in 2012 for an update of that plan you can see I have more than a passing interest in this discussion. Some clarification of comments in the staff report would be beneficial. "it has been difficult to market and develop property in the downtown area" and "compact area". Grand Ave from CCP to Ivy St is 0.8mi which includes the Mercado District. I don't believe that is too long. I do agree that some areas can be better served not having the ground floor retail requirement and suggest that the area from the South side of Valley to the North side of 2nd remain keeping only the North-South corridors of Broadway and Escondido Blvd with this requirement. We have either already built or approved over 1100 housing units in the DSP area which caused me to question the difficulty in building. Also, you recall last year the Council denied a 100 plus housing development downtown. Again, I support the review but urge caution in reducing the goals of creating a destination downtown.

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ana Rocha

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State 92027

**Zip** 92027

Comments

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Subject Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

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State CA

**Zip** 92026

Comments

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Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Arianna Bishop

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State CA

**Zip** 92025

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Audrey Gilmore

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 545 east 4th ave

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State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** The funding in this city needs to be redistributed to our schools. How dare we take money away from educating children so they can grow up less informed and In city with police in outrageously expensive fear gear. We need schools with well rounded arts and sports programs so children can find purpose and community.

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## Barbara Aguilar Barbarahome@live.com

Dear Paul, Consuelo, Olga and Michael,

I'm sure you have had more than your share of community members voicing their opinions on defending the police department. I will attempt to keep this short and to the point. I know many are confused, as what that entails, as well. I for one hope you do not go into a haste decision, for they usually are done on emotion and without the clarity needed to really discern what is the best course for the future of the police department and our community. In my humble opinion, we have a wonderful police force. Are there areas that may need a closer look at? Well there could be, but again I believe it is something that can be carefully analyzed and reviewed throughout the year, so to make better decisions on where money can be deferred if needed.

What I do know, as a wife of a former deputy, as well as experience working with law enforcement in a few cities and towns through SD County, including EPD, is that the main issue are the unions.

Defund the unions who protect crooked cops. That's the first and biggest step. Here is a good article to summarize it.

## https://reason.com/2020/05/30/police-unions-and-the-problem-of-police-misconduct/

Another aspect is the training. It should be more of psychology along with sociology. Almost like an MFT. How to speak to others. Better training in de-escalation and education of more psychology not so much sociology. Effects of ACES, developmental aspects of people. Developmental disabilities. Etc.

I remember my days back as manager of the DVRT in north county. I was out on a DVRT shift with an officer and the he told me that his best partner was a woman. Why? Well, 1) we are not as intimidating, but 2) and more importantly, she knew how to speak to people and de-escalate almost every situation.

I also know that when they may come in to contact with someone, such as my former 16yr client with autism, they definitely are not trained to do so. Sweetest kid, but with some serious sensory issues we constantly worked on. We would practice personal errands, such as going to a store. I can't list the amount of steps we would take data on just to see progress. But if he was triggered by something, such as a noise or someone doing something he didn't like, he would be very scared and be very frantic. He would tear through any crowd to get out. I would worry if someone called the police on him. Why? Because he was black and stood over 6 ft tall. He was never allowed out by himself. He is now 20yrs old. He is an adult and has to go out alone now. I'm scared for him, for you can't see autism and he very well may encounter the police due to someone being scared and not knowing.

As we speak a task force led by the Senate's Republican member, Tim Scott, has sent the first draft of a proposed "Justice Act", which focuses on issues of reporting, accountability, training and community relations. It's a first step in the right direction.

With that I would like to say, keep up the wonderful work and please don't give in to the very loud minority, who want to defund the police. Engage with us and we will be there to support you. SDPD didn't cave, so please don't either. The citizens need you to stand up for them.

God bless,

Barbara Aguilar

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Agenda # I support all police departments; especially Escondido where I reside

**Subject** Support police, Fire, paramedics

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Barbara Clannin

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 723 Calle Montera

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** No violence is acceptable. All organizations are responsible for their employees and mostly for their management rules and laws. Citizens are responsible for their behavior; and violence is a crime.

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Subject 2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

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State Ca

**Zip** 92026

Comments

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Agenda # 8

Subject Escondido Police Defunding

Position In Opposition

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State CA

**Zip** 92029

Comments

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Subject 2020/2021 Operation Budget

Position In Opposition

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State CA

**Zip** 92026

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name DeAundre Nemore

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**Comments** Should be invested more into schools and community welfare.

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Position In Opposition

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Comments

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

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**Zip** 92025

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Position In Opposition

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**Zip** 92025

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Position In Opposition

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Position In Opposition

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State CA

**Zip** 92025

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Agenda # 7

Subject Budget

Position In Favor

First and Last Name John dough

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City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** We need to invest money in Youth centers for low income families. We need after school programs and summer programs for kids, mentorship programs which allow for the youth to help each other.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Karen Villegas

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Escondido needs funding in education. Why would funding for Escondido schools be cut when we need even more support during the COVID-19 pandemic? Education is the most important tool for the future and advancement of Escondido. I have been in the public school system and it needs all the support it can get. I'm a proud Orange Glen alumna. If it wasn't for the teachers and resources provided at Orange Glen, I wouldn't be attending the UC Berkeley in the fall. Escondido needs to focus on investing in the future and education is the only way.

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Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Linda Salazar

Escondido Resident True

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Comments Invest in the community!

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Position In Opposition

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Pam Kuhn

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**Comments** I believe that the budget could be better allocated towards community services and development. Our community needs help and funds, in the wake of COVID-19 our economy and under serviced communities need support. Stay Safe

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Rayne Cantero

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**Comments** Give more money to the public schools instead of making us cut funds on a different program every year.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ricky Melendrez

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**Comments** How does it make sense to continue to defund schools when they are already suffering from a lack of updated equipment, books, access to high quality resources to ensure student success? It is absolutely disgusting and continues to show the true priorities of the city which fails to actually support its citizens.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defund Escondido Police Department Position In Opposition First and Last Name Rosalia Zamora Escondido Resident True Street Address 145 Brett Place City Escondido State CA Zip 92027 Comments

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Vanessa Martinez

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Wendy Medina Herrera Escondido Resident True Street Address City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Please allocate funds towards more helpful resources such as education, affordable housing, healthcare, ANYTHING THAT BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY rather than giving the whole budget to the police department. Funding communities will lower crime and also benefit the individuals themselves. Low income communities need the help. Low income areas are usually occupied by people of color (Blacks, Latinos, etc.) and in order for them to socially climb, they need to be equipped with the best resources. As a Mexican American 19 year old, I have experienced how hard the system works against people of color and hinders their progress. Why do I have to work twice as hard to catch up with my fellow white peers? So please Escondido City Council, defund the police and fund MY community.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Abbey Palomares

Escondido Resident True

**Street Address** 

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**Comments** The funds previously allocated to policing should be redistributed to the community. There is a need for mental health funding in our community, as well as housing. These are the things that make our city safer; we need to be focused on taking care of our citizens rather than fund a police department that has a history of maltreatment towards people of color. It is fiscally irresponsible and morally corrupt to fund EPD rather than care for the needs of our community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Abigail Traxler

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City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92027-5110

**Comments** The percentage of the budget going to the police is too large and should be lessened with more funds going to education, mental health resources, and anti-homeless initiatives like affordable housing, shelters, and soup kitchens.

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Agenda # 8

Subject Police Funding

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Alan Salazar

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** As a homeowner and tax paying Escondido resident I am appalled at the exacerbate number which is invested in Escondido police Funding. As a parent I can't believe that education in Escondido receives a less than 5 percent budget while the police receive almost have of our funding budget. This is unacceptable! If we truly want to invest in our fmust invest in our children's education. INVEST IN OUR FUTURE.

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Zip 92027

Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Alana Horton advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job

training programs, mental health specialists and counselors, workshops on preventing and handling sexual assault, and mentally and phyically abusive relationships, would be more beneficial in diverting the youth away from crimes. It provides them education and resources that will influence their life, and therefore attack the common roots of what leads individuals into a criminal route. I believe that gradual reallocation away from the police department towards these other necessities, if implemented meaningfully and thoughtfully, could decrease crime within the city. Once crime is decreased, the city will not have the need to rely on such a large police force. Data has shown that there has been an increase of over \$5 million towards employee services in general, and if we were to downsize the police department, it would alleviate future budgeting issues, with little to no need to increase their funding every year. As it is detailed by the meeting agenda, there is a predicted \$8 million deficit for the following fiscal year of 2021-22 in need of attention. To prevent the future deficit from being so large, more cuts can be made throughout the budget focusing specifically on the police department's. I acknowledge that the budget breakdown has already experienced cuts in order to offset this \$5 million increase, however the city can greatly benefit if even larger cuts were to be made. Given that there are many other programs in need of funding that would help decrease crime rates, why is the police department receiving a seemingly constant budget year after year? By implementing the programs detailed above, the overall need for police would diminish greatly, thus translating in the need for a smaller police force. Those officers who remain can continue to implement better de-escalating techniques and continue to be trained on how to approach situations involving citizens with cases of mental illness, sexual assault, and domestic abuse. We are not doing enough if we only focus on punishing crime once it is committed. We need to try and diminish crime at its roots. It is time we address and stop violent trends against black males for engaging in something as simple as walking through a neighborhood. Implicit and explicit prejudices should not be infiltrating professions that are dedicated to "serve and protect" citizens if they target someone for the color of their skin. As city councilors, you have the power to change this city, create a better and more efficient community-based security, and become a model for others. Minneapolis has already committed to abolish their police system and turn to alternative forms of policing. If abolishing the police is too radical, then our goal should be to minimize their role by implementing programs with the purpose of deterring crime. We can influence the environment we provide for our youth, and we can make this community flourish so that people do not have to resort to crime. We can do this together as a community, but it starts with you adjusting this budget.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Aldo Montes

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** We need to defund the police, and prioritize and circulate the money into the community. Born and raised in Escondido and i have not seen any of the funds ever benefiting our community we're barely getting a free Public skatepark. I feel like Escondido has always neglected the Latino community. As a 1st generation Mexican American i have been robbed from a proper education due to my background. Out of all North County Escondido is the most bland and boring town.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Alex Gonzales

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**Comments** I am born and raised here. I went to schools from kindergarten to high school graduation in 2012. I love this city and this money should be distributed amongst the areas that focuses on the welfare of the community. We are a diverse community full of culture and life. Let's use that money to celebrate our diversity. Thank you

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Subject 2020/2021

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Aleyda Varela

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** Do not increase the police budget. Invest in programs that strengthen our community instead.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Allison Bray Escondido Resident True Street Address 875 Millbrook Pl City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** Escondido, instead of spending 43% of its operating budget on police should invest more in other public services. Escondido should be a city that invests in its people, prioritizing community well-being and redirecting funding away from the police. Let's invest this money instead in homeless services, mental health services, social services, housing, our schools, our parks - things that invest in our community. This doesn't mean abolishing the police, but scaling back. What services that police provide could be provided by un-armed individuals, or prevented by having more housing resources for instance. The defund the police movement has gained traction extremely quickly because it is an idea that many connect with very deeply. It is not an idea that will go away, and Escondido has the chance to move in the right direction.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Alma L Martinez Escondido Resident False Street Address 910 Del Dios Rd. City Escondido State Ca

**Comments** Dear Escondido City Council, Over the years police budgets have consistently increased, while community and public institutions have been slashed. We demand that you divest from policing and invest in the health and well-being of our communities. Public safety for our communities is not more policing; public safety is an investment in more community resources, like housing, good jobs, small businesses, and mental healthcare. The safest communities do not have the most cops, they have the most resources. We demand you divest from policing and stop funding a system that terrorizes Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Queer, Trans, unhoused and low-income community members. We make this city - our city, our budget - and we're telling you our budget priorities. One third of Americans did not pay rent in the month of May and a staggering number of workers have lost jobs. The median pay for essential workers is not enough to raise a family and the COVID crisis has only made it harder to survive. We call on Mayor McNamara and the Escondido City Council to act immediately to protect and uplift our communities by divesting from police and reallocating funds. Redirect money to our schools; Our students deserve to have great educators and quality buildings, resources, and programs. Redirect money to community services; We need more mental health services, and housing to support our most vulnerable communities. Redirect money to our small business. You must act now! Alma Martínez

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Alyssa Davis

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** I would like to see these funds put into parts of the community that really need it. Education, building communities etc.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read out loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Amanda Cormier Escondido Resident True Street Address 526 Smoketree Glen City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I am a resident of District 2. I am urging you to completely revise the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund care, not cops. I ask that the council creates a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. Policing is a system that was designed after slave catching and has proven time and time again to NOT be effective at creating safe communities. No one wants a lollipop or a sticker. People need community services and community development. Revising the budget will cause you more work and you will be frustrated and uncomfortable confronting the facts. But you have the chance to actually get something right. It starts with listening. I don't even need to tell you that 43% of the city's budget for the police is extraordinarily high. Trayvon Martin. Eric Garner. Sandra Bland. Tamir Rice. Philando Castile. Michael Brown. Jamel Floyd. Dante Parker. Tanisha Anderson. Ezell Ford. Michelle Cusseaux. Laquan McDonald. Walter Scott. Breonna Taylor. George Floyd. The longer you wait the longer you'll have blood on your hands.

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Amanda Lane

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** Please distribute funds in a way that supports the well being of the community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Annual Operating Budget Position No Position First and Last Name Ana Giron Escondido Resident True Street Address 1923 Oak Hill Dr City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Hello, my name is Ana Giron. I am a current resident of Escondido and I urge the city council to defund the Escondido Police department and restructure the city budget. In the midst of civil uprisings, it is clear that the communities at high risk of police brutality are also facing lack of funds and resources. Black, Indigenous and people of color are disproportionately affected by these circumstances which are also seen across the country. As your constituent, I demand the defunding of the Escondido police department. The role of police as we experience it and see it across the nation and in our communities is to terrorize and racially profile. Police taking a knee at a protest means nothing when they are legally able to murder without any accountability. By defunding the police, we can drastically fund public education, social services and community initiatives that will strive to foster a strong community without policing. These initiatives can further adress the school to prison pipeline and help our youth and community at large. Escondido is home to low income families that have been in need of funding. I urge you once again to take these demands seriously and not silence our concerns. Defunding the police and restructuring the city budget is needed for our communities to prosper and be safe.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Fiscal Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Ana Resendiz Escondido Resident False Street Address 1369 W 11th Ave City Escondido State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** Escondido already invests 43% of their budget to the Police. We need to invest in the overall wellness of our residents through community services, parks and recreation, and public works; those are all underfunded as is. Anti-bias training for our police, especially if they are not Escondido residents, is essential to ensure all residents are treated with justice. Our community lacks so many opportunities and spaces for recreation, arts, athletics, and leisure activities; fund those so residents and their can have opportunities to thrive. EUSD is losing \$10 million and had to restructure operations, causing a decrease to support for children and their families. Invest in your city's education now so you don't have to reinvest in greater numbers later.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Position In Opposition First and Last Name Ana Valdez Escondido Resident True Street Address City ESCONDIDO State CA Zip 92027

Comments I'm writing this because I don't agree the Escondido Police Department should receive 43% of the Operating Budget. What do the Escondido Police Department spend their budget on? Paying overtime police officers, buying new equipment for the police department and for what? Yes, "to protect and serve" but in order to do so the Escondido Police Department does not need such a large budget from the Operating Budget. Born and rise in Escondido, I've witnessed and read so many situations concerning the Escondido Police Department, not giving their full potential and effort to give justice to individuals who deserve it and protecting those who need it. I believe the Escondido Police Department is important but it does not need 43% of a budget to be great because a crime reduction does not occur when there is more policing present in the community. It only happens when the police department stands up for and with the people of our community, despite their race. I believe the a big portion of this Operating Budget should be directed towards education, health, and housing because only so will our city strive as a whole. Money invested in education can make our community more aware and successful in social change. Money invested in health can make our community more healthy and happy. Money invested in housing helps those who need it most when they have no one to turn to in time of need. Money invested in these three categories could decrease crime and violence because it demonstrates that we matter. It's time for change.

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Meeting type Planning Commission

**Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Planning Case # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Andres Yanez

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Defund the police department and invest in social services.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

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Subject 2020/21 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Andrew Song

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2325 Old Ranch Road

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** In light of recent news highlighting the systemic issues with our police institutions, I, as well the many other constituents, do not believe the police should be receiving 43% of the operating budget. A reduction in crime will come as a result of re-investing in community development, housing, and improving the public life as a whole.

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Email Djcalijoy@gmail.com Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Angel Lopez Escondido Resident True Street Address City State Zip Comments The Escondido police Der

**Comments** The Escondido police Department's budget needs to be lowered! We are using almost half of our cities budget to fund an historically racist organization in our society rather than investing into our communities! More police doesn't lower crime! Things like more education and more mental health services is what really lowers crime!

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Angela Favela

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1502 Stanley Way

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Please defund the police. They do NOT need to receive 43% of our city's budget. Our schools, and our community services need to be prioritized. How can our schools be facing another \$10.2 million budget cut next year? How can our schools be continuously defunded, while our police departments continue to receive increasing funds? Reallocate these funds to social service programs and trauma informed workers. Reallocate to community enrichment programs and services. Reallocate money to rental assistance programs. And reallocate these funds to SCHOOLS.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Anna Marie Lopez

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 29755 Kirsten Lane

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Please lower the police budget and allocate more money to the community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Anna Warrick

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

State

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**Comments** Fund police less and community services more. Reduction of crime occurs not with more policing but with more investment in community services and education.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Assaam Farheidar

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 450 Chestnut lane

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I am commenting for better distribution of the Escondido operating fund. The 110 million should be better distributed and the police should get less than 43%. Instead more money should be given to public works and more community development.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

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Subject 2020/21 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Autumn Goodman

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 111 encanto drive

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** To whom it may concern, please consider reevaluating this budget. I believe the money needs to go into our community, housing, education, mental health, help with the homeless issue we have. By reinvesting this money into our community we our actually help lower crime. Please please reconsider the amount your giving to the police rather than the community around us.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Benjamin dominguez Escondido Resident True Street Address City escondido State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** Read aloud: Until such time that policy and legislation is in place to better regulate: how the police operate and interact with the public, how legal action can be taken against officers that abuse their power, engage in brutality and otherwise violate the rights of civilians in both criminal and civil cases, as well as a plan moving forward away from the current policing practice we are witnessing across the nation and the world, I demand police budget be reduced and the funds moved to services dedicated to aiding our citizens in need.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Bethany Hugins

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1732 S Prospect St

City Tacoma

State Wa

**Zip** 98405

**Comments** Hi there, My name is Bethany Hugins, I grew up in Escondido and travel back regularly. I'm in strong opposition of the 2020/2021 budget and the 43% of the entire city budget going to the Escondido Police Department. I would like to see at least half of the cities budget to go to education, mental health service, and affordable housing. I don't believe that our police department is trained as mental health professional, which makes up of 83% of the calls they respond to. Thank you!

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Bianca Guerrero

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

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**Comments** We want to defund Escondido Police Department (EPD) and to redirect those funds towards the community. We don't want 43% of the proposed budget to go to EPD.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Bobbie Cox Escondido Resident True Street Address City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92025

**Comments** We need to invest in our community of Escondido. Part of the allocation of funding for the police department needs to go towards our children, elderly, and residents. It is so important to have our community to invest in mental health and housing. We can stand together to create a healthy Escondido Community by working together, supporting each other, and having access to much-needed resources for all residents of Escondido. We need support from our city council to make the necessary changes for our city to shine as a caring community. The healthier our society is, the stronger our youth will be in shaping the future sustainable. Research has shown investing and nurturing our youth helps elevate them to become educated, investing in their future, and improving their community. It takes a village to care for our children's health. Please invest in the city that voted you in because we believe in you to make a change in our community. We trust that you believe in us to move forward to become a strong, healthy, and strong Escondido community. Thank you for your trust in Escondido!!!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Brandon contreras Escondido Resident True Street Address 116 Howell heights drive City Escondido State California Zip 92025

**Comments** Defund the police does not mean get rid of our cities protectors. It means to build the community up from where funding is minimal, put back into our schools, our community programs, housing assistance, the environment, healthcare, prison reform, etc. These are CRITICAL to building up our communities and when these programs and sections of life are no longer UNDER funded is when police will experience less crime and have more time to properly train new and existing officers on tactics of de-escalating, proper restraints, and not killing black people.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Brandon Jara

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

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**Comments** There must be more money spent on solving the disparities in housing and schools, not punishing people. Defund the police and help the community, don't punish it.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020-21 operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Bree Hugins Escondido Resident False Street Address 2513 Verano Place City Escondido State California Zip 92025

**Comments** I grew up in Escondido and this community is very dear to me. I am strongly in opposition to the current layout of the city budget and strongly in support of defunding the police. I insist that the city council not approve a 43% budget for the EPD. This should at most be 10% of the city's budget. We need to transform the way we think of public safety and spend our resources on community services such as healthcare, specifically mental health services, education, affordable housing and addressing food insecurity. Investing in these areas will lower crime rates, look at the research! Our police officers' training is directed at instances of crime that relate to 1% of the actual crimes committed. If you all are bold enough to take a chance on investing in these areas that truly support the community then crime will inevitably go down and we will be truly showing our community that we support them. In addition we would not continue to ask our police officers to act as mental health professionals, social workers, counselors, and more, which makes up 83% of the calls they respond to.

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Breona Barberi

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

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**Comments** More funding should go towards housing, mental health, and education centers rather than funding the Escondido PD.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Budget 2020/2021 Position In Opposition First and Last Name Brita Smith Escondido Resident True Street Address 2037 Highland View Gln City ESCONDIDO State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** I am a resident of Escondido. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopts a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. I demand that the City Council defund the EPD. I join the calls of those across the country to defund the police. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Diego residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear it apart. As the City Council, the budget proposal is in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund care, not cops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Brita Smith

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Comments

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Cameron Barrett

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1090 Ponderosa Ave

City San Marcos

State California

Zip 92069

**Comments** I live on the edge of San Marcos and Escondido, while I am not in the jurisdiction of EPD I am directly impacted by this budget. I want to make this very clear: 43% of your city budget going towards the police department is absolutely OUTRAGEOUS. I request that your rusher reallocate funds from the police department and invest in the community development the Escondido community could greatly benefit from such as mental health and housing. Reduced crime comes from healthier communities NOT increased police presence.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Candelaria Saldivar

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 900 E Mission Ave

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I would like to see the council follow the Minneapolis police example by abolishing the current police system and implementing a new more regulated system.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Carley Roden

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 327 w 15th ave, apt 3

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Funds need to be reallocated from law enforcement to other community resources such as housing and mental health. Escondido needs meaningful change and should follow other city/county leads by reprioritizing different areas of need and allocating funds appropriately.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operation Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Carlos Jimenez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2210 E Washington Ave

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** EPD is receiving too much of the budget when more can be directed at our communities.

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Email Mirandacarmen269@gmail.com Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 342310 Subject Police budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Carmen Miranda-griffith Escondido Resident True Street Address 822 Lanewood Place City Escondido State Ca Zip 92026

Comments Good evening Mayor, Deputy Mayor Martinez and Council Members. This past few weeks have been sad due to the passing of Mr. George Perry Floyd. His passing with COVID19 and people being shelter in place at home was the perfect storm to bring light to the abuse of power in police departments all over the world, and that includes us. I have been following Camden Police Department for the last 10 years due to the violence and police brutality against people of color. About 7 years ago, the city Director turned it around by getting rid of the whole police department, which I am not for.. but the other changes he did seem to work. He got a Police Chief of color that understands the pain of his community. The Director outsource the police work to county which saved millions. I suggest that we cut a million of our police force and re-direct that money to community engagement and re-training every officer to de-escalate situations. I have been saying this for years to Former Police Chiefs. Chief Verso needs to take this world wide cry and pain to fix our own wounds. Our community does not trust or respect the police due to years of bad behavior by a few. I have seen bad cops get promoted like Sgt. Scott Walters who are clear racist and his cop friends know if but they continue to have a code of silence. I believe that we need to cut the police budget and re-direct that money to engage the community and make our community safer. This will not be easy but I know that we do have great cops out there like Officer Bishop and many others that I have had good conversations regarding their police department leadership. I think that we can't afford to skip this great but sad opportunity to fix our city. We have great people here. This is my home. As you know, I went graduated from Police Academy with P.O.S.T and firearms certifications. I have family in law enforcement. My grandfather was a Sheriff in his small town in Mexico. My cousin is a cop in Guadalajara, Mexico and one of my sisters is a Sheriff with L.A Sheriff Department. I don't hate cops, I just hate bad policing and abuse of authority. I ask that you all take a moment to think about Mr. Floyd and his family. But we also have our own Floyds' here in Escondido. We have people with mental health and our department needs training to deal with them,

instead of killing them like a friend of mine. We need engagement and partnership with the Police department. That will take money. So please deduct 1 million to start the healing and long process to make our city a better and peaceful Escondido. Thank you, Carmen Miranda-griffith

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Carolina Correa

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1042 Metcalf St

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I would like the funding to go towards resources for the community, different areas of the community. For example to the kids, schools, mental health, housing, after school programs, nonprofit organizations, etc. The police department does not need more funding, because as paraphrased, "reduction of crime does occur when there is more police present, rather when the community is healthier as a whole." Thank you.

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**Subject** Police funding. Cut it. Fund the pools.

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Cassie Lieurance

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 343 w 3rd Ave

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** The police takes up a large percentage of our budget. Time to cut that back. Maybe get the pools open for the kids to cool off. We don't need the helicopter in the air 24/7 frankly it's annoying.

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Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Cecilia Salazar, advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job training programs, mental health specialists and counselors, workshops on preventing and handling sexual assault, and mentally and phyically abusive relationships, would be more beneficial in diverting

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Fiscal Budget Subject Defund police Position In Favor First and Last Name Cesar Mayorga Escondido Resident True Street Address 950 Begonia St City Escondido State CA Zip 92027

**Comments** How is it possible that EPD receives 43% of Escondido's annual budget. I'll be damned if we let that ever happen again. Police are absolutely useless and should be abolished immediately. Imagine if we invested all that money in our community, our schools, our roads, etc. This is absolutely unacceptable and will no longer be tolerated.

In case I wasn't crystal clear earlier I am demanding that the Escondido Police Department be completely stripped of all its funding! My tax dollars will not go to such a useless and criminal organization. I am also demanding that the Escondido Police Department be disbanded. Those criminals have no place in my city!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read Out Loud Position No Position First and Last Name Christian John Fernandez Escondido Resident True Street Address 788 Chestnut Street City Escondido State California

Comments I, as a resident of Escondido, advocate that the city of Escondido defunds the Escondido Police Department and reallocates said funds towards the wellness of Escondido's diverse communities. From a personal standpoint, it would be a disservice to the community if the city funds a department that does not act in the best interest of all of its residents, not just a select group. Over the last several years, the city of Escondido has allocated millions of dollars into its Police Department. For the past 4 years, there have been a steady ~7% yearly increase in Police funding, estimating this year's budget at about \$45 million. With all of this excess funding poured into a department that presents no outstanding positive results, these millions of dollars in funding are not being utilized efficiently by a department that serves the community. This is the sole reasoning why I believe that the Escondido Police Department be defunded immediately in order to reallocate these millions of dollars that could benefit all of Escondido's residents. I advocate that with this new reallocation of funding, it be directed to programs such as the ASES Program run via the Escondido Union School District. This program has seen a decrease in funding over the past several years, this year's funding not even reaching \$1 million. This program will create more extracurricular activities within all of Escondido's schools, which ultimately benefits the children of this community. Another example of a way this funding can be reallocated is by fixing and repairing the roads of Escondido's neighborhoods and residential areas. It would take an entire afternoon to name all of the streets in Escondido that contain potholes and rigid roads. As a resident of Chestnut Street, this mentioned street does not have any sidewalks despite the multiple families that live here and/or pass through. These departments that could benefit from millions of dollars in funding are just two of MANY examples. For the future of this city, which is beloved by many if not all of it's residents, it is only right if the city of Escondido provides more funding to departments that only improve the quality of the city as a whole, and by defunding the Escondido Police Department which does not serve and protect the community that it swore to.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021Operate budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Christina Munoz

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 475 N Midway dr #243

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I would like to use a lesser percentage on the police department. There is really not a need to be spending 43% of the 100% on Escondido Police where the crime rate is no where near other cities. Please consider using a higher percentage for the Escondido community and in youth of Escondido.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Christina Somanotham Escondido Resident True Street Address 940 S Redwood St City Escondido State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** More of the funding needs to be allocated to departments which require more attention. Our communities need MUCH more help than our police department. To not recognize that as a fact is blatantly turning a blind eye to those that lack essential resources such as housing, education, mental health help, and food banks. We need to invest in our community, not our police department. Nearly half of the funding will go them, how is that justifiable? How is not providing for our immediate community the most important focus? I have lived here for all 20 years of my life. Our communities need improvement, NOT the EPD.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Christine Buchanan Escondido Resident True Street Address 1573 Kenora Street City Escondido State CA

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Comments After careful review of the 2020-21 Operating Budget for the City of Escondido, I am urging my City Council members to decrease the amount of funding for the EPD. At this time, the City of Escondido allocates 43% of it's funding to the Escondido Police Department. The EPD has increased it's budget by almost 3 million in the past three fiscal years with a projection of needing an additional 2 million this year. With only 23% of the operating budget, the Escondido Fire Department operated on the same amount or less of funds for the past 4 fiscal years, amid global warming, a drought and intense fire seasons. The EPD contains three bureaus and one goal I do not see being met in our community: to "...strengthen community partnerships through increased engagement, crime prevention education, and positive community policing outreach events." As a teacher in the Escondido community, there should be more money placed in after-school and enrichment programs because our kids turn to the streets because there is not much else to do in Escondido. The ASES program receives a grant that was decreased by \$300,000 for the 20/21 fiscal year, despite spending all \$900,000 in previous years. Given the State may dramatically decrease funding to schools due to the current financial crisis caused by the pandemic coupled with struggling parents, our future generation needs more support from our community and that support historically does not come from a policeman in a uniform when working with predominantly low-income communities or people of color. As a constituent and voter, I would like the police portion of the fund be decreased by 20% and reallocated to community development and community services to better support our youth. If possible, there should be a social service and outreach bureau of the EPD that specifically supports and uplifts young people in our community through outreach, community projects, and after school sports and programs. These police officers should not be armed and should have backgrounds in de-escalation and supporting young people with mental health issues. There are so many ways to have a positive impact in our community and that starts with assessing how we allocate our funding and thereby our loyalty. Right now, I see the elected

officials giving community power to the police department that has historically racially profiled and enacted upon prejudice, and wrongfully harassed persons of color in this community too many times. Enough is enough.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Christopher Owens

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 111 E 5th Ave

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I would strongly urge city officials to reconsider the allocation of city operation funds. I feel that we are spending to much of the allotted budget on our Police. We need to redirect some of those funds to community programs and youth programs. With close to half of the funds going to police is excessive we must be more responsible and use these funds to positively influence the future generation, which will create more productive members of society which in affect will lower the necessity for police presence in the community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Cindy Zacarias Escondido Resident False Street Address City State Zip 92025

**Comments** The community needs money diverted from the police budget (at least 15%) and reallocated towards the following community services: mental health services, education, and housing. We also need detailed tracking of all police expenditures, as well as invoices and yearly city audits (available to the public) of police department spending. We need detailed quantities of every item purchased, when it was purchased, the sector for which it was purchased for and if the item was purchased because of excess funds. Lastly, we need detailed tracking of paid mileage, raises, bonus, and dates for which each was paid out. The people of Escondido should know how their tax dollars are being spent. I look forward to more police spending transparency. Thank you for your time.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Courtney Lynne Pobst Escondido Resident True Street Address 11177 Meadow Glen Way East City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** The community needs to call for the reallocation of funds previously meant for the police department, gearing more money towards resources for the community such as mental health resources and housing. The reduction of crime happens not when more policing is present, but when the community has more resources to benefit from. The Police Department currently obtains 43% of the \$110.2 Million Dollar Budget. This can, and should be, taken down to a reasonable 15-20% in order to reallocate funding to programs who need the influx in funding. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Cynthia Benitez Escondido Resident True Street Address City State

Zip

**Comments** the community budget for 2020/2021 should be allocated towards resources that help the community investment (affordable housing, addressing homelessness, mental health resources, public works, etc.) and directed away from funding previously meant for the Escondido Police Department. By redirecting the budget into these public funds the community becomes uplifted, increasing safety while simultaneously reduce crime. As research shows that crime is a response to social conditions.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Cynthia Gomez

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Street Address 432 HIGHLAND PI

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I strongly oppose the approval of the proposed operating budget for the year 2020/2021. I strongly urge that the funds planned towards the police program be lowered and distributed towards resources that will better benefit the community of Escondido. As a citizen of Escondido, I can assure you our community would benefit more if we focus funds on community resources.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget -- "Read out loud"

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Daisy Mendez

Escondido Resident True

**Street Address** 

City

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**Comments** THE ESCONDIDO POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING. On Friday, June 5, 2020, the Chief of Police agreed that he will work towards a safer and better community. Specifically, he addressed the systematic racism that is embedded in police enforcement. As a resident of Escondido, a place I was born and raised, I demand that funding and focus is given to the community members. These resources need to be tailored to the black and brown residents of the city. They are the ones that need our funding. We need to allocate funds to educational programs, rehabilitation services, and shelters. We need to ensure that our community members know this city is there to help. STOP THE CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL ISSUES. STOP INVESTING IN POLICE ENFORCEMENT. INVEST IN PROGRAMS. INVEST IN EDUCATION. INVEST IN OUR CHILDREN. INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS. INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE because the opposite of rich is not poor; the opposite of rich is JUSTICE.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Daisy Olivarez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

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**Comments** I do not agree with the position to allocate almost half of our yearly budget to the police department. These funds could be better distributed in other areas that would actually benefit and serve our communities.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Damaris Bermudez Escondido Resident False Street Address 545 w 9th ave City Escondido State Ca

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** My name is Damaris Bermudez. I am a current resident of escondido ca. I would like to see a few changes with our government. I would like to see more training in police officers to prevent tragedy's like George Floyd. I would like for their to a high education and requirement for police officers. I would like to see more intense mental health screening and background checks on police officers I would like for police officers to have access to mental health. I would like for police officers to be educated on different cultures and livelihoods of people of color. Not just a 20 minute video on why you shouldn't be racist but a full lengths course that goes into depths about what it means to be a person of color. I would like for officers to have different uniforms than ICE agents. I would like for there to be a decrease in funds for the escondido police department and for those funds be used in communities to uplift and get kids off the streets. I would like for their to be far less policing and more community outreach.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject READ OUT LOUD 2020/2021 OPERATING BUDGET

Position In Opposition

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Escondido Resident False

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City Bonsall

State CA

**Zip** 92003

**Comments** Hello my name is Daniel Long. I demand that we defund the Escondido Police Department. This issue is important to me because excessive policing is shown to disproportionately affect the black community and Latinx spaces. This money would be of better use if directed toward social services like education, mental health, and homelessness. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Daniela Silva Escondido Resident True Street Address 127 W 6th ave City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92025

Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Daniela Silva advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Danielle Coony Escondido Resident True Street Address 933 Vereda Callada City Escondido State CA Zip 92029

**Comments** I was stunned, but maybe I should not have been, to learn that Escondido spends only 8% of its budget on community services. Meanwhile, it spends 43% of its budget on police. It is imperative that we stop imagining that police officers can be taught to effectively provide services to the same quality and degree as actual social workers, school counselors, nurses, and others nonviolent points of contact. I remember clearly what a valuable resource the East Valley Branch Library was. This was what public safety truly looked like. The currently proposed budget is not one that serves the people of Escondido ---- it is a budget that polices our Black and Latino communities and serves only the interests of a historically and systemically advantaged white minority. The City Council must reject this proposed budget and take some time to reevaluate its priorities. We will be here to support you when the police union gets upset.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Danielle Geving

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1419 Lisa Way

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I am in full support of defunding the police as we know it, and reimagining law enforcement to actually benefit, protect, and uphold the people.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Danielle Guevarra

Escondido Resident False

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State

Zip

**Comments** I saw that EPD will be receiving 43% of the total budget and oppose this. More of this money needs to be redirected to other community resources.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Danielle Geving

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City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I ask what, specifically, the elected officials of Escondido are doing to promote anti-racism and abolish police brutality. I am in favor of decreasing police funds in favor of reimagining law enforcement as we know it to ACTUALLY serve and protect the people.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read Out Loud: Police Funding Position In Opposition First and Last Name Danielle Polson Escondido Resident True Street Address 1312 Morning View Drive #40 City Escondido State California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I do not want more money allocated to the police department. If there is a fire, we call 911 and are connected to the fire department. Well-equipped and trained firefighters come to save the day. If police units were sent out to fight fires, they would be dramatically underprepared. So why do we ask police officers to be social workers, mental health advocates, crime scene investigators, public watchmen, and negotiators? This is too much. To me, "defund the police" simply means putting financial resources directly into specific services that our community needs. So when a fire needs to be put out, firefighters come; when someone has a heart attack, an ambulance comes; when someone has a mental crisis, a mental health professional will come; when anyone needs a place to sleep, a housing advocate will come. Our community deserves better, so let's imagine and create it together. Black Lives Matter. Thank you for your time.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Position In Opposition First and Last Name Daphne Garcia Solorio Escondido Resident True Street Address 508 E Mission Ave Apt 109 City Escondido

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** So you're telling me that 43% of the budget goes to the police force, but only 8% (and lower) of the budget goes towards community services and education? It is very clear to me that you don't care for the people of Escondido. Supporting the police force on your behalf only helps you sleep soundly in your home, but are you actually doing what is demanded from you too keep citizens safe and productive? WE DON'T FEEL PROTECTED BY THE POLICE FORCE. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR POLICE REFORM, WE ARE DEMANDING THAT YOU DEFUND THE ESCONDIDO POLICE DEPARTMENT. Use that 43% towards the 10% of public works, 8% of community services, 5% of community development, 3% of engineering, and other areas that serve the community for good. You claim to listen to the citizens of Escondido? Well then take this message dearly to your hearts and do what we demand from you. Reallocate your money towards education and social services! If all of you just treated us with respect and dignity, we would not have to come after you! Mission Middle School has been under construction for well over 2 years! The majority of the population of this school are colored students, and this is a form of systemic racism and we cannot allow it anymore! Every child is beautiful and worthy of a good education, but you are robbing them from hope and a great future you claim to be giving! Do your job! You don't think that all of the remodeling of the school distracts students from learning in their classroom? IT DOES. If you actually cared about the lives and future of students, you would invest more money to fasten the pace of the reconstruction of this particular school. If you think that we are asking for too much, then please resign. You are not serving the community you swear to be serving. There are people out here that would love to take your seat and actually serve their community. Thank you.

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**Comments** Hello, I am writing to express my disapproval of 43% of our city's budget being allocated to the police department. This department has historically been a vehicle for hate in our fine city & is not welcome here. You should be ashamed of yourselves, allocating so much money for the police to arrest people and not nearly enough money to support our communities. You have a moral obligation to move that funding toward preventative measures such as programs for disadvantaged children & families, housing & food for homeless people regardless of their drug status (everyone deserves the dignity of a roof and a warm meal, regardless of their choices), & making our community a better place to live. We have a great bike path running through our city that could be amazing with the right funding, instead we have a bike path that requires you to make unsafe crossings at busy streets such as Midway, Rose, & Quince (not once has anyone yielded to that "pedestrian light" when I have been on my bike). I can list dozens of other issues that you could be addressing instead of heavily funding the police and rubberstamping seemingly every single stupid storage facility & carwash application for residential & shopping areas that crosses your desks. What you say to your community when you have such a high percentage of the budget going towards the police is not that you want to protect us from unseen forces, but rather you want to arrest us. Ban quotas, ban chokeholds, fire officers who abuse citizens, ban fake "DUI checkpoints" that are on behalf of ICE, and if you can't do this, defund the police entirely & start over. Use Camden, NJ as a model. It's worked out very well for both the police, the residents, and the city as a whole.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name David Solomon Escondido Resident True Street Address 9928 protea gardens rd. City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** How can we possibly increase police budget in times like these. Crime is a direct result of the community lacking basic resources. If education isnt at the top of the budget you can expect the next generation to be a group of uneducated folks that will want to lead a life a crime to make up for their lack of knowing better. We need for at least 25% of the budget to be for education and community services. The more we invest in the community the happier people will be and the less need for law enforcement. I reject this unbalanced budget that only pushes for more inequality and takes away the resources from those whom pay your wages to serve and protect. Police budget should be equivalent to fire dept. And that extra 20 percent given to the community . My name is David Solomon a local farmer wanting the best for the people.

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Agenda # 8

Subject Budgeting

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Debora Ramirez

Escondido Resident True

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**Zip** 92026

**Comments** To many innocent lives have been lost, due to excessive violence.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Deborah C Reyes

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1413 Lloyd Place

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Public safety must include an investment in housing, health care, food, good jobs, education, free public transit and resources for small businesses and undocumented people. Decrease the police budget and invest in our communities by funding services that strengthen our community.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # #8

Subject 2020/2021 budget allocations

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Debra Tammariello

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 712 Montview Dr

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** It is my belief that the budget allocation designated for Escondido Police Dept should be revised and consideration be given to reallocation of funds to better develop community outreach, mental health and homelessness. These services are needed to build a stronger community that will actually aid law enforcement. It has also been proven that approx 90% of police calls are for non violent issues that may benefit in an alternative response.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject oppose budget to pd Position In Opposition First and Last Name Diana Bailon Ortiz Escondido Resident False Street Address 1555 sheridan ave City ez State ca Zip 92027

## Comments

Hello City Council, I am asking for our tax dollars for the police budget to be cut and reinvested into the community. I was at the rally last week which felt more like performative activism and disengenuine. I was greeted by a white women who acted hostile towards my 12 yo son and his cow bell because apparently we were being " too loud", and later saw a white terrorist with gloves and camera ready to be violent. There was a high police presence and we all know they can turn violent. I don't trust pigs. There was also talk of bricks being placed by PD. I ask the council to take accountability. Take accountability and ask officers to show up on their civilian clothing to know what it feel like in a rally. I ask if city council participates to let black women lead and organize the rally. The fact the chief showed up in uniform and couldn't remember the victims of police brutality was horrific to watch and exemplifies how performative this rally was and was not genuine. It takes more than rallying. We need action from city council.Please stand with what the community is asking for. I ask for budgeting to go towards the community such as : safe housing, youth programming, art and culture, first responders, specialized case managers, and more restorative justice. Remember the origins of police were slave catchers. The police is a state sanctioned gang and we must destroy it if you want racism and white supremacy to end.

I am thankful for your effort in showing up to the BLM rally last week. There were many problems with it bc i was met with hostility by a white women who c/o my 12 yo son being too loud. Later we saw a white terrorist with gloves, helmet and camera and heard about EPD putting bricks on the streets. i ask for the next really to be lead by black women organizers if Escondido plans to being supportive. They are the most marginalized. When said black lives matter we mean All including women, queers and transgendered . There were many issues including the chief showed up in uniform and couldn't

remember the victims of police brutality was horrific to watch and exemplifies how performative this rally was and was not genuine. It takes more than rallying. We need action from city council.Please stand with what the community is asking for. I ask for budgeting to go towards the community such as : safe housing, youth programming, art and culture, first responders, specialized case managers, and more restorative justice. Remember the origins of police were slave catchers. The police is a state sanctioned gang and we must destroy it if you want racism and white supremacy to end.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject "Read Out Loud" 2020-2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Diana Bautista

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

State

Zip

**Comments** This is a crucial time in the nation where the people are making their voices heard. Giving 43% of the budget to policing is not in the best interest of the community. We should be spending that money to focus on things that actually help the community need less policing, by creating and funding community resources that better serve our community in a positive way.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Diana Hernandez Escondido Resident True Street Address 817 w 2nd ave City Escondido State CA

Zip 92025

**Comments** I oppose distributing 43% of the total budget to the police. Escondido has failed to found social programs and community development. The Escondido police department has long cooperated with ICE to target immigrant communities and to marginalize people of color. Despite having almost half of the city's operating budget, escondido safety rating is only 26% compared to the rest of the country. This shows that the amount of money allocated has not made any difference. Furthermore, multiple schools in the city have poor ratings compared to other schools in california

<u>https://patch.com/california/escondido/heres-how-escondido-schools-rank-niche</u>. Not too long ago, escondido chose to privatize the public library taking many people out of the city's payroll in the name of efficiency. It is time that Escondido starts investing in what matters, and stop funding the police which terrorizes communities of color in Escondido.

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Agenda # 8

Subject Adoption of Fiscals 2020/21

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Don Q Pham

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** The City of Escondido uses 43% of its budget on Escondido Police Department. This is unacceptable. We need to divest funds from the police department and invest in education, mental health, and public services. We do not a need a militarized police force. We should also redirect those funds to retrain police officers on implicit biases and de-escalation techniques.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name DONICA HART Escondido Resident True Street Address 4 crest drive City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92025

Comments Read out loud Our cops deserve better. As our city grows and we encounter all of the social issues that come with it, we routinely toss everything onto their plate. We need to invest more in the social structures that strengthen us as a community. We have people who are homeless all over our streets. Calling the cops on them simply treats the symptom and not the cause. It is unfair to ask them to continue trying to plug holes in a botched dam instead of simply building a better one. Instead of expecting the cops to be omnipresent and perfect and always there to swoop in and save the day without error, we need to be investing in our city in other ways. Simple things like greening spaces can reduce crime while adding value to a city. I know I'm not the only one that prioritizes trees and outdoor space when I'm looking for a place to live. Invest in education, housing, shelters, the library, social workers and our future. I perfectly understand the knee jerk reaction to defend the police because I had it as well. What do you mean defund the police? Who will answer when I call 911? What if someone breaks into my house? Won't it be mass chaos? However, I also didn't realize that almost half of our city budget goes towards the police. By investing in jobs that will directly address the problems we're having, we create a better city that doesn't need an omnipresent police force. As a side note on investing in the city. Affordable housing anyone? It's no wonder we have so many people sleeping on our streets. My boyfriend and I both have good jobs and work full time and when we decided to move in together, our options were incredibly limited. If we can't afford \$2000+ for 600 square feet, what about the single mom who works two jobs or the guy who unexpectedly lost his job and needs access to health care? What if you've got a car payment? This city requires a car, our public transportation is inefficient and most of our sidewalks lack shade for the majority of the day. Go take a walk down mission or valley parkway on a hot day. During the summer, you're destined for heat stroke. Take that money and put it towards programs that help your citizens. The science backs it up.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

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Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

Comments Put more fucking funding towards the community

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Elena Reyes

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 900 E Mission Ave #1

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Hello, I am writing this comment in opposition to funding the Escondido Police Department. Instead, I would like to see more funding for public education, housing, and public health. I am a concerned citizen and have lived in Escondido for almost 30 years. It is time for a change.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read Aloud - 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Elinor A. Reed Escondido Resident True Street Address 1380 OAK HILL DR, SPC 35 City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I am writing to demand that City Council adopts a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from police. I believe that 43% of the budget going to the police department is wrong. Services I would rather see funded include: mental health professionals, crisis de-escalators, support for those suffering domestic abuse and addiction in our community, to name only a few. The police often escalate situations in a toxic manner, often doing more harm than good. They should not be the immediate response for many of the issues our community faces--it is just not safe for them to be either. Our community needs support services more than ever, we are facing mass unemployment, social neglect, and economic abandonment on top of the intense police brutality and surveillance. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing. I will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." I am demanding that my voice be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. I especially do not support my local taxes paying to fund a police department that perpetuates racism and violence. As the City Council, the budget proposal is in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund care, not cops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Elizabeth Hernandez

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Funding should go towards the community, such as mental health facilities, education and community centers, and housing. Police truly don't need anything 41% of the funding especially when they are not doing their jobs correctly. "Read out loud"

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Elizabeth Stone Escondido Resident True Street Address 500 N Grape St. Apt 207 City Escondido State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** To Whom it May Concern, I am writing to oppose the current budget for the fiscal year 2020/21. The allocation of funds to the EPD is too much. The fact that our city gives almost double the amount to Police over any other service/program is abhorrent. I suggest a reallocation of funds to Community Services to better our beautiful city. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Elizabeth Stone

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Emily Vandergrift

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

State

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**Comments** I stand in opposition to the current status of the suggested budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year, particularly the allocation of 43% of the budget towards the Escondido Police Department. I ask that the City Council consider re-allocating at least a portion of those funds towards -Better funding for mental health and rehabilitation programs in the city - Increased funding for education and EUSD, as they are preparing for a 10.2 million dollar budget cut - Further addressing and working to combat the clearly spreading crisis of homelessness in the community

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Erin Radclyffe Escondido Resident True Street Address 574 Alta Camino Ct City Escondido State CA Zip 92027

**Comments** I am a resident of District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopts a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing. I will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." I am demanding that my voice be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. I demand that the City Council defund the Escondido Police Department. I join the calls of those across the country to defund the police. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Escondido residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear it apart. As the City Council, the budget proposal is in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund care, not cops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Erin Radclyffe

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Estefhane Martinez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 326 e mission ave

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Defunding the EPD! They take almost 50% of our funds, while we should be putting that money towards our local schools & our community instead. In Escondido we have very high rent & we should be helping or undocumented/ homeless folks instead or families in need.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Eureka Uno

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

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Zip

**Comments** REJECT the police budget increase proposal and reallocate those funds to the communities!!(housing, public schools, emergency rent relief, other resources for low income & undocumented people)

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Faye Vuong Escondido Resident True Street Address 2451 douglaston glen City escondido State California Zip 92026

**Comments** I believe the proposed budget for the police department should be reduced and used in other areas that need funding more, such as schools, mental health organizations, and housing. The funds should target the community and community organizations. Crime will reduce when a community has everything it needs to survive and thrive not just extra policing. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Fernando Becerra Jr

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 603 Elmwood Drive

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Defund the police and use that money for education and resources for the community such as mental health and housing.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Fiona Garner

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

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**Comments** Allocate funds away from the Escondido Police Department and move it towards resources that better help the community, such as mental health services and housing for homeless. Crime goes down when a community is healthy and housed.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Frida Gonzalez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1472 E Mission Ave

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** The EPD does not deserve this much of our budget!! More percentage of the budget deserves to go towards our community organizations, our schools, and our employees!! The EPD does nothing!! DEFUND THE POLICE!!!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 2020/2021 Budget

Subject Directing funding from police to education and community programs

Position No Position

First and Last Name Gabriel Lizarraga

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1365 pine ave

City Carlsbad

State CA

**Zip** 92008

Comments I, Gabriel Lizarraga, advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job training programs, mental health specialists and counselors, workshops

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Gabriel Robertson

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2333 Scott Way

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I am asking for reduced funding maybe not immediately but over a long run to put in other places to better the community as whole and make it healthier to make the need for Police that much less. Having growing up in public schools in Escondido and currently working at as a Frontline essential worker I know full well the condition of the people at the bottom and struggling, we can do much more for them.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Fiscal Budget 2020-2021

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Gabriela Nazario

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 743 N Midway DR

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I ask that the city council reject ANY increase to police funding and rather DEFUND the police-- a department that continues to brutalize Black, Indigenous, People of Color, LGBTQ+, and Disabled communities. Funding and resources should be reallocated to the community towards education, social services, and health services.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Genevieve Lazaga

Escondido Resident True

**Street Address** 

City

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**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Defund the Escondido police department and put that money towards Escondido schools and education. It's not right that the education budget is getting cut this year, there could be so many improvements made in this area. The police department has enough money as it is, they do not need more.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020-21 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Gibran Vargas

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

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Zip

**Comments** The EPD does not need 43% of the budget a lot of those funds can be allocated into education and housing instead.

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Council Meeting Date 6-10-2020 Agenda # agenda # 8 Subject defujnding Police Dept. Position In Opposition First and Last Name Gilbert Nadeau Escondido Resident False Street Address 2021 Via Veneto City Escondido State CA.

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Defunding the police dept. will not lessen crime but instead will increase crime. When Hitler came into leadership position the first thing he did was defund and eliminate all police opposed to him and replace those with his followers thus the citizens had no police protection from anything he proposed and thus had had control over the people. Defunding the police has nothing to do with regards to the Floyd issue. but it will eliminate all pro Trump and replace with anti Trump and that is what the Dems. want....POWER and CONTROL Do not defund the police. Gilbert Nadeau

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020-2021 operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Guadalupe Reyes Escondido Resident False Street Address 1811 E Grand Ave. #171 City Escondido State California Zip 92027

**Comments** Dear council, I am in opposition of the current budget's spending towards the police department. Due to the recent cases of police brutality this should be reconsidered. Instead I propose they spend the budget on community enrichment programs and increase the school budgets. I encourage you to follow the example lead by the governor of Minneapolis and focus on abolishing the police department and create a new system altogether with less money and a greater focus on regulations for the new system.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Police Funding Position In Opposition First and Last Name Haydee Salazar Escondido Resident True Street Address City Escondido State CA Zip 92027

**Comments** I oppose a 48 percent budget going towards police when less than 5 percent is going towards education. Education needs to be invested especially in Escondido in these times of economic hardship. If we invest in our kids they will be better prepared future to lead our city and world.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Hilarie Austin

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

State

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**Comments** Please allocate resources away from police and into community investments.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ian Killingsworth

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1653 Rue De Valle

City San Marcaos

State California

**Zip** 92078

**Comments** If the american solution is to throw taxpayer money at our problems in hopes they go away then I stand in full support of throwing that money into programs designed to help the community in hopes of improving , if only slightly, the lives of those of us around us Instead of a fruitless arms race between the city and it citizens. Countries across the world have effective and successful police forces that carry no lethal options on duty, to simply limit the militarized arsenal of those who are supposed to be peacekeepers seems far beyond reasonable.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021Operational Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ines patron

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1035 el norte parkway

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** The Escondido City council is directly responsible for being the voice of its constituents and it has failed to provide sufficient funding for our schools. The city has been defunding the school system and community resources and increasing the police budget over the years. I am demanding that they divest the funds for the police department and reinvest it into our community resources and our schools.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defund the Escondido Police Department - Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Iran Ortiz Escondido Resident False

Street Address 533 Kaile lane

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** These are not unprecedented time. Throughout the history of this country, we have seen violence and harassment done to our black and brown communities, including the ones here in Escondido. This city has been guilty of these crimes at the hands of our own police department and we can no longer tolerate such environments in our town. Born and raised in Escondido, I've seen the slow shift of defunding necessity community resources and education from our libraries, schools, community centers, parks, and much more. Where did those funds go? It seems that 46% now go into our police department. Why are we relying on one department to hold the responsibility to take care of so many needs of the community. What needs to be done is a dramatic change, we want to reallocate the budget back into our community services and development. We need to address the basic need of Escondido rather than have it be monitored by a police state. I demand the reallocation of funds back into the community and the implementation to begin defunding the police department. We do not need the police to run our city, we need our community to run it.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Iris Escondido Resident True Street Address 740 Park Place City Escondido State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** The Escondido City Budget needs to be readjusted to allocate funding from Escondido Police Department to public services, such as our underfunded school district, mental health facilities, rehabilitation centers, low income housing, food banks, after school programs, and other social services. The Escondido Police Department is highly over funded and is not qualified to support our community in the ways that it needs. We need to redistribute funding so Escondido can become the beautiful city I know it can be. So please DO NOT approve this budget. Reconsider and cut their funding.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Operating Budget 2020/2021 Position In Opposition First and Last Name Isa Ruiz Escondido Resident True Street Address City State Zip 92025

**Comments** I am writing this in opposition of the city budget and the fact that 43% of the funding goes to police while all community development and services are less that 10% each. Please begin the process of defunding the police and allocating the money towards low income housing, education and services that help the community like mentorship programs for youths, mental health services and public recreation like a skate park.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Isela Humerez Escondido Resident False Street Address City State Zip

**Comments** The city council needs to reject the proposal for the EPD to receive 43% of the city's budget. During the economic crisis from COVID, these funds needs to be reallocated back into the community. Education in Escondido is facing a crisis and needs these funds. Housing, food and healthcare are also priorities above funding the police department to buy more riot gear.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ivon Holman

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1361 W Ninth Ave

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** It's absolutely imperative that we reallocate police department funding towards resources for the community such as mental health, housing, public health workers, educators, etc. The reduction crime occurs, not when more police are present, but when the community is healthier as a whole. The police does not and should not need more than half of the budget!!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Please Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Izcally Hernandez Escondido Resident True Street Address 9928 Protea Gardens Rd City Escondido State California Zip 92026

Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Izcally Hernandez advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job

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Council Meeting Date Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name J Bainto Escondido Resident True Street Address 1364 Hiawatha Glen City Escondido State CA Zip 92027

**Comments** The allocation of funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community, such as mental health and housing would be a tremendous step forward for the Escondido Community. I am thankful for my positive interactions with police but believe they are tasked with too many responsibilities they are not trained or equipped to handle. The reduction of crime occurs not when more policing is present, but when the community is healthier as a whole.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jacquelyn Pinales

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1808 S Redwood St.

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** After what happened to George Floyd, the OBVIOUS answer is to not only defund the police but re-evalue where money is being spent. As a community we should enforce police to go through more schooling, be educated in other ways of deescalating situations and be able to handle situations WITHOUT killing/hurting people. More money should got to the future of this community and that is schooling. How is it that teachers and schools always have to have their budgets cut? Shouldn't there be more of a focus on the future of this community? Frankly the ones who suffer most are the children of this community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Police funding in 20-21 budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jake Spisak

Escondido Resident True

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State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** Allocating 43% of Escondido's budget towards the police is wrong. Funding should instead be directed towards social programs that replace jobs the police currently do, like responding to non-violent homeless/mental illness/drug use cases. Escondido should implement something like CAHOOTS, currently working in Eugene, Oregon, which has successfully diverted 20% of 911 calls from police in favor of responses from medical/social workers.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Budget police Position In Favor First and Last Name Janelle Navarro Escondido Resident True Street Address 1152 chestnut Street City Escondido State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** My name is Janelle Navarro. I am a resident of Escondido , I am writing you today to demand that Escondido joins cities across the u.s in defunding the police. Escondido spends and egregious amount of money on policing and it's time that we reallocate that money back into our communities. For decades, we've bore witness to police terrorizing our neighborhoods rather than lending a hand. We've also witnessed our city take years to assist at risk residents, fix roads, and more. We urge you to listen to your constituents and prioritize our basic needs like housing, health care, education, economic assistance and emergency relief. It is your duty to represent us. Thank you for your time,

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Operation budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Janet Garcia

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Street Address 300 S Ivy st

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State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Please diverge spending from police to mental health services, education and family friendly spaces in our community

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget "Read out Loud"

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Janira Barajas

Escondido Resident True

**Street Address** 

City

State

Zip

**Comments** I'm in opposition to providing 43% of the budget on EPD. Instead this money can be reinvested into our community. Counselors not cops! -Funding for EUSD which plans for a budget cut of 10.2million -Rent Assistance Programs for those in our community, especially our undocumented community. -Addressing our homeless crises

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jazmin Escondido Resident True Street Address 1345 morning view dr City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92026

Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Jazmin advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job training programs, mental health specialists and

counselors, workshops on preventing and handling sexual assault, and mentally and phyically abusive relationships, would be more beneficial in diverting the youth away from crimes. It provides them education and resources that will influence their life, and therefore attack the common roots of what leads individuals into a criminal route. I believe that gradual reallocation away from the police department towards these other necessities, if implemented meaningfully and thoughtfully, could decrease crime within the city. Once crime is decreased, the city will not have the need to rely on such a large police force. Data has shown that there has been an increase of over \$5 million towards employee services in general, and if we were to downsize the police department, it would alleviate future budgeting issues, with little to no need to increase their funding every year. As it is detailed by the meeting agenda, there is a predicted \$8 million deficit for the following fiscal year of 2021-22 in need of attention. To prevent the future deficit from being so large, more cuts can be made throughout the budget focusing specifically on the police department's. I acknowledge that the budget breakdown has already experienced cuts in order to offset this \$5 million increase, however the city can greatly benefit if even larger cuts were to be made. Given that there are many other programs in need of funding that would help decrease crime rates, why is the police department receiving a seemingly constant budget year after year? By implementing the programs detailed above, the overall need for police would diminish greatly, thus translating in the need for a smaller police force. Those officers who remain can continue to implement better de-escalating techniques and continue to be trained on how to approach situations involving citizens with cases of mental illness, sexual assault, and domestic abuse. We are not doing enough if we only focus on punishing crime once it is committed. We need to try and diminish crime at its roots. It is time we address and stop violent trends against black males for engaging in something as simple as walking through a neighborhood. Implicit and explicit prejudices should not be infiltrating professions that are dedicated to "serve and protect" citizens if they target someone for the color of their skin. As city councilors, you have the power to change this city, create a better and more efficient community-based security, and become a model for others. Minneapolis has already committed to abolish their police system and turn to alternative forms of policing. If abolishing the police is too radical, then our goal should be to minimize their role by implementing programs with the purpose of deterring crime. We can influence the environment we provide for our youth, and we can make this community flourish so that people do not have to resort to crime. We can do this together as a community, but it starts with you adjusting this

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Email Griffith\_jeff@juno.com Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 7 Subject Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jeff Griffith Escondido Resident True Street Address 822 Lanewood Place City Escondido State CA Zip 92026 Comments I am concerned about the outsized portion of the city budget on law enforcement.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jena Lansford Escondido Resident True Street Address City Escondido State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** I am writing in opposition of the proposed 2020/2021 operating budget. Escondido Police should not be allocated \$45.6 million while Escondido schools are being cut by \$10.2 million. There is no reasonable explanation as to why the police need 43% of the city's budget. Cut the police budget and reallocate those funds to community services. It is a fact that increased police and increased police budgets do not lower crime. It is a fact that investing in community services does lower crime. Escondido residents deserve to have their tax dollars spent in a way that benefits the community. Defund the EPD.

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**Comments** I am joining the hopefully long line of folks in the call to reassess the budget to determine appropriate re-allocations in the 20-21 fiscal year. I know there are downsides to pushing back a budget approval, however, in light of what has recently transpired across the country, I believe it is necessary to take a step back and have some important conversations around where to funnel funds prior to approving today. 1. I am not in favor of disbanding police. I want to be clear on that. However, I am in favor of looking into options for the community to call on other agencies in instances of mental health crises, homelessness, etc. 2. Reallocate funds to mental health resources to respond in emergencies i.e. expanding funds for PERT and creating a safe, supportive, and holistic mental health rehabilitation facility in Escondido. The number of beds that are currently available in Escondido for those having an active mental health crisis is severely under what is needed. Anytime there is a potential for a mental health emergency, PERT should always be able to respond. In my work, too many times have the police had to respond to a suicidal individual because there were not enough PERT available. 3. Make trauma informed practices required for law enforcement. Law enforcement should be aware of research around the effects of trauma and how someone may respond to police if called. Having training on trauma informed methods could assist with the ability to effectively de-escalate situations. 4. Increase awareness of the the citizen oversight for holding law enforcement accountable. Funding for training of volunteers who are donating their service to the city. 5. Create a youth council to work with EPD - the amount of young people who are out there protesting shows the level of commitment and engagement these folks are craving. Give them an outlet to do this good work. The main thing I am asking you today is to put a hold on approving the budget. There needs to be time for the community to come together to discuss where our dollars are being best spent. Your argument may be that there have been opportunities leading up to today, however, my argument is that the level of civic engagement and investment has significantly increased in light of George Floyd's murder. And, you know this to be the case. Do the right thing and put a pause on this. Thank you for your considerations.

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**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Good evening to everyone. My name is Jennifer Lopez and a resident of Escondido living in District 3 represented by Olga Diaz. I am extremely concerned with the 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget and the 43% of the city budget being allocated into the police department. I am demanding that the Mayor and City Council reject this proposed budget and work towards defunding the police department. Escondido has a legacy of racist anti immigrant policing operations. These include the continual of the DUI / driver license checkpoints operated under the Traffic Division of EPD and let us not forget about Operation Joint Effort of 2010 where the police department collaborated with ICE (federal immigration enforcement agents) without public transparency. Although I understand that many of you have recently been in office including the Mayor, city council members, and the chief of police - you all have a responsibility to think about the wellbeing of the Escondido community and ALL of its residents. Escondido does NOT need more police enforcement in the city, it does NOT need police officers in our schools that serve to criminalize our youth, it does NOT need police terrorizing our community members. The police department does NOT need more training, it does NOT need more money to spend on equipment, it does NOT need to be collaborating with federal agents, and they do NOT need to be asking the state or federal government for more money either. The city's budget needs to be invested into our communities with services that reflect the community they are serving. Escondido needs to fund public libraries, accessible and affordable housing, rental assistance programing, legal aid resources, community centers with free services, accessible community gardens, free mental health services, community centered food access locations, etc. I hope you listen to the Escondido community and do everything in your power to reinvest into the community.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jenny Rodriguez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

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Comments Why does the police have almost HALF of the budget?!!! What about everyone else?!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject READ OUT LOUD: 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jenny Solano Escondido Resident True Street Address City State

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Comments The EPD should not receive any increase in funds. Instead, Escondido City Council should be focused on strategically reallocating resources, funding, and responsibility away from police and toward community-based models of safety, support, and prevention. The people who respond to crises in our community should be the people who are best-equipped to deal with those crises. Rather than strangers with guns, who very likely do not live in the neighborhoods they are patrolling, we want to create a space for more mental health service providers, social workers, victim/survivor advocates, religious leaders, neighbors and friends--all of the people who really make up the fabric of our community--to look out for one another. Crime is not random. Most of the time, it happens when someone has been unable to meet their basic needs through other means. By shifting money away from the police and toward services that actually meet those needs, we'll effectively reduce crime by attacking the root of the problem. Police are not only ineffective, they are actively harmful. The history of policing is a history of violence against the marginalized. Public institutions are being defunded while police budgets are increasing. This doesn't make any sense. Redirected and reinvested public funds can uplift communities while also reducing crime and increasing safety. The money proposed to fund EPD should be diverted and redistributed to areas disproportionately affected by poverty and lack of infrastructure. The safest communities do not have more police, they have better resources. If you truly care about the community you serve, you should do some deep self-reflection and think about who you are really trying to protect here.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jeremy Alcantara

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2190 Krystal Place

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State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Reject the proposal to increase the Escondido police budget. Escondido has many people that are of low-income status who are suffering. Make the right decision and reallocate the funds to more important things that will benefit the community such as healthcare, public transit, and education. We do not need excessive spending on police. We NEED that money to improve the lives of our community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jessica Ramírez Escondido Resident True Street Address 1907 Felicita Rd. City Escondido State CA

**Comments** My name is Jessica Ramírez- I am 23 years old and I was born in the City of Escondido and have lived here all of my life with my family. Throughout my life in Escondido, I have seen how the police targets, racially profiles, discriminates, and attacks members of the community who are black and brown. Meanwhile, our parks, community services, and community development projects lack investment. Looking at the budget- it is clear that that the City of Escondido prioritizes the continual targeting of our black and brown residents and views "public safety" rather than "public investment" as most important. I was recently contacted to complete a survey for the City of Escondido. During this survey, it was mentioned that the City of Escondido has "limited funding" and I was asked to prioritize services for the community from low priority to very high priority. However, we have 110.2 million dollars of funding nowhere near a "lack of funding". It is clear that what we do lack is cohesiveness within the City Council. The City Council should be listening to the residents of Escondido- there have been protests, there has been outrage, and there has been a lack of trust in the police department that has been brewing for years. You have heard the community of Escondido loud and clear in the streets, you are hearing us now during this portion of the agenda, and you will continue to hear us until you have decided to take the action of defunding the police and refunding the people.

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**Comments** We need to support our community's development and public services! Pull money from the Police fund and use it to enrich escondido! In the long term it will even lower instances in which the police are needed.

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Subject 2020/2021 Annual Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jessica Vasquez

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State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Defund the police.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jordyn Parker

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Money should go to other resources that are needed in the community 47% is unnecessary. Some example of needed resources are hosing and mental health. We as a community need to become healthier and having this much money for our EPD won't do that for us.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jose Gonzalez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1400 Oak Hill Drive Apt.321

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I strongly oppose the idea that forty-three percent of the city's budget should go to our police. This budgeting is absurd here is why. A better police station doesn't make a city great, a great city makes people want to be great. Give the city a better chance at being great by giving to the community, not our patrol systems.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Joseph Masso Escondido Resident True Street Address 720 Calle Montera Dr. City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Hello my name is Joe Masso, I have been a resident of Escondido for two years now and I thought when I first moved here it would be different than growing up in Santee. However, I was surprised to hear, like many cities in America, more than a third of budget is goes to policing. It seems odd we a city would ever ask a police department to deal with the mentally ill, homelessness, and education services when there are already institutions in place, they just need to be funded properly. What I also find interesting is, despite the fact we give huge portion of the budget to police, the only crimes they are able to handle crimes are mostly commonly associated with young and poor people of color. However, are unable to deal with white collar crimes like wage and identity theft. Something to me is seriously wrong when a police officer can charge someone a ticket for rushing their way to work, but are unable to call the police when her boss makes her work illegal overtime.

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Joshua Benz

Escondido Resident False

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State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Want to call for funding to be directed from the police department towards resources that actually help the community. Mental health, housing etc.

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**Zip** 92025

Comments Hello Mayor and Council Members, COVID-19 has presented an unprecedented time in our community full of uncertainty. One of the most uncertain things at the moment right now is our youth. We are still unsure what the next school year is going to look like, impacting a traumatic end of the year for many of our youth throughout this community. The one place where youth in our community had the opportunity to engage with one another was taken from them. This is an additional blow to the already crippled recreational and enrichment options for our youth in Escondido. So, it is a bit upsetting to say the least to see the difference of an \$8.8 million investment to our Community Services budget paled against an over \$45 million-dollar budget for our Police Services. Please keep in mind that the Community Services budget not only includes recreation for our youth, it is split amongst about six different departments including Recreation, Communications, Video Services, Library Services, Older Adult Services, and Senior Nutrition. Sure, it appears that there has been an increase of over \$600 thousand to this budget, but according to the report: "The expenditure increases to the Recreation budget of about \$588,000 are due to zeroing out the grant funded ASES budget, which was in a Special Revenue Fund, and moving the staffing and related costs needed to operate the After School Program into the Recreation budget." This appears like another cut to recreation one of which will go back to the already financially struggling school district to figure out. Also, an increase like that still is minimal compared to the Police budget. In the report it is mentioned that, "The Police Department enhances public safety and the quality of life in our community by fostering trust and preserving peace." How can we invest over \$45 million into a department who continues to disappoint the community members it is looking to foster trust with and preserve peace with? We have the current situation involving the inappropriate handling of the case that affected the Espinoza family, along with the rest of the history of past practices that entangled the police and past city council majority into a place of distrust for a majority of our community. Escondido needs to take some of those funds out of the police budget and

invest them back into the community. We need more community spaces, programs that are inclusive of all of our youth and be intentional about creating a community instead of investing in more police run programs that continue the cycle that we are currently in. Enough is enough.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Read Out Loud 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jule Tadeo

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

State

Zip

**Comments** I urge you all to defund the police budget and relocate this money back into the community via increased funding for education, low cost and accessible mental health programs, rental assistance, recreational activity centers and parks.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Julia Perez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 320 N. Juniper Street Apt. 5

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I don't want our budget to give more funding to the Police Department. Now more than ever schools need the extra funding.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jurelly Tello

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 827 Hidden View Lane

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Less crime occurs when not when more policing is present, but when the community is healthier. We need funding in our community for mental health and housing. We need to help those in need not more money for cops. We have to grow the community through the source of the people and thats the communities that are being targeted.

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**Council Meeting Date 7/7/2020** 

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kaila Mason

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1410 Sycamore drive

**City** Fallbrook

State Ca

**Zip** 92028

**Comments** We need to be funding our Escondido community development such as affordable housing, mental health resources, public resources, and public education rather than police force. The reduction of crime occurs when the community as a whole is healthy and all needs of the people of our community is met Police force and law only creates resistance and disharmony because it doesn't solve the root cause of crime which is needs not being met. Community development, public resources, and education can help solve these issues.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Kaitlin Kuisle Escondido Resident True Street Address 724 ERICA ST City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** My name is Kaitlin Kuisle. As a resident of Escondido I am appalled that 43% of the 2020/2021 Operating Budget is going toward the Escondido Police Department. I believe, as a TAX PAYER, these funds should be redistributed into our community. This budget shows that our city council does NOT care for our community! They are more interested in continuing to militarize and enact racist policies onto us. Reduce the Escondido Police Department's budget and redistribute these funds to actually help the community!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Kara Donehue Escondido Resident True Street Address 2205 Eucalyptus Avenue City Escondido State CA Zip 92029

**Comments** I am a resident of the 49th congressional district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopts a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. We demand that the City Council defund the SDPD. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Diego residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Karina Gonzalez

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 861 Soft Wind Road

City Vista

State CA

**Zip** 92081

**Comments** "Hello, my name is Karina Gonzalez. I demand that we defund the Escondido Police Department. This issue is important to me because excessive policing is shown to disproportionately affect the Black community and Latinx spaces. This money would be better of better use if directed to social services like education, mental health, and homelessness. Thank you, Karina Gonzalez

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position No Position First and Last Name Karla Moreno Escondido Resident True Street Address 450 W Vermont Ave Unit 1402 City Escondio State CA

**Zip** 92025

Comments Hello, thank you for taking the time to read not only my comment, but everyone's comments and sincerely hope you take them into consideration. What I have seen, is that the EPD will get a majority of the proposed funding. I could write about how the funding should go else where to help the young people of your city by giving more funding to school or youth clubs, but I'm not. I'm going to write about how should the majority funding go to the EPD, it should be prioritized on the education of the officers. As we [escondido residents] saw in the past weeks, many city's across the great state of California went up in flames and down to dirt amid the protests. Escondido did not, but I will not say it stayed peaceful because of the EPD. Your residents, stayed peaceful out of fear. Fear of what should be making us feel safe. We have seen the inappropriate responses of police force to non-violent encounters. What would be great to see is the funding go to educating future and current officers on seeking ways to not elevate a situation into becoming dangerous for any party involved. We also need more funding for counseling services for officers, officers who have been on the violent side of an encounter. What the EPD does not need are fancier uniforms or fancier vehicles. Funding wouldn't need to go into protective gear if officers learned how to not escalate an issue. We need to trust the EPD again, and it's not gonna be earned by them getting materialistic things. Thank you again for taking the time to read my comment.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject FY20/21 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Katherine Borden Escondido Resident False Street Address 2634 S Mildred St City Philadelphia State PA Zip 19148

**Comments** I live in Philadelphia now, but I grew up in Escondido, and my family still lives there. I urge you to reject the proposed FY20/21 budget as it stands, with 43% designated for the police department, and instead draft a new budget that reinvests a great deal of those funds into community services that will help build a safer, community-oriented Escondido (i.e. education and no-fee after school programs, public health initiatives, mental health services, housing security for low-income citizens). The nation has seen mass uprising in the last two weeks over the issues of racial inequity and police misconduct, and these issues are not unique to our urban centers. Suburbs need to reflect on how they contribute to and uphold these systems as well. Thank you for your time and attention.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public Hearing #8

Subject Defunding Police

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kathleen Melonakos

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 3626 Ryan Drive

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Of course it is foolish to defund the police. What is happening that this could even be considered? . Support our police and restore law and order to our city and our nation.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kathy Ramirez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

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**Comments** Funding should be reallocated to precautionary measures such as counseling, mentor ships, scholarships, schools, extra curricular activities, community events that inspire children, visual/performing arts instead of added to the brutality already faced.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Katia Aguirre

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** My community would be better if the funds would go towards housing or mental health. Rather than to have to what it was set to be used on the police department.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Police Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Kevin Stevenson Escondido Resident True Street Address 2202 Village Road City Escondido State California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Given the events that have taken place over the past two weeks, it's clear that police departments nationwide have problems with their culture and the way they are trained. And Escondido Police Department is no different. Over the years, I've witnessed and heard about a lot of instances of police brutality and hostility towards the community, particularly people of color. And despite me being white, the police have been needlessly hostile towards me, too. Also, it's unforgivable that it took the EPD a month to arrest Ashley Williams who hit and killed a family with her car while intoxicated. Given how they have always harassed Latinos in Escondido, there is no convincing me that the EPD isn't racist at its core. I took a look at the proposed budget for 2020-2021, and it's not good enough. Cutting the police budget by \$295,160 isn't enough. Under your proposed budget, they would still get nearly half of the entire city budget. The police's funding needs to be cut by, at least, a third. I'd like to see that money go to serving and helping the community, especially immigrant neighborhoods. Also, on a side note, seeing the cops taking a knee makes me cringe. In many instances nationwide, the same cops who take a knee while the press is watching will turn around an hour later and deploy tear gas and rubber bullets on peaceful protesters. Defund the police and reallocate that money into other programs that benefit the community.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kim Nguyen

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 3424 Avenida Sierra

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** I'm calling on the council to redistribute funds from the Escondido Police Department to other much needed resources, such as community development and services. The Police department should not be receiving 43 % of the budget, but instead funds should go elsewhere. Building the health of the community as a whole will allow for crime to be reduced, and thus lessen the need for policing.

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**Zip** 92027

Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Kim Sandoval Escondido Resident True Street Address 102 Jericho Circle Glen City Escondido State CA

**Comments** The safest communities don't have the most cop; they have the most resources- and access to them. Please back up the people of Escondido and truly show them that you are here to amplify their voices and that you hear us. In the past few days, you have heard us say, "defund the police." This means reduce police budgets (and power) on a local and state level and instead invest that money directly into the poor communities of color though PUBLIC SERVICES. Reform is not good enough. While police budget increase, public institutions are being defunded (schools, hospitals, libraries). When we slash these types of budgets in poor communities, we see deterioration and then we see policing increase as if that were the solution. We should instead be addressing the root causes by redirecting funds to PUBLIC needs. We will see an uplift when this happens, YOU all can be the change we need in Escondido (and the research backs it up!). This is an SOS, and we need you to respond.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kimmie Nguyen

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1273 Bernardo Ave

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** The police do not need 43% of the total budget. We need to redistribute the city budget so everyone can get a fair share. We need to reassess our values and invest in our community.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject READ OUT LOUD 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kristal Ivette Gonzalez

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 5787 Kensington Pl

City Bonsall

State CA

**Zip** 92003

**Comments** Hello, my name is Kristal Gonzalez. I demand that we defund the Escondido Police Department. This issue is important to me because excessive policing is shown to disproportionately affect the Black community and Latinx spaces. This money would be better allocated to social services, like education, mental health, and homelessness. Thank you, Kristal Gonzalez.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Kristen Williams Escondido Resident True Street Address 849 Goldenrod St City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Nearly half of our budget is spent on the Police Department. We should be reallocating that money towards other resources for our community that better fits our needs. Expecting police to take on more than what they are trained for is unfair to the officers and to the people they are meant to protect. Not everything needs to be handled, and honesty shouldn't be handled, with those trained in physical force. I would love to see a larger sum of money put towards Community Services, Public Works, and Community Development to produce and support a larger variety of resources that will have a greater impact on helping the citizens within Escondido.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Laura Martinez

Escondido Resident False

**Street Address** 

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**Comments** The City of Escondido needs to reallocate their resources away from police and invest in the community. Allocating almost 50% of funding to the police is unjust to the community whom it "serves." There needs to be higher funding in schools, social services, homeless shelters, planned parenthood, and resources that a culturally diverse community is in need of.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Adoption of Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Operating Budget and the Appropriations

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name LAUREM SAYEGH

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 712 MONTVIEW DR

City ESCONDIDO

State United States

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I would like to see a portion of the funds designated to fund the police department be reallocated to community organizations that aid in minimizing crime and community enrichment.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Lauren Turkovich

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

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Zip

**Comments** I urge the city of Escondido to allocate funds previously meant for the police department towards resources for our community for mental health care & special education and transportation. The reduction of crime occurs when the community is healthier as a whole.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Leigh Grossmann

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1458 La Honda Drive

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I believe the police budget should be reduced to 23% overall to match the fire budget. The extra 20% should go to public works and community services equally

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Position In Opposition First and Last Name ) Escondido Resident True Street Address City State

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** My name is Leslie Alonzo, I am a fourth year at UCSB, and have been an Escondido resident for my whole life. I am writing in opposition of the tentative budget being allocated to the police department. It is upsetting that all the budgets combined for public works (10%), engineering(3%), community services(8%), community development (5%) are nowhere near what the police department gets when these are all services that benefit us the most. Escondido is clearly not investing in its community, and is instead choosing to use our funds towards over-policing the community, which is not safe. The safest communities in the world are deemed safe because of their abundance of community resources, not for their abundance of police presence. It is important that we re-evaluate the budget and allocate a significant amount towards our schools, health services, and other resources that the community can actually benefit from. During this shift in the world it is important that our community chooses to be on the right side of history and DE-FUNDS THE POLICE.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Leslie Cee Escondido Resident True Street Address City Escondido State CA - California Zip 92029

**Comments** I would like to comment, that I think funding should not be so focused on Police. I would I like to see funding go to schools so teachers do not have to buy supplies out of their own pockets. As a healthcare worker I would also like to see funding go to provide the appropriate personal protective equipment to health care workers on the front lines. Our tax dollars should not be going in majority to the police. Seeing as they have been abusing their power for years and think they are above the law. We are the tax payers, they work for us the people not the other way around.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Leslie Ellsworth

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2725 Derringer Pl

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I am in opposition of this budget due to the fact that our community needs are greater than those of EPD. We need to place more of our efforts in investing in education and community resources rather than giving 43% to the police. As a community, we can make changes that can keep us safe, without the need of constant policing.

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**Comments** We need to reallocate resources away from the police and into our community. Defunding our police means re-funding social services. By moving resources away from police and using those funds towards social services, the Escondido community benefits. This would mean that the police no longer have to manage many social problems and those in need receive care that actually benefits them instead of criminalizing them.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Leslie Pedraza Escondido Resident True Street Address City State

Zip

**Comments** I oppose the current budget. The Escondido Police Department (EPD) does not need 43% of the total budget. For the betterment of our community and for future generations, we the people of Escondido need to be using more of that money towards our communities. The Escondido community needs to allocate the funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community, such as mental health, housing, libraries, and other preventative services. The reduction of crime occurs not when more policing is present, but when the community is healthier as a whole. By reinvesting the money for the EPD and into our community, we would lower the crime, the housing & food insecurity.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject READ OUT LOUD -- Defunding Proper Areas Position No Position First and Last Name Liliana Ortiz Hernandez Escondido Resident True Street Address 2700 E Valley Pkwy Spc 77 City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Recent footage brought our attention to a large issue this past month--how inherently racist law enforcement is, especially to our Black community. We cannot deny the footage we all saw was horrific, but what should be more horrific is this was not the first time. This has been happening across our country and we have ignored it for far too long. When we discuss the allocation of funds, especially after a year like 2020, I urge you to protect programs that protect our Black and Brown youth, protect programs that protect our mental well being and instead defund the Police Department. I cannot speak for every Person of Color in Escondido, but from experience, a police officer in uniform is not welcoming, they do not bring joy to my life, rather they scare and intimidate me. One of the biggest life lessons I've learned being a Woman of Color is to always come prepared when confronted by a police officer. I want you to reflect on why that is. Defunding the police would mean allocating resources to protect our youth, our houseless population and to dismantle this idea that law enforcement is an intimidation tool used by people who are considered "good" citizens. Please, I urge you to research what it would mean to defund the police and to implement this in Escondido. Thank you.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Budget 2020/2021

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Linda Hutchins

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

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**Comments** We need to allocate police funds to other departments and programs. We need to strengthen our city by supporting mental health and homeless concerns

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Linda Phan

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

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**Comments** Please consider re-evaluating the 20/21 budget for the Police force and allocate them towards community services and improvement such as, mental health, housing, after school programs, education, etc. The healthier the community overall, the reduction in crime rates. Thank you

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budgets Read out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Linda Salazar Escondido Resident True Street Address City State Zip Comments Invest in our education. Help our homeless c

**Comments** Invest in our education. Help our homeless community, increase mental health services and affordable housing. Listen in the community that voted you in. Thank you for your time.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Lorena Martinez Escondido Resident True Street Address City State Zip 92029

**Comments** There is a great need to divest from the Police Department and invest a higher percentage of the city's budget in community services and community development. If we want to see our city truly serve its residents, then we need to decrease the amount of money the Police Department receives for future years to come, until there is no longer a need for a city sanctioned police force in Escondido. As a resident of this city, I demand that the city council defund the Police Department and re-allocate those funds in social services such as mental health, public health, education, libraries, basic needs programs, community and cultural events, and more. We need to imagine a city without police and rethink public safety.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Mackenzie OConnell Escondido Resident True Street Address City State

**Zip Comments** I am a fellow resident, volunteer, and active civil engager throughout my beloved Escondido. As I have been a volunteer coach at the Palomar Family YMCA in Escondido, a volunteer at Conway Elementary and an organizer for youth to connect to colleges, I can personally speak to the IMMENSE NEED of funding to programs and initiatives around our community that supports its RESIDENTS. To allocate a majority of the budget to the Escondido Police Department would be a great disservice to those who this city SERVES. Expanding the budget for local schools, after school programs, extra curricular activities, job training, and so much more would BENEFIT the residents of Escondido exponentially more than continuing to expand the funding of the police. Please, please, please, invest in our community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Proposed 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Madelyn Hranek Escondido Resident True Street Address 2215 Shadyridge Ave City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** When looking over the budget, it shows that the Escondido Police Department uses over 40% of the total funds dispersed throughout the city of Escondido. I urge the council members to consider the reallocation of a large portion of these funds. With two parents who work in education in the city, and as a future educator myself, I have seen first-hand the need for this money within our community. Education, housing, and other community services would benefit greatly from an increase in their allocated funds. In light of recent events, it has been made clear that there are changes within all police departments that need to happen. Continuing to distribute such a large portion of the budget to these departments is unnecessary when our goal is to hold them accountable and responsible for a drastic increase in police-civilian communication. There is so much more to be done in our community and so many who struggle with feeding, clothing, and housing their families. Please administer a portion of this 40% towards programs that tackle these major issues, rather than the Escondido Police Department.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Magdalena Zacarias Escondido Resident False Street Address City State

Zip

**Comments** I believe the City Council should allocate money from the Escondido Police Department budget towards the following: - Education - Housing assistance - Social worker support - Mental heath resources and programs, such as a designated crisis responder program - Small business relief funds Furthermore, there needs to be more transparency in the budget. What are the details for the \$48,130 the EPD plans to spend as "Other Expenses," or the \$321,330 for "safety equipment"? How does "Fleet Services" and "Building Maintenance" amount to over \$2.5 million dollars for ONE YEAR? As taxpayers, we need detailed tracking of all expenditures and transparency now. Please defund the police and allocate these funds to other services that will better serve and support our community.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Makayla Campa

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** The people of Escondido do NOT want to see 43% of our city's budget go towards EPD when our schools are being defunded.

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I am requesting that all members help re-allocate a portion of the vast funds from the police department and redirect them into the community of Escondido especially for programs that relate to social work, health care clinics etc... as they are more essential now than ever before during the pandemic.

I am appalled by the \$45 million dollar budget going towards police when Escondido is projecting a \$10 million cut to the school district. I understand that there might be misinformation regarding the 43% budget for the police, but if that is the case, I urge the city council to clear up why so much of the city's budget goes towards police and how will the city council prepare for the \$10 million cuts to our school district.

I also would like to know if some of the \$45 million going to the Escondido Police Department is being used to restore the trust between the Latinx community and the Police department. We have had a history of mass incarceration and a partnership with ICE that has affected many people of the community included me and my family. It's hard for brown people in the city to put their trust in such a department. I speak on behalf of the gang members that needed rehabilitation rather than incarceration, I speak for the innocent people deported during Escondido's checkpoints and Operation Joint Effort. Is there a plan to restore our relationship between police and the community?

Best,

Manny Arteaga

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Maria Chavez

Escondido Resident True

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State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** The community needs to call for the allocation of funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community, such as mental health and housing. The reduction of crimes occurs not when more policing is present, but when the community is healthier as a whole.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Maria Martinez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Funding should go more on education, mental health and housing. Not policing.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Maria Olivarez Escondido Resident True Street Address City State Zip

**Comments** Community resources and schools should be receiving more money than this and the Police Dept should not receive nearly half of the money for the budget. Investing in these and creating programs for teens and children will help keep them off the streets and away from crime.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Genevieve Lazaga

Escondido Resident True

**Street Address** 

City

State

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Defund the Escondido police department and put that money towards Escondido schools and education. It's not right that the education budget is getting cut this year, there could be so many improvements made in this area. The police department has enough money as it is, they do not need more.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject The Budget and Police Accountability Position No Position First and Last Name Marisa Allen Escondido Resident True Street Address 1007 Howard Ave Unit 24 City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** The events of the past few weeks have made quite evident that police brutality and system racism are rampant in our country. As the council is about to approve the budget, now is a perfect time to reflect on how our money is allocated and how to best use it to serve everyone in our community. I encourage the council to consider the following: -Reallocate funds budgeted to police to community outreach programs and mental health services: As the saying goes "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Many low level offenses could be prevented by addressing mental health, poverty, and homelessness on the front end. In addition, staffing social workers and mental health professionals could free up police officers from responding to domestic calls and mental health crises, and lessen the risk of police violence in response to noncriminal behavior. -Codify into policy all 8 policy suggestions from Campaign Zero ( <u>https://8cantwait.org</u>). -Establish and maintain an independent review commission

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Marlen Amador

Escondido Resident True

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**City** ESCONDIDO

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** The community is calling for the allocation of funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community, such as mental health and housing. The reduction of crime occurs not when more policing is present, but when the community is healthier as a whole.

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Marlene Ballon

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Defund the police! U are hiring men and women without enough training to hold a fire arm. Education is part of everyday life for thousands of people in this city and around the world. Roads are not even fixed, health care is important, and homeless people are living on the streets. You have enough money for a million dollar Escondido sign. What about the civilians who make this city run? TRAIN YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT BETTER AND LEARN HOW TO USE YOUR MONEY.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Mauricio Soto

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

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**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Re-invest in our community, not the police. We need more resources for education, public health, and social workers.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Max Yang

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City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** The operating budget is disproportionately focused on the police when we should be dedicating it services and places like education, public services, and even basic access to health care information and centers, where ever that falls. Historically and also currently, it has been apparent that we have given policing a lot of funding and attention while undermining basic services and parts of the community like Education and public services. Thank you.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Mayra Mendiola

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** The EPD should not receive 43% of the budget. Rather the EPD should be defunded and those funds should be reallocated to areas needed more including education, mental and public health, and housing.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Mayra Sanchez

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 25100 Vista Murrieta

City Murrieta

State CA

**Zip** 92562

**Comments** "Hello, my name is Mayra Sanchez and I am a prior Escondido resident. I demand that we defund the Escondido Police Department. This issue is important to me because excessive policing is shown to disproportionately affect the Black community and Latinx spaces. This money would be better of better use if directed to social services like education, mental health, and homelessness. Thank you, Mayra Sanchez

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Funding our police department Position In Opposition First and Last Name Megan Fischer Escondido Resident False Street Address 719 Goldenrod St City Escondido State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** We need to reevaluate how much funding is used for the Escondido Police Department. From what I can tell it was 43% of the budget which could be far better used in funding for our classrooms (especially with all of the repercussions from Covid-19), for the use of proper housing for our homeless (more housing for all of us really), mental health services made available to all of our residences and to aid our already established businesses by helping them to recover from this pandemic along with helping and encouraging more small businesses to come to Escondido. We need to invest these funds back into our community. My personal experience with the Escondido Police has been fine, I have had no run ins with our law enforcement. If you deny this request to redirect these funds to other services the community will suffer. Please note if you deny this request at the very least figure out what you're doing with your Police helicopter because no one and I repeat no one can actually make out the important information they are trying to give when looking for someone. It is impossible to hear them.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Mekayla Narino Escondido Resident False Street Address City State

Zip

**Comments** I don't think it is appropriate for the Escondido Police Department (EPD) to receive 43% of the available budget. The money provided for EPD operations and maintenance should instead go towards resources for the community including: mental health facilities/ hotlines, housing opportunities to combat homelessness, and rehabilitation centers for sex trafficking survivors and those affected substance abuse and domestic abuse. Over policing Escondido as well as militarizing police officers cause to make residents feel unsafe rather than safe. Therefore, the budget given to the EPD should decrease and be used on community services in order to improve the overall health and safety of the community.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Melissa Melchor

Escondido Resident False

**Street Address** 

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** I, as well as the community, call for the allocation of funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community such as mental health and housing. In other words, less money for the police department will allow more money to go towards helping people of the community directly by providing them with better health care, housing, and education.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/21 Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Melissa Orahulio Escondido Resident True Street Address City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Melissa Orahulio, advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job

training programs, mental health specialists and counselors, workshops on preventing and handling sexual assault, and mentally and phyically abusive relationships, would be more beneficial in diverting the youth away from crimes. It provides them education and resources that will influence their life, and therefore attack the common roots of what leads individuals into a criminal route. I believe that gradual reallocation away from the police department towards these other necessities, if implemented meaningfully and thoughtfully, could decrease crime within the city. Once crime is decreased, the city will not have the need to rely on such a large police force. Data has shown that there has been an increase of over \$5 million towards employee services in general, and if we were to downsize the police department, it would alleviate future budgeting issues, with little to no need to increase their funding every year. As it is detailed by the meeting agenda, there is a predicted \$8 million deficit for the following fiscal year of 2021-22 in need of attention. To prevent the future deficit from being so large, more cuts can be made throughout the budget focusing specifically on the police department's. I acknowledge that the budget breakdown has already experienced cuts in order to offset this \$5 million increase, however the city can greatly benefit if even larger cuts were to be made. Given that there are many other programs in need of funding that would help decrease crime rates, why is the police department receiving a seemingly constant budget year after year? By implementing the programs detailed above, the overall need for police would diminish greatly, thus translating in the need for a smaller police force. Those officers who remain can continue to implement better de-escalating techniques and continue to be trained on how to approach situations involving citizens with cases of mental illness, sexual assault, and domestic abuse. We are not doing enough if we only focus on punishing crime once it is committed. We need to try and diminish crime at its roots. It is time we address and stop violent trends against black males for engaging in something as simple as walking through a neighborhood. Implicit and explicit prejudices should not be infiltrating professions that are dedicated to "serve and protect" citizens if they target someone for the color of their skin. As city councilors, you have the power to change this city, create a better and more efficient community-based security, and become a model for others. Minneapolis has already committed to abolish their police system and turn to alternative forms of policing. If abolishing the police is too radical, then our goal should be to minimize their role by implementing programs with the purpose of deterring crime. We can influence the environment we provide for our youth, and we can make this community flourish so that people do not have to resort to crime. We can do this together as a community, but it starts with you adjusting this budget.

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Agenda # 8

Subject Subject: 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

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**Comments** Defund the EPD budget, they should not be getting almost half of the entire budget. There are other ways to use this to better the community.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

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**Comments** I am aware and completely in agreement that not all cops are bad. However, the omnipresence of police in military-grade gear over the past week and a half acting toward peaceful protesters as if they were adversaries in battle or worse, villagers to pillage, has demonstrated that police have used their funding to equip themselves at a level we don't want used on our streets and against civilians. The point is not to get rid of police officers or to de-fund law enforcement to the point that it can't function. The point is to place the focus back on people rather than military gear that has no business on our streets. Focus on proper training for officers that emphasizes de-escalation over lethal skills and community building/involvement over maintaining shock and awe firepower superiority. As with the airline business, where you can't afford just a "few bad pilots" because the potential for destruction and loss of life is much too great, society can not afford a "few bad apple cops" who are over-armed and under-accountable. I want you to know and understand that I respect those who put themselves on the line for us. I can only imagine how hard the job must be. But the system in place has not worked and it has unveiled a problem that has been there all along. You may know good cops, and that's the experience that comes with your privilege. But law enforcement does not treat every individual or community the same, and there is a severe lack of accountability when no one else is watching. With great power comes great responsibility. We have given law enforcement a level of power inconsistent with the level of responsibility they have shown. I understand that this may sound concerning for you. But I would like you to consider that crime is often the result of someone lacking in basic necessities, for body or mind. When funding is shifted from dominance through force and fear to meet the basic needs of these people, crime rates will be lowered in a healthy and sustainable way. We don't necessarily need so many law enforcement officers but we should take better care of the ones that are needed. That means better pay and benefits, more and better training, a stricter hiring process, and a better qualified, higher quality police force as a result. We require that of just about any other field. Why not this one?

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Misael Morales Guzman Escondido Resident True Street Address 725 N Fig Street #30 City Escondido State California Zip 92025

Comments As a current Bilingual Instructional Assistant in local high schools, and as many other Escondido teachers (bilingual/monolingual), I understand firsthand the necessity to have a FAIR AND JUST budget that will significantly address the needs of students. By having so, we, the teachers, assistants, students, and community will know that students are receiving ALL the resources necessary for their school education at all levels. WE DO NOT APPROVE THE 43% of the city's budget directed to policing the residents of Escondido. It seems that the city's priorities are turning drastically, becoming surveillance, policing and profiling the residents of Escondido, their main priorities; while education is receiving a huge cut! What about communities and union of Escondido? WE DO NOT NEED A REINFORCEMENT on policing our residents. We DEFINITELY NEED A REINFORCEMENT IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, CULTURAL (LANGUAGE IMMERSION) ENGAGEMENT, and more recreative and supportive programs for the youths in Escondido. With that said, I DO NOT APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY of dedicating 43% of the budget to the police department, while getting a \$10 million cut on education and community. In fact, I DEMAND THE CANCELLATION OF SUCH INITIATIVE and redirect the funds to the local K-12 education and IMMEDIATELY implement programs to raise the standards to have an education based on the RIGHT diverse values that characterize the city of Escondido. We want our schools, students, and family to succeed. We all want to feel safe with the right education, not with more policing. Let's protect these beautiful, diverse city's values: Community, love, participation, union, and respect.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

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**Comments** This budget should be redirected towards community efforts to create a safer city. A city not dominated by police brutality, but instead more focused on helping it's community rather than enforcing a violent police force.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Nadia Bedolla

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** I call for the allocation of funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community such as; school funding, community services and development, also mental health and housing services for the overwhelming homelessness in our community. Thank you, Nadia Bedolla

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Nancy Hernandez Escondido Resident True Street Address 2832 Quail Rd City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** Good Afternoon, I am an Escondido resident, I have lived here since I was 12. Growing up in this city I didn't realize how much our we lacked in regards to providing resources for our residents. This city is all I knew. But as a low-income student I didn't have the opportunity to be part of organizations that could better my physical, emotional, or mental health. It wasn't untill high school that I started attending the after school programs. But they were few. As an adult now working in San Diego for a non-profit, I understand that our city is really behind on providing all our residents with necessary resources, especially our youth. Youth don't have access to the number of programs needed for them to develop mental, physical, and emotional health. Especially those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and our youth of color. Having worked for EUHSD I also witnessed first hand the high number of students per counselor, and lack of social workers when they are very needed in our schools. As I have been looking at our city's budget, I notice the lack of funding going to these places, instead going to police. Our youth need to be shown that we care about them instead of inflicting fear when we send them to the police officer on high school campuses. Our youth need to have options on what to do after school instead of being pushed to the streets and then be targeted by police. I am willing to be part of this change, because I truly care about my city. I hope you all do as well. Best

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget in Opposition

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Nancy Moreno

Escondido Resident False

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**Comments** I do not agree with the city council increasing the budget for the police. These funds could be reallocated towards helping the community directly.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

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State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Although our law enforcement does a lot to protect its people I think our own city funding should go to the schools since they are loosing funding! COVID-19 Brought many problems but it should not lower the quality of education kids are going to receive.

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Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Natalie Geronilla Escondido Resident False Street Address

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**Comments** I am in opposition of EPD receiving 43% of the total operating budget. I, as many other Escondido and San Diego constituents am demanding that the city defunds the police and instead invest in our community. Public safety must include an investment in housing, healthcare, food, good jobs, education, free public transit and resources for small businesses and undocumented people. Increased policing makes our community vulnerable to violence. Minneapolis has listened to the many protesters who called for defunding the police and has voted to dismantle the police , promising to create a new system of public safety. This is possible and we can follow Minneapolis by example. Please listen to your residents here in Escondido and invest in the community, not police.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Natalie Shoanga Escondido Resident True Street Address City State

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**Comments** In this proposed plan, 43% of the budget would be allocated to the police force. That amount is far too high and it needs to be decreased for the benefit of our community. The police system as a whole needs a major reform, and that can start with this budget; give less money to the police force, and more to other areas. It has been found that higher levels of education produce individuals less likely to commit crimes, and by increasing the budget in that area and various others, we can work to reduce crime in the long term without this large police budget. Investing in all of our citizens means we need more money placed into education, into public health services, into actual community services and development to help improve our city.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

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**Comments** We need to reallocate funds from the police to other programs that better serve our community. The police budget is starving community programs that can prevent crime and the causes of crime.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Nidya Ramirez Escondido Resident False Street Address 450 W. Vermont Ave. City Escondido State CA Zip 92025

Comments Dear Escondido City Council, Over the years police budgets have consistently increased, while recreation, older/adult services, library, and public works have been decreased or stagnant. We demand that you divest from policing and invest in the health and well-being of our communities especially during these times that our community is in great need in support due to the effects of the pandemic. Public safety for our communities goes beyond policing; public safety is an investment in more community resources, housing, small businesses, and a city that is well maintained. The safest communities do not have the most cops, they have the most resources for the residents that work, live, and are engaged in it every single day. We demand you divest from policing and stop funding a system that in Escondido has also historically targeted the most vulnerable. We also believe that the police is not equipped to play all the roles that it attempts such as social worker, youth advocate, case manager, therapists, etc. Money needs to allocated to other parts of the budget for spaces and people that can better facilitate empowerment and resources to community members. We make this city - our city, our budget - and we're telling you our budget priorities. We call on Mayor McNamara and the Escondido City Council to act immediately to protect and uplift our communities by divesting from police and reallocating funds to the needs of our community, especially older adult and senior services, public works, library, and recreation. Redirect money to our parks and community spaces; Our residents deserve quality buildings, resources, and programs.

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Subject 2020/2021 operation budget

Position In Opposition

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**Comments** I have to say in light of events id like to see more funding allocated to other programs than the police i may be ignorant bout the things that the police fund with this large allocation but i do believe that it could be better spent.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Olivia ragazzi

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**Zip** 92103

**Comments** I grew up in Escondido. The community needs to allocate money funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community such as ph liv housing, mental health services. The reduction of crime occurs not when there is more policing present but when the community is healthier as a whole.

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Agenda # 8

Subject 202p/2021

Position In Opposition

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**Comments** Being the effects of covid dropped our economy hoping the unused funds can be put back into the systems needed to clean our government buildings/schools and hospitals before our regular programming reopens

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Pablo suazo Escondido Resident True Street Address 1352 N Ivy St City Escondido State CALIFORNIA Zip 92026

**Comments** I stand against any budget that increases the funding of our police department, we need to re-invest that money in our education system and mental health professionals for our community. We need to begin defunding our police mode and funding professionals such as social workers and psychiatrists to de-escalate many of the situations we have police in. Continue using the money we divert from our department to invest in our roads and infrastructure as well. We can also invest in a better community health care system. Take the steps necessary to build a community by not hiding behind a militarized force such as EPD. EPD has continually made its citizens feel unsafe and they need to be defunded, not reformed. Please do not give that money to them and please spend it somewhere our community actually needs it.

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Council Meeting Date 6/8/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 operating budget. Position In Favor First and Last Name Pablo Tinoco Escondido Resident True Street Address 939 Harding st City Escondido State CA Zip 92027

**Comments** Hello, As a resident of Escondido, I wanted to urge the council to decrease the funding that will be allocated to the police department. I believe we should be funding more programs to help educate our youth rather than allowing for our police force to be militarized. As a person of color I've been stoped many times for police with out a cause I've been let go every time as I know how to assert my rights. I was stoped twice at the DUI checkpoints in 2018 in a span of 2 weeks. The work that our police has done in the past decade in our community is shameful to target the Latinx community. I urge you to find the means to decrease there budget and increase budget to our library that is grossly underfunded. Along with programs like COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ADMIN or ASES. Which have been part of your budget. We lack the opportunities in our community. You need to put our community first and help it improve and at this time of history I can truly say that I condemn y'all if you choose to allocate 43% of tax payer money to an overfunded police department.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Qiya Prince

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** The amount allotted to the police department at the expense of our community is outrageous. Funds should work towards bettering our city by providing more opportunities and services to our youth. It is absolutely unacceptable that our cities children are suffering in favor of bloating the police budget. It is time for change. "Read Out Loud"

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Subject 2020/2021 operating budget- Read Out Loud

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Racheal A

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**Comments** If we use our funds to bring up the community starting with education, the entirety of Escondido can improve for the future benefit of us all. The reduction of crime occurs not when more policing is present, but when the community is healthier as a whole. Let's not try to bandage the problem immediately, but use a long term goal to create better citizens.

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**Comments** We need to invest in our school systems, public health and housing. We need to defund the police and start looking into our community safety. As an educator, I want to be able to support my kids and grow our community into a better place with the proper funds.

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Subject 2020/2021Operating budget

Position In Opposition

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Comments Defund the police . Eat the rich

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Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name rebecca mojica

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1531 Marjorie Avenue

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Escondido needs to invest more money into the community. We need more money in our schools, affordable housing, mental health care and programs that uplift the city. Putting more money into the police department will. The reduction of crime occurs not when more policing is present, but when the community is healthier as a whole.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Robbie Lyons Escondido Resident True Street Address 1135 Borden Road City Escondido State CA

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**Comments** I am HIGHLY opposed to allocating 43% of the 2020/21 budget to the police department, when so many other needs in our city are not being met. The homeless situation in Escondido has grown exponentially in years past, and I have failed to see adequate resources put forth to address this and create solutions to this problem. More resources are needed to address both substance use/abuse and mental health issues prevalent in our community, which will benefit both the homeless population and others in our community that need assistance in those realms. In addition, our SCHOOLS need MORE FUNDING! We need to allocate more money and resources to our teachers, school curriculum, sports, after school programs, etc. that are POSITIVE outlets for our youth. The fact that education isn't even listed on the proposed budget just reinforces the point that our priorities are not in the right place. Even if the police were given 25% of the budget, they would still be granted the most money of all the sectors. Although I even feel that this would be too much it would be a start, and that is what I am asking for, along with thousands of others in the city. The protests that have taken place in our city in the weeks past are largely asking for the defunding of police, and what more appropriate time than now to implement that change. We don't need more money given to police officers to continue their militarization, we need more money given to other social programs and resources that are benefitting the majority of the community. Until the police department can show us the beneficial use of the money granted to them, and a willingness to adopt new policies and changes that will address the issues being brought up in these protests nationwide, then they don't deserve such a large piece of the pie, so to speak. I would love to see police and fire sectors treated equally (23%), and a large increase in the money granted to our education system. By simply taking 20% away from the police department and investing that 20% directly into our schools and educators we will undoubtedly see beneficial changes for generations to come. Education and early intervention can play significant roles in the paths that young individuals choose to take, and the opportunities given to them, and this starts within our schools

and the teachers employed there. Please consider what is written in this message, and listen to what your community has been protesting for weeks now. It is time for a change, and we want that change NOW. Thank you.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Defund police budget

Position No Position

First and Last Name Robert Pine

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 107 W. 15th St.

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Defund police budget by one million dollars and instead reallocate those funds back into our community's public health services, education programs and social services. Defund the police budget.

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Email rocioedithvasquezsalas@yahoo.com Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020–2021 Position In Opposition First and Last Name Rocio Edith Salas Escondido Resident False Street Address 1811 East gran avenue 171 City Escondido State Ca Zip 92027 Comments Dear council, I am in opposition of the

**Comments** Dear council, I am in opposition of the current budget's spending towards the police department. Due to the recent cases of police brutality this should be reconsidered. Instead I propose they spend the budget on community enrichment programs and increase the school budgets. I encourage you to follow the example lead by the governor of Minneapolis and focus on abolishing the police department and create a new system altogether with less money and a greater focus on regulations for the new system.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject "Read Out Loud" 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Rosa Bautista

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** Defund the police. More money needs to go towards resources for the community. We do not need to spend 43% of the Operating Budget on the police. This is not helping the community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Invest in Community, not Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Ryan Fischer Escondido Resident True Street Address 719 Goldenrod Street City Escondido State CA Zip 92027

**Comments** Recent events around the country have illuminated the excess of police department budgets to the detriment of all other services in cities and towns across America. The time has come to change our way of thinking about policing and to reinvest in the community. Police have been asked to perform many tasks for the community (homeless outreach, responding to mental health emergencies, patrolling public parks, etc.) that could be delegated to other social services that would eventually lead to less unnecessary use of force and allow the police to focus their efforts on solving crimes. I believe this is an opportunity not to "stick it to the police", but to enable previously underfunded services (education, community healthcare, public works) to participate in building a better, more cohesive community in Escondido. Thank you, Ryan Fischer

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject City of escondidos budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name RYAN MATTHEW HAGAN

Escondido Resident True

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State Ca

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I would like to request as a resident of escondido to ask that the budget for the police be reduced and have funds go towards education and homeless outreach.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

**Subject** Adoption of Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Operating Budget and the Appropriations Limit (GANN Limit) for Fiscal Year 2020/21

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Samantha Bohl

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1903 Kenora Drive

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** The Police Department should not receive the bulk of our cities funding. The projected expenditures for 2020/2021 is 43% of the total operating expenditures and this is not the right decision that will support our communities. The funding should instead be used for community development and services that strive to build and support a healthy community. We do not need more Police department community outreach programs. We need more state and local community programs that provide increased access to education, job skill training, youth programs and other useful social programs for our community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Samuel Cruz Escondido Resident True Street Address 1703 E. Valley Pkwy. City Escondido State CA Zip 92027

**Comments** I encourage our city council to reject the proposed operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It is disturbing that nearly half of our city's funds are used for the police. Instead of "fighting crime" (emphasis on the quotes around "fighting crime") by funding brute force, funds should be allocated to education and community services that help those that are less fortunate and/or impoverished and thus more likely to commit crimes. Many will ask, "but who will protect us from the criminals?" That is the wrong question; the real question is "how do we help people not become criminals?" This should be the priority: make Escondido a habitable and beautiful place for everyone, not just those we believe deserve it. Enough with the stigmas/ Enough with the injustice. Enough with the inequality. It's time to make a change for the better. YES. WE. CAN.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Fiscal Year Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Samuel Warrick Escondido Resident True Street Address 2732 Miller Ave City Escondido State CA Zip 92029

**Comments** Reallocate some of the funds issued for the police to community services and community development. It is outrageous that last year almost half of the budget was allocated to the police and less than %15 was allocated to communities. Lower the operating cost of the police and use those funds in poorer neighborhoods and for community services that will directly help people.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Sarah Wilson Escondido Resident True Street Address 3250 Purer Rd City Escondido State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** I have much more confidence in Escondido's City Council in recent years. Diversity on the Council, and a more Progressive Mayor have greatly improved how the city deals with issues when they arise. However, in light of recent events and public outcry opposing racially biased policing our city should carefully examine how our resources could be more effectively spent. I am writing in opposition to the proposed Escondido City budget for fiscal year 2020/21. Specifically, to oppose the large percentage of the budget that is allocated for Police Services. Do we want to arrest, jail, and penalize community members? Or do we want to engage, educate, assist, redirect, counsel, and care for them. Do we want our overburdened police force to be the first, and often only, interaction community members have when they are in crisis. Are there alternative services the City of Escondido could provide to meet their needs. If we are creative, I am sure we can continue to improve and adjust to make our city responsive to the needs of all members of our community. I propose reallocating funds to Community Services. These could include mental health counseling, drug rehabilitation, youth and adult engagement through the Recreation Department, music and art education, homeless support, affordable housing alternatives, food sharing programs, to name a few. Let's use this moment as an opportunity to pivot to a more positive and productive use of our great city's resources. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Sarai Gonzalez

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** Defund police use the budget for the community we need better schooling better we need the money to go to bettering our community

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020-2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Saray Aguilar Escondido Resident True Street Address 1120 N Escondido CA M205 City Escondido State California

**Zip** 92027

Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Saray Aguilar advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job

training programs, mental health specialists and counselors, workshops on preventing and handling sexual assault, and mentally and phyically abusive relationships, would be more beneficial in diverting the youth away from crimes. It provides them education and resources that will influence their life, and therefore attack the common roots of what leads individuals into a criminal route. I believe that gradual reallocation away from the police department towards these other necessities, if implemented meaningfully and thoughtfully, could decrease crime within the city. Once crime is decreased, the city will not have the need to rely on such a large police force. Data has shown that there has been an increase of over \$5 million towards employee services in general, and if we were to downsize the police department, it would alleviate future budgeting issues, with little to no need to increase their funding every year. As it is detailed by the meeting agenda, there is a predicted \$8 million deficit for the following fiscal year of 2021-22 in need of attention. To prevent the future deficit from being so large, more cuts can be made throughout the budget focusing specifically on the police department's. I acknowledge that the budget breakdown has already experienced cuts in order to offset this \$5 million increase, however the city can greatly benefit if even larger cuts were to be made. Given that there are many other programs in need of funding that would help decrease crime rates, why is the police department receiving a seemingly constant budget year after year? By implementing the programs detailed above, the overall need for police would diminish greatly, thus translating in the need for a smaller police force. Those officers who remain can continue to implement better de-escalating techniques and continue to be trained on how to approach situations involving citizens with cases of mental illness, sexual assault, and domestic abuse. We are not doing enough if we only focus on punishing crime once it is committed. We need to try and diminish crime at its roots. It is time we address and stop violent trends against black males for engaging in something as simple as walking through a neighborhood. Implicit and explicit prejudices should not be infiltrating professions that are dedicated to "serve and protect" citizens if they target someone for the color of their skin. As city councilors, you have the power to change this city, create a better and more efficient community-based security, and become a model for others. Minneapolis has already committed to abolish their police system and turn to alternative forms of policing. If abolishing the police is too radical, then our goal should be to minimize their role by implementing programs with the purpose of deterring crime. We can influence the environment we provide for our youth, and we can make this community flourish so that people do not have to resort to crime. We can do this together as a community, but it starts with you adjusting this budget.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Saul Cruz Escondido Resident True Street Address 1811 East Grand Ave, unit 171 City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Dear council, I am in opposition of the current budget's spending towards the police department. Due to the recent cases of police brutality this should be reconsidered. Instead I propose they spend the budget on community enrichment programs and increase the school budgets. I encourage you to follow the example lead by the governor of Minneapolis and focus on abolishing the police department and create a new system altogether with less money and a greater focus on regulations for the new system.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/6/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Stephanie Hernandez

Escondido Resident True

**Street Address** 

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**Comments** We really truly need to re-invest in our community rather than the most highly funded department— the PD. As a future mother, a constant volunteer in our community, and a resident for more than 17 years, I know we need more resources to our educators, social workers and public health workers. Thank you.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Stephanie Martinez

Escondido Resident True

**Street Address** 

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**Zip** 92029

**Comments** Defund our police department and move those funds to DIRECTLY benefit the community of Escondido, such as mental health resources, rent aid, after school programs, school supply funding.

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Email tara.whitty@gmail.com Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Adoption of Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Tara Whitty Escondido Resident True Street Address 2376 COUNTRY HEIGHTS ROAD City ESCONDIDO State CA Zip 92026 Comments Dear Escondido City Council L have been shocked to let

**Comments** Dear Escondido City Council, I have been shocked to learn of the outsized budget assigned to police departments within San Diego County, including Escondido. In light of the ongoing protests, which have emphasized the long-running problem of excessive police power, I urge you to reconsider the composition of this budget. While I am happy to see that the budget for Community Services has increased, we need more movement in the direction of investing in our community - not investing in the policing of our community. Thank you very much, Tara S Whitty

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Valerie Boontham

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 225 W. 3rd Ave.

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I oppose the funding of Escondido Police Department and believe the funding would be better suited to fulfill other (i.e. education, public works, etc.) departments. More policing is not the answer. Here's to a healthy community!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Vanessa Orozco Escondido Resident True Street Address 508 E. Mission Ave Apt #701 City Escondido State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** Please care about the people living through your decisions. Remember we are the ones being negatively affected on our day to day by the brutality and inefficiency of the police. Amidst the Black Live Matters protests, you need to understand that things have not been working, there must be a drastic change! Defund the police and use that money to aid our community giving us more resources for schools and education, safe housing, and mental health services.

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Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Veronica Perez

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1202 Borden RD, SPC 102

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Our community needs funding for schools, health care services, and affordable housing. Now more than ever we are witnessing that police are harming communities rather than helping. We are demanding you defund the police and start funding services that will aid our people.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Victoria May

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1865 Buckskin Glen

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** This proposition is NOT ENOUGH OF A CHANGE!!! ACT8 has been used in many states and DID NOT effectively lower the aggression and violence against people by the police force that WE PAY FOR!!! Defund the police and allocate budget to education!!! Let minorities get a degree so they can come take your job and DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO CREATE CHANGE.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Vivian Le

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** WHEN WILL YOU WAKE UP AND START FIGHTING WITH US? We believe that the budget allocation should be reviewed and, with all the hate that I am sure you are receiving, we as the community hope that you think twice about the importance of proper allocation funding and how the Police alone should not make up nearly half of an approximately ~\$110.2million city budget.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operation budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Waseem Abdou

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

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**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I believe that the budget as is, heavily favors the police Department. We should think about defunding the PD and allocating that money into our schools. Let's think about the future of our kids.

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Council Meeting Date 6/17/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Yazmin Lopez Escondido Resident True Street Address 827 N. Fig St City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92026

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Yesenia A Escondido Resident True Street Address City Escondido State Ca Zip 92027

**Comments** I have a question about education, if education is extremely important for the development of our future why are we not investing in it. Education, especially in the first world, leads to better jobs and therefore a stronger economy. If we want our community to succeed our children need success with the best education. So we should be investing in our students our kids so they can strive to get better paying jobs therefore changing the future of Escondido as whole. Strong education, leads to better colleges, better colleges lead to better well paying jobs, leading to a growth in our Economy, and not to mention good schools lead to an increase to our To a real estate. So why can't we invest more in our schools, rather then the police department? I'm not saying to abolish it but the the Some of the budget for the police department should be allocated to public services like mental because at after all we want to prevent criminal behavior therefore we should invest in rehabilitation

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Yesenia Rodriguez

Escondido Resident True

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State California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I think we should defund the police and the money should go to education, housing, and mental health services.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Yesenia Yanez Escondido Resident True Street Address 1204 Gamble St. City Escondido State California

**Zip** 92026

Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Yesenia Yanez advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Position In Opposition First and Last Name Zachary Stevens-Wills Escondido Resident True Street Address 810 Fern St City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** The fact that the police budget takes 43% of the budget is appalling. Allocate that funding to support increased access to public goods. Reopen the library on East Valley. Improve the Escondido Creek Bike path. Offer universal preschool. We do not need more police. We do not need more immigration checkpoints disguised as DUI checkpoints. Use the budget to create opportunities for citizens to thrive.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Alondra Refugio

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** 43% of the budget was previously used to fund the Escondido Police Department. The budget should be reworked so that money could be reinvested into other areas in our community.

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This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need.

Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable.

We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equipment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that

Enrich our public schools and students

Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives Protect and bolster our parks Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19 Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation

Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it.

Sincerely,

Charlotte McGinn

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Cinthya Gonzalez Escondido Resident True Street Address 510 S. Escondido Blvd City Escondido State California Zip 92025

**Comments** Hello, I am demanding that the police budget be cut as much as possible and that money be used towards something that doesn't kill Black people. The reduction of crime occurs not when more policing is present, but when the community is healthier as a whole. Therefore, am as asking that instead of giving the EPD 43% of the total budget, we cut it as much as possible and have that percentage go toward the funding of much more helpful community resources such as schools, mental health professionals, and housing. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defund Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Daniela Carreon Escondido Resident False Street Address City State

Zip

**Comments** We need to allocate funds to better our schools and community. Escondido Police does not need more money, we need initiatives to better our community with less policing. Fund our schools, after school programs, art, music.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Eddie Bedolla

Escondido Resident True

**Street Address** 

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**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I call for the allocation of funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community such as; school funding, community services and development, also mental health and housing services for the overwhelming homelessness in our community. Thank you, Eddie Bedolla

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Budget/ Read out loud

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Gerardo Lopez

Escondido Resident True

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City ESCONDIDO

State CA

**Zip** 92026-2341

**Comments** Regardless of how you feel about the police, almost half the entire budget being allocated to the police department is irresponsible seeing how kids at school are being deprived of meals, homeless people walking our streets, drug abuse issues, etc.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject The Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Gloria R. Conejo Escondido Resident True Street Address 2035 S. Escondido Blvd, Apt. 101 City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Life-long resident, Gloria Conejo, Youth/Community Organizer here. Change EPD's uniforms, they're identical to ICE agents, though the department says they're not working with that agency. Reallocate, and invest, in community education and outreach to keep students and young adults off the streets. Take Police out of schools and work on investing in more counseling services. Set higher standards of hiring, and promotions, for educated police officers. Require regular tests of PTSD and mental health for officers. Require cultural education and the history of police as slave patrols for officers - you know, back when human beings were property and some would say still are in regards to our prison industrial complex. Invest in training police officers in public trades for job development. Take down the classist 'Say 'No to Panhandling' signs in District 1 - and invest in mental health resources for our unhoused rather than criminalize them. Decriminalize and legalize Cannabis in Escondido - for goodness sakes, the majority of Escondido voted in favor of Prop 64. Set an Independent Citizens Police Oversight Commission. Don't take a month to arrest someone with history of reckless driving after they murder 4ppl - I don't know why that needs to said, but I guess it does when the victims are Brown and the murderer is white. Stop getting EPD trained by the IDF. Thank you!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jennie Cabarlo Escondido Resident True Street Address 322 Somerset Hills Glen City Escondido

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Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Jennie Cabarlo, advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jesus Bedolla

Escondido Resident True

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**Comments** I call for the allocation of funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community such as; school funding, community services and development, also mental health and housing services for the overwhelming homelessness in our community. Thank you, Jesus Bedolla

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kelsey Perez

Escondido Resident True

Street Address South Maple Street

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** We need to defund the police and put this money where it can positively impact our communities.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8, Item 602 Subject Read Out Loud- 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Leilani Fuentes Escondido Resident True Street Address City

Zip

**Comments** I am in opposition to the proposal to increase the police budget. Defund the police and instead use this money to further fund low income public schools via grants or funds. Providing cleaner parks with new equipment, free and bilingual mental health services, providing city social workers, and fixing the streets in low income communities are just a few ways that our community as a whole could benefit from the money instead of further increasing the police budget.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operational Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Margarita Vargas Patron Escondido Resident False Street Address 1351 32nd Avenue City San Francisco State Ca

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**Comments** My family still lives in Escondido; I have a lot of for my hometown. And that is why I reject giving EPD roughly half of the total budget. Not everyone finds solace and safety with the police. We must take into account every citizen's life. As MPD150 says: we're talking about a gradual process of strategically reallocating resources, funding, and responsibility away from police and toward community-based models of safety, support, and prevention.

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Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Maritza Bradtke

Escondido Resident True

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**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I call for the allocation of funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community such as; school funding, community services and development, also mental health and housing services for the overwhelming homelessness in our community. Thank you, Maritza Bradtke

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Fiscal budget 2020-21 Position In Opposition First and Last Name Nedy Velazquez Escondido Resident True Street Address 654 E 9th Avenue City Escondí State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** READ OUT LOUD: It's absolutely appalling that Escondido City Council should even consider 43% of the budget going toward the police department. This city has a history with bad cops/ice, and let me remind you, it's not a good one. It's absurd that almost more than half is going to a department that seeks to "protect us" when it's doing the exact opposite, especially targeting those most vulnerable and people of color in our community while conveniently letting others go free. Why is it that we have cops at a school, but not enough programs for youth and people in Escondido? You have gone unchecked for too long. Enough is enough. For too long, the city council has acted without regarding its residents on this matter, but youth are stepping to the plate to have their voices heard, and you need to listen and do your job. We don't want this money as it's presented on the budget proposal and We demand that you re-evaluate it and reallocate these funds to line items that HELP our education system and community. And McNamara, we rallied relentlessly for you to be where you are today and frankly, you have not stepped up to the plate. You should be ashamed and get to working.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Neomy Bradtke

Escondido Resident True

**Street Address** 

City

State

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I call for the allocation of funding previously meant for the police department towards resources for the community such as; school funding, community services and development, also mental health and housing services for the overwhelming homelessness in our community. Thank you, Neomy Bradtke

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Fiscal Budget 2020-2021 Position In Opposition First and Last Name Rosalinda Tavares Escondido Resident True Street Address 1971 E Washington Ave Apt 1 City Escondido State CA Zip 92027

**Comments** I'm surprised that almost half of Escondido budgets goes to the police institution. When that money can be placed into more useful resources for the community. We should have more after school programs or programs that prevents drug and alcohol use. Also many of streets needs new repair roads. Another main concern is homelessness we need places where they can receive help. A place where they gain something to eat or get clean up. More help for mental health institutions.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Soufia Shenouda Escondido Resident True Street Address 710 Ball Ave City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I think it's absolutely disturbing that 43% of funds are set to go towards EPD while continuing to defund public schools. Public schools are the FUTURE! Way to ensure the students of Escondido will be the lowest on all college radars and careers in the future. This is NOT investing in the teachers who work hard to ensure that student get a fair education with no help from the current system of course and even less help with this proposed budget. You should be ashamed of considering further rewarding EPD while they have harassed peaceful protests and allowed MAGA vendors in front of the department! Terrible way to support the diversity of Escondido and I do not feel protected at all. Moving to a city that invests in the future and recognizes the need for police reform may be a better idea.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Steven Skinner Escondido Resident True Street Address 11292 Reidy Canyon Place City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** Let it be known that this isn't a vote to hurt the safety of the city I love by defunding the Escondido Police Department, but it is a vote to allocate funds to help the community as a whole. When close to half of a budget is for the Police, while other factions in need are left the scraps; it begs the question: Are we a city that would rather skimp on education and deal with the community via law enforcement? Have we decided to deal with our problems with reliance on policing, rather than educating the youth? We can do better! Allocate more funds to Community Services, Community Development, and our schools.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Joseph Anzaldo

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1419 E MISSION AVE

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I am frustrated, disappointed and shocked at the the distribution of funding. Do the people of Escondido mean nothing to you? We must allocate funding previously meant for the police towards resources for the community, such as mental health and housing. The reduction of crime occurs not when more policing is present, but when the community is stronger as a whole. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Annual Police Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name N/A N/A Escondido Resident True Street Address N/A City Escondido State CA Zip N/A

**Comments** The proposed Escondido Police Department budget for the 20-21 year for the needs to be reduced and re-allocated to the underfunded schools of Escondido and other social services/resources for the community(e.g. low income housing, food banks, after school programs, rehabilitation services, etc.). Re-allocating resources to the community will decrease crime and the need for over policing. The EPD is not diverse enough and the requirements for EPD officers to be considered bilingual is PATHETIC! As a former person associated with EPD, I have witnessed multiple accounts where officers who were certified bilingual, both English and Spanish, requested a Spanish speaker to calls. These officers are given a raise for being certified as bilingual, but can not communicate with the people of Escondido. They lack the knowledge of police terminology in the language they are expected to know. This department is a disgrace. Hire officers who resemble and represent the community of Escondido and are there to protect and serve and abide by the standards of community policing, not enforce the law when they please and abuse their power.

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Council Meeting Date 6/8/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Alejandra Diaz

Escondido Resident True

Street Address

City

State

Zip

**Comments** I am not in favor of the budget going mostly for the police department. I would like for the budget to be invested in the community. The budget should be used to improve the community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Read at meeting

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Suzanne Southwell

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1405 Calle Redonda Ln

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Our Escondido Police Dept. does us proud. If you want to have a discussion about improvement, fine. I expect more money in the Budget would be useful to provide additional training here and there. Period. This is the time for cooler heads to prevail. Every civilized group of people need laws and a police department to keep it that way.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # No. 8 Subject Support out Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Rachel Bacon-Reynaldo Escondido Resident True Street Address 324 Camino Tablero City Escondido State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** Thank you to our great police officers who put their lives on the line everyday doing the hardest job on the planet to serve and protect us! Those who support defunding our police suggest that this is somehow a move that will help minorities. Our minority communities will be the hardest hit by such a move when crime in these communities runs rampant. We must continue to support our police and law enforcement if we care at all about our less affluent communities and the human beings who live in them. Those who are pushing to "defund the police" want chaos and anarchy to rein and care not a wit about the decent and hard working minority communities for which they say they are fighting. Shame on them! There is no logic to their argument nor are there facts that support systematic racism and violence against innocents coming from our police departments.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # #8

Subject Support the Police Dept.

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Abby Fischbeck

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 632 E. 17th Ave.

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Please do not defund our police department! We need our police! I feel it would be extremely unwise and dangerous to the citizens of Escondido. Changes need to occur in the practices of excessive force and retaliation by police but please by no means do we need to defund them. I support our Escondido police!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing item #8 Subject We Need Our Police Position In Favor First and Last Name AJ Polin Escondido Resident True Street Address 325 Montecito Glen City Escondido State CA Zip 92025

**Comments** We need the protection of the police rather than their reduction for our growing city of Escondido. They are not the problem, but the solution. Put more funds in their budget for training and community involvement, rather than reduce their budget and decrease their number. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item #8 Subject Defunding the Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Allegra Farr Escondido Resident True Street Address 3047 Cordrey Dr City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** I want my comment read at the meeting. I support and respect the Escondido Police Department and am in opposition to any defunding. We absolutely need their presence in our community. As a mother of two young children, I would be very upset to hear if our local police were defunded in any way. We depend on the police in our community to uphold order and to protect us. We are grateful for all of their hard work!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Amber Lerps

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1605 Palomino Ln

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92025-6338

**Comments** Escondido PD is one of the best departments in San Diego and they don't deserve to be defunded due to the faults of other departments.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Budget Subject Continue Police Department Funding Position In Favor First and Last Name Anita L Ruka Escondido Resident True Street Address 1553 Hamilton Lane City Escondido State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** In light of the many proposals making their way to city councils nationwide regarding defunding police departments, I believe it is crucial that Escondido residents assure their voices are heard. I am proud of the Escondido Police Department and very thankful for their responses to the many incidents that occur within the city. The very idea of reducing funding for this vital function of our government is absurd. The only reason defunding could possibly be considered is in the event all crime ceases. That is not happening now nor is it likely to in the foreseeable future. The very idea of removing ANY funds from the police department and diverting it to other causes is ludicrous at best! We need our police department. Personally, I have observed members of our police force responding to a variety of issues and have always been impressed with the professionalism and dedication they have demonstrated. I observed two police officers responding to a complaint by a restaurant manager and the manner in which the officers addressed the individual about whom the complaint was made was absolutely respectful, calm, and quiet. In fact, it was so impressive that I stopped the officer afterward to tell him how much I appreciated his handling of the situation and then wrote the chief of police to acknowledge such professionalism. As a resident of Escondido since 1987, I've had many opportunities to interact with police officers at meetings, responding to issues, and in passing. Never in the years I've lived here have I observed any behavior on the part of any police officer that could possibly be considered objectionable. Indeed, without these officers our city would be a very different place and one in which I am not certain I would want to live, conduct business, or pay taxes. Thank you for taking the time to hear my voice. Anita L. Ruka

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Escondido Police

Position In Favor

First and Last Name April Sayers

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 3506 Wild Oak Lane

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I think there should be more funding for the police department and more involvement in weeding out the ones that do not belong serving because of more than one his/her violation/ or mental illness etc as a police man or woman

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Support of our police Dept.

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Arlene Shuster

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 371 Cypress Crest Terrace

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I am a life long resident of this amazing community. I am a property owner who appreciates our local police department as it plays a huge role in making Escondido a friendly, family safe and an inviting place to live. I can't imagine any resident finding fault with our dedicated men and women who pledge to protect and serve. They do it well.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # Police defunding

Subject Police defunding

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ashley rossall

Escondido Resident False

Street Address

City

State

Zip

**Comments** Please do not cut funding from a department that is already running minimum staff for a city that desperately needs these police officers!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item #8 Subject Escondido Police Department Position In Favor First and Last Name Aurora Mullany Escondido Resident True Street Address 1746 El Aire Place City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** As a long time Escondido resident, I expressly support the Escondido Police Department. It is an integral part of any civilized society. Any actions you take in de-funding the Escondido Police Department, you take away our rights to live in our peaceful community. You are mostly democrats, Mr. Mayor and City Council members, but as a resident of Escondido, please make good judgement and common sense. The Escondido Police Department is an important part of a peaceful Escondido. My family and I and many Escondido families love and support our police 100%. Thank you for listening.

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Council Meeting Date 6/11/2020 Agenda # Police department Subject To defund ? Position In Opposition First and Last Name B Carolyn Galli Escondido Resident False Street Address 2217 Willowbrook Street City Escondido State California Zip 92029

**Comments** I am appalled at the current response to police department issues during the current Co-Vid rioting. My issue is not one of judging police action; I am in no position to judge, though the Floyd incident was some of the worst brutality I can imagine. My issue is regarding the knee-jerk reaction to defund this essential public service because of what seems to me to be (in some communities) poor mid-management handling of inept personnel and/or public reports. In my many years of mid-management in healthcare, patient complaints were taken individually and reviewed individually. Employees who were marginally appropriate for their job description were counseled, re-counseled and released or moved to a more appropriate assignment. But defund? Shut down the whole operation? Rob from Peter to pay Paul? This seems to me to be an extreme response. There are other options for first steps. These may expose officials/actions which need review (and may result in some "squirming")... but so be it. It may be time. I live in rural southwest Escondido. The police response to our neighborhood needs (robberies, health issues, breakins) has been timely, sensitive, and most effective.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Read Aloud

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Blanca A Lecca

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 332 Whippoorwill Gln

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I have worked for a high school for 13 years and we have been asking for more police officers around the school. We have had intruders, drug dealers, fights, car accidents and our safety is a very easy target. The funds are needed for a better training for our police department. and also for education.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public hearing item no. 8

Subject Defunding Escondido PD

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Brea Fortney

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 719 Kimball St

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** As a Escondido tax-paying resident, I am writing to URGE you to give no consideration to defunding our police force in Escondido. We need you to ensure our police are fully funded and protected so we are protected. Our border county needs our police and stands hard against them being defunded. Thank-you, -Brea Fortney

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Escondido police Position In Favor First and Last Name Brett Sayers Escondido Resident True Street Address 3506 Wild Oak Lane City Escondido State California Zip 92027

**Comments** We need to add funding to the police department, not take it away. We need better trained and equipped officers. Additional funding will allow more officers to be hired, which therefore will allow the officers to have less hours and be less stressed at work. They won't be stretched thin working 12+ hour days.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public funding #8

Subject Regarding defunding the police (can read out loud)

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Brooke Small

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1005 Chestnut Dr

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Please do not defund the police! We need our police to protect and serve. Our police do a great job and it would be a great loss to our city to defund the police. I believe our city would have more crime and less unity. Support our police!

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**Comments** To the Escondido City Council Members, I understand that the City of Escondido has been receiving letters from the community , requesting to defund the Police Department. As a born and raised, community member of the City of Escondido. I am pleading with the council to "NOT" defund our Police Department. Every dollar that they are budgeted , is extremely important to this community. My family , a huge American Mexican family has been in this city for 87 years and have never had any issues with the city and its law enforcement. I believe that in the times we are living , having a strong Police Department is important. I realize that there are some bad police with issues of racism , 90% are good. Please do not take away or decrease the funding. I encourage the council to even increase the funding for programs in the city . To train the officers in order to improve the relationship with our community . We need our Police Officers!! We need a strong ESCONDIDO Police Department ,who is able to Fight Crime and continues to have what it needs to Keep our Community Safe., Thank You Very Much, Burnadine Nolan

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I am aware that consideration will be given to the operating budget at Wednesday's city council meeting. I hope that the toxic events of the last couple of weeks do not impair your judgment with regard to the budget allocated to the Escondido Police Department. Nobody approves of the way George Floyd was treated by the Minneapolis Police Dept. It was wrong and criminal. But this is not Minneapolis and the Escondido Police Department has been a model of professionalism for as long as I can remember. We cannot weaken our police department and endanger our community as a knee-jerk reaction to this hostile anti-police political climate. The fact that paid protesters and activists outside our community have emailed you should not change your commitment to the city of Escondido and the safety of our community. We need a fully-funded police department to maintain our quality of life and nothing has been done by the Escondido Police Department to justify a reduction of the police department budget. Thank you for your support of public safety.

Carl J. Skaja, Esq.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item #8 Subject Defunding the Police Department Position In Opposition First and Last Name Carole Comeau Escondido Resident True Street Address 2502 Verano Place City Escondido State California Zip 92025

**Comments** I have been a resident of Escondido for 22 years, through the city's ups and downs. Through it all, I have seen and met many members of the Police Department and observed how they care for this city. As a member of a local nonprofit, we run a Thrift Store in the city whose proceeds all go to serving this community. Whenever I work there or go there for a meeting, day or night, I know the Police Department has our back and would be there in an instant--I have their number in my phone. We have collaborated with the Police on different projects with one goal in mind: to serve the community and make Escondido a great place to live. Escondido is a diverse community where people respect each other and respect the Police Department and it would be disastrous to defund the police. We have our problems and we have gangs--a friend of mine was killed by a gang member as she drove home from church. The recent charges against the woman who killed those four people on May 5th shows they did the right thing, did not jump to conclusions and put together a solid case before arresting her. They don't bow to public pressure--they do their job.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Police Budget

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Carol Ray

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 420 E 7th AVe.

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** If we Defund The police Department, Who will Protect us From the criminals? Our police Department is A good one. Adequate funding, As we've had means Police officers Are better trained And held accountable.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Escondido Police Defunding

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Catherine Lacey

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1880 HAMILTON LN

**City** ESCONDIDO

State CA

Zip 92029-5424

**Comments** This social movement to "defund police departments" as a reaction to some inappropriate use of force by police, far outside of our area, is not the way to express our community's feelings in this matter. None of us condone inappropriate use of force toward ANY OF US and we all support finding ways to prevent and curtail it. But defunding the Police Department is not the way to do it. It is an emotional "solution" to an ill-defined problem.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # #8

Subject Defunding the police

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Chrissy Klein

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1043 Deana Glen

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** As an Escondido tax paying resident I am writing to urge you not to defund our police. We need you to make sure that our police are fully funded to keep us safe in our city safe.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Operating Budget

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Christi Knight

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 720 S HICKORY ST

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Please maintain the proposed level of funding for the Escondido Police Department for the upcoming fiscal year. "Defunding the police" is not a thoughtful approach to create meaningful and lasting change. Please consider establishing an independent citizen body to create more transparency, community oversight, and accountability for our police department. Thank you for your consideration.

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Council Meeting Date 06/10/2020 Agenda # Defund Police Subject Defund Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Claire Bocian Escondido Resident False Street Address 2250 N Broadway, Spc 45 City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** You must not disband, defund, of de anything to do with our Escondido Police Department!! They do a fantastic job and cutting their budget will cut services and safety! Don't be responsible for people not getting help in their time of need because of defunding! The Police do a great job and Anyone who disagrees should be required to do a ride along for a week to see what these great men and women go through on a daily basis! And Police Canines as well!! They deserve our respect and acknowledgement in all they do to keep Escondido safe for everyone!

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Council Meeting Date June 10th Agenda # Escondido police budget Subject Keeping the police and there budget. Position In Favor First and Last Name CLIFFORD Tenney Escondido Resident False Street Address 3630 Mary In City Escondido State California Zip 92025

**Comments** Very happy with the Escondido police.they have always been fair and prompt.there budget should be Increased as we are very fortunate to have such a good department.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject defunding the police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Darlene S Hansen Escondido Resident False Street Address 15008 Saddle Creek Dr City Valley Center State CA

**Zip** 92082

**Comments** I have come before you many times, in many capacities, including School board member of San Pasqual Union. This subject of defunding our police department is one of the strangest ideas I've heard discussed. Part of the job of those elected to any position is to keep their constituents safe. For a municipality, this includes a law enforcement entity to protect, defend & enforce the laws that your council makes. Unless each of you is ready to personally assume this responsibility, I suggest you stick with the 'tried & true', our police force. In all of my years of living in Escondido, over 20 years, I have never had an unpleasant encounter with the police here. My enteractions with them have always been polite & helpful, even when I have had a family member who was breaking the law. They are, as are most police depts, good people who want to protect & defend us. It is a job I wouldn't want ever. I have a son in the CHP, who just spent the last 10 days, 12 hours a day in law with protestors, which frequently got passed the peaceful stage into the destruction of property & looting. This job could not have been done by a community group, but required co-ordinated, well trained effort. Nothing we could do on a community level approximates their training & experience. I am a registered nurse by trade, this idea is as inane as saying that all hospitals should let lay people come & administer medications & perform treatments. The resulting chaos would be devestating. Please keep our law enforcement personnel.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Escondido Police Department Defunding

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Dineke Boyce

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 25429 RUE LAUSANNE

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** READ OUT LOUD: I want to thank the Escondido Police Department for our safety and for protecting the citizens of Escondido. We absolutely DO NOT support any defunding of the Escondido Police Department.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defunding the Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Donald Carson Escondido Resident True Street Address 1373 Stoneridge Circle City Escondido State CA Zip 92029

**Comments** In all professions there are good and bad people. Weather it is in our churches, our politicians, public service, military or police. Because a bad priest or pastor, abuses a child, you do not shut down the church. Because of a dishonest Politian you do not close the government. Why then, because of a rogue cop with a personal issue, do you want to cripple the very people that we all look to for help? What has the Escondido police done to deserve your rebuke? Did you get a ticket? Were you doing something, you should not have, and got caught? Did you have to wait, in a line, while Police checked for drunk drivers? In any case they were just doing their jobs, keeping the community safe. The majority of time when WE, the public, interact with the Police, it is because we broke a rule or law. If you want to "hand cuff" our Police, then the next time your car is vandalized, try calling one of the local gang bangers for help. Maybe some changes need to be made, change can be for the better. If you have a splinter in your finger, you do not cut off your hand. Lets stop and think before, we cut off a "HELPING HAND".

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Email donnella@sdloanlady.com Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item #8 Subject Escondido Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Donnella Fairshter Escondido Resident True Street Address 1377 Stoneridge Circle City Escondido State CA Zip 92029

**Comments** The proposal to defund the Escondido Police Deparment is dangerous and lacks any common sense. Our Police do a good job of helping to maintain order in the community. While mistakes may be made, there is no underlying plan for that to happen. We must not lose sight of the value the Police bring to the table to keep our everyday life sane and safe. We must address specific errors and issues but we cannot and should not defund the whole department. We must focus on the unintended consequences such a move would bring. PLEASE READ THIS AT THE MEETING

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing #8 Subject Defunding the Police (READ OUT LOUD) Position In Opposition First and Last Name Doug Grassey Escondido Resident True Street Address 525 W El Norte Pkwy #314 City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92026-3921

**Comments** Defunding the Police would be a serious blow to public safety. Imagine how emboldened the criminal element would be if they knew that they could shoplift, break into homes, stores, steal cars and assault people knowing that there would be no one to investigate and arrest them. Crime in Escondido would sky-rocket. People would no longer feel safe in their homes let alone venturing out for a walk or to run errands. I think it would be safe to say that criminals might even come from nearby communities knowing that the City of Escondido doesn't police it's community. This a bad idea that would embolden the criminal element, significantly increase crime and seriously compromise public safety. Please do not defund our Police.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public hearing item no. 8

Subject Support Funding for Escondido PD

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Dyanna Grimes

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2125 north nutmeg st

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** As a taxpayer and resident, I ask that you continue funding our police department so we can retain high quality officers and keep our city safe.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Please read outloud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Ed Gallo Escondido Resident False Street Address 1204 N. Escondido Blvd, B26 City Escondido State California Zip 92026

**Comments** Apparently there are some on the Council who want to make dramatic changes to our Police Department. The big question is why? I have lived in Escondido for almost 47 years, have served on city panels from 1990 to 2000 and served 16 years as a Councilmember. There have been very few incidents involving the police interaction with the public. Have we had a few 'bad cops' during this time? Yes. Let me ask you does this warrant a total restructure of one of the finest police departments in California? No. Every, I restate every profession has a few bad apples. There are convicted medical doctors. lawyers. mortgage brokers, teachers, CPA's, real estate agents, therapists of all disciplines, licensed contractors, police officers, firefighters and yes elected officials. You can look at all the college educated professionals who have cast aspersions on their colleagues Have we eliminated any of these? No. Nor should we do this with the necessary function of a department charged with public safety which our EPD has performed admirably. The only recommendation should be to review our policies, procedures and training to become even better which by the way the department performs regularly.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Police support Subject We need to fully supprt Position In Favor First and Last Name Ed Escondido Resident False Street Address 1410 Queenston Ave Escondido City Escondido State San Diego County Zip 92027 Comments We need to give our FULL support to these brave men and women. We are a nation and city of law and order and need to maintain that position.

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**Zip** 92029

Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public hearing item #8 Subject Defunding Escondido Police Department Position In Opposition First and Last Name Farr, Jason Escondido Resident True Street Address 3047 Cordrey Dr City Escondido State Ca

**Comments** I request this be read aloud in meeting: I am in strong opposition of the agenda to defund the Escodido Police Department. This is a very dangerous policy that will only hurt our community. This will only weaken our police presence in an already high crime area. It is safe to say that everyone, INCLUDING our police, want to see police police brutality addressed. "Bad apples" cannot be tolerated especially in an institution as important as law enforcement. But defunding the department as a whole is not the way to address these individuals. If anything, I would think that additional funding provided to the department to create and support a team to help identifying those struggling officers and get them the support, counseling and further action to address these possible significant issues. We need to give the vast majority of our great officers the support, training and avenue to address another officer who should not be in the department. By defunding our police, increases the stress level of already one of the most stressful jobs today, and only encourages crime that the vast majority of these men and women are giving their lives to protect our well being. Defunding our police is dangerous and not the we to address the brutality and racial issues we are dealing with today. Thank you.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Support of Escondido Police

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Gail A Gosser

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 2409 Old Ranch Road

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** The local Police Department is a Public Service entity. We pay high taxes for such as this. I can't imagine a state funding abortion to kill innocent babies and not supporting the function of the local Police that service us with their lives. Please exercise common sense for a change and continue to support our police.

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Good afternoon,

I am writing you today in regards to your consideration of the City budget for the next fiscal year.

The tragic death of George Floyd in Minnesota has created significant conversation and unrest throughout our nation. I have heard rumors that some cities are considering a defunding of their police departments as a means of restoring community trust. As a native of Escondido for over 66 years, I am at a loss to understand how this extreme measure can create any kind of positive change for our Community.

The leadership of Police Chief Ed Varso is an excellent example of strong community engagement. He has shown a willingness to listen to all voices. His demonstration of introspection and a sincere desire to listen, understand, and respond to the perspectives of others is remarkable.

I would encourage patience, deliberation and meaningful dialogue with all constituents, as we wade through these uncharted and difficult waters. I am optimistic that we can get this right and remain The City Of Choice for generations to come.

Respectfully,

George Weir

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Council Meeting Date Agenda # police Defunding Subject Police defunding Position In Opposition First and Last Name gilbert Nadeau Escondido Resident False Street Address 2021 Via Veneto City Escondido State Ca. Zip 92027

**Comments** Defunding the police dept. will not eliminate crime but instead increase crime. When Hitler took over he eliminated all police who were anti Hitler and then started the Gestapo and guns from people and thus the people were completely under his control. Defunding the police dept. is the same type of power grab which will not protect citizens. This could lead to a national peoples revolution against the politicians who want power control. I am opposed to eliminating or revamping or defunding the police dept. This is anoth

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public hearing #8

Subject Police department

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Grace Wichert

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1925 Encino Drive

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** People have lost their minds if they think communities can survive without a Police Department. We need our men and women officers, as they not only protect our community but do so much more that most people have no idea!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defunding Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Heather Bruder Escondido Resident True Street Address 2340 Viewridge Place City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** As a person who both lives and works as a school teacher in this city, I see the vital role police play in keeping our community and our children safe. Please do not be pressured by the loudest voices right now. Your job is to make decisions that are in the best interest of this city as a whole, even when it may not seem to be a popular decision. Defunding the police puts our citizens at risk. This city already has a somewhat questionable reputation. I have seen a lot done in the last few years to improve this wonderful city, making it a more desirable place to live. Defunding our police department will only hurt any improvement to the reputation of our city. Just because there are bad cops and poorly managed departments in other cities and states does not mean that our city's department is. Our response to this issue should not be to simply throw the baby out with the bath water. Instead of defunding the police, we should increase their funding for trainings. Why not be known as a city who's police department operates properly instead of at a limited capacity.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # I don't know it Subject Police Position In Favor First and Last Name HILDA S CLARK Escondido Resident True Street Address 2356 BRIARWOD PLACE City ESCONDIDO State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** The police department should not be defunded. They have the equipment because that is what is needed. They have not created the crime but are trying to protect law abiding citizens! Could someone say that people need to take responsibility for their lives and not expect everything to be handed to them. I have had it with the put down of our country and all the racism. Police put their lives on the line daily. You life is what you make it in this country. I am tried of the disrespect the young have for out country. The are playing right into Soros hand. Our colleges are full of distrust misinformation and liberals.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jabari Garnett

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2711 Peet Lane

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** As a lifetime resident of the city of Escondido, I can genuinely say that I am proud of the way the Escondido Police Department handled the peaceful protests and practiced solidarity with the protesters, and I hope they continue to protect and serve the protestors rather than villanize them. However, I feel the department takes up far too much of the city's budget, using up over 40% of the funds. This is a difficult time for all of us, so I urge you to allocate those resources to those who are in most need of it; especially education and community support services.

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https://www.escondido.org/FormWizard/ViewSubmission.aspx?mid=5168&pageid=3094&rid=1c31cefb -93d4-4f29-9fb5-e120007c75fb Good Afternoon Mayor and Members of the City Council

I write to you today regarding your consideration of the City budget for the next fiscal year.

We are all aware of the significant turmoil across our nation relative to the terrible, tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department. As is being considered by the Minneapolis City Council and as discussed in other cities, there is a notion that funding reductions on Police Departments is a way to achieve improvements in police operations. It has also been said that such change may even strengthen trust within the community.

As your Council considers the budget for the next year, I strongly urge you to not use a budget process to exact change in law enforcement. Real change, if needed, will take place in a thoughtful, goal-focused dialog among the community, the police and City leadership.

The Escondido Police Department, under current Chief Varso and former Chief Carter was and is a fine example of community engagement and community policing. There is always the need for introspection and change for the better... The budget review and adoption process is not the place to undertake such review.

As I mentioned earlier, a major concern in many cities and communities of color is the concern that there is not trust between the residents and the police. Trust cannot be legislated! Trust is engendered through open communication, transparency and connection with community members in their neighborhoods.

Understanding that your meeting is online, I cannot attend this Wednesday evening. I respectfully request that my comments be entered into the public record.

My family and I appreciate all of the leadership you all provide to our community and appreciate the fine quality services provided by the men and women of all City departments that serve our city so well...

Respectfully, Jack Anderson Escondido Resident since 1980 From: James Crone <<u>jcrone@jamescrone.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:24 PM To: Jeffrey Epp <<u>Jepp@escondido.org</u>>; <u>billwolfe@ci.escondido.ca.us</u> Cc: Paul McNamara <<u>pmcnamara@escondido.org</u>> Subject: [EXT] Police

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# Dear council members

It is my understanding that the council will be talking about the budget that will include the tax dollars to fund our police force. As you may know, last night the city of San Diego increased their budget for the police. I am writing to ask the council to consider the same option. Disbanding the police or reducing the budget in these times of trouble will only encourage more crime without any ability to stop it. Adding additional funding could help to add additional training to our officers to make sure that our police force will be better equip to deal with the public, weed out any officers that may have a reoccurring disciplinary condition as well as other things necessary that will help them be the best.

When we are in need of calling the police to help us or protect our rights that are being compromised by a non-law abiding person, who will you call. What options are there to have law and order without the police department well equipped. Self-discipline is not the answer in hopes no crimes are committed. As a tax payer in the city, I support the police and what they stand for. I have on many occasions had the police help to protect me and our property from vandalism, assault and malicious destruction. They are here for your safety and are there to uphold our laws. Those that are not in support of our law enforcement are those that do not respect our laws and our constitutional rights as US citizens. As a Vietnam Veteran, I fought for our constitutional rights so we could be free. My friends died to protect that freedom and many police officers have as well to protect us all. In years past you can remember people complained that a 911 call took too long for a response. If you reduce funding for our police force the recording on a 911 call should be " sorry no one is available to help, please call your city council person to reconsider the decision made on June 10<sup>th</sup> to reduce their budget. Should you think our officers do nothing to keep us all safe, try a ride along at night as I once did to see them put their life at risk nightly to protect and serve the public. Once you do that you may have a different opinion of what they face daily and I might add with little or no respect.

Please consider your choice tonight and how it will affect our city and law abiding citizens.

Thank You! James Crone & Associates, Inc.

Jim James A. Crone 555 Enterprise St Escondido, CA 92029

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Police Funding Subject DO NOT DEFUND POLICE Position No Position First and Last Name Jamie Yee Escondido Resident True Street Address 2147 Camino Dr City Escondido State California Zip 92026

**Comments** As an Escondido tax-paying resident, I am writing to URGE you to give no consideration to defunding our police force in Escondido. We need you to ensure our police are fully funded and protected so we are protected. We need our police and stand hard against them being defunded! I witness, on a daily basis, Escondido Police Department's crucial role in our city, their strong and unwavering dedication to our citizens, and am overwhelmingly impressed by their professionalism to serve and protect. PLEASE do not defund or reduce their funding. Thank you, Jamie Yee

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Council Meeting Date June 10, 2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Police Support

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jan Page

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 3568 Grove Canyon

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I fully support the Escondido Police Dept. They have chosen a very demanding.....and often unappreciated.....career. I appreciate their willingness to serve the community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public hearing item #8 Subject Defund police department Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jan Tenney Escondido Resident True Street Address 2151 Krystal PI. City Escondido State California Zip 92026 Comments I stand behind our police department. I am against defending them.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public Hearing Itm #8

Subject Keeping our police as they are

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Janie Hamilton

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 8975 Lawrence Welk Dr #268

City ESCONDIDO

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** After watching the recent news I don't understand how anyone can think of reducing our police force. Law enforcement is needed now more than ever. The people that want to reduce or eliminate police say they want change but want they really want is anarchy.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jeanne Bunch Escondido Resident True Street Address 2035 Leo Court City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** This current nationwide trend to defund police departments is nothing but a political drive and risks a return to the high-crime era of the 1960s and 1970s that damaged so many American cities. Without police, who will respond to shootings, robberies, rapes, domestic terrorism, domestic abuse, nature disasters, human trafficking, child molesters, riots and many many more violations of the law. NOBODY, that's who. Please don't listen to these radicals. Escondido has one of the best police forces in the entire state of California and Escondido needs to retain the current force. Please vote NO to defund our wonderful Police Department. Our officers are dedicated to the citizens of our City of Choice.i

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I understand that you will be meeting tonight regarding the City's 2020-2021 budget. Because I cannot attend your online meeting to voice my opinion, I would like my comments to be read and considered.

I was born and raised in Escondido. I operate a third-generation family business that was started in Escondido in 1945. This is a City that I have grown to love for many reasons. One of those reasons is the priority placed on public safety. Over the years, I have had the need to call the Escondido Police Department on several occasions to respond to burglaries and other minor incidents. EPD has always responded in a timely fashion and acted with the utmost professionalism.

In the past week, there has been a "defund the police" movement in the wake of the horrible death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department. Last week, our Chief of Police, Ed Varso, joined protesters and took a knee with them. This was a class act that again made me proud of our police department. We can all agree that work needs to be done nationwide to address the issue of systemic racism. "Defunding" our police department is NOT the answer.

Respectfully,

Jeff Johnson

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Escondido Police-Do NOT Defund: Defend Position In Favor First and Last Name Jenni Cook Escondido Resident True Street Address 2744 Vistamonte Gln City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Our Police force is essential to our community's safety. Escondido residents deserve to feel safe and secure. If something goes wrong we need someone to call. The Escondido Police are vital to our citizens' wellbeing. If someone is raped, abused, assaulted, or worse we need to have an agency to step in and help with that. Are we going to call 911 for thoughts and prayers? I will not burry my head in the sand and let the gangs and other criminals take over this city. Give the Police more money, make our city safer! Make it a place people flock to! Draw people in with how amazing our Police force is. Give them money to help with bridging the racial divide, empower them don't cut them off at the knees!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 8

Subject FISCAL BUDGET

Position In Favor

First and Last Name JIM WARD, PREFERRED REMODELERS

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1145-C INDUSTRIAL AVE

**City** ESCONDIDO

State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** PLEASE SUPPORT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NECESSARY BUDGET FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, AND BUSINESSES. TO GET CAUGHT UP IN THE HYSTERIA CAUSED BY A VERY SMALL MINORITY OF INCIDENTS WOULD BE A FOOLISH DECISION AND LIKELY CAUSE IMMEASUREABLE HARM TO OUR COMMUNITY. REGARDLESS OF HIS RECORD AND PHYSICAL CONDITION DUE TO THE USE OF DRUGS, THE DEATH OF MR. FLOYD WAS TRAGIC AND UNCALLED FOR WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR NOT. HIS TREATMENT AND ULTIMATE DEATH MAY HAVE BEEN THE INITIAL CATYLIST FOR LAWFUL PROTESTS, BUT THE RIOTS AND DESTRUCTION HAS TARGETED INNOCENT ESTABLISHMENTS AND MAKES THE RIOTERS AS BAD AS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE PROTESTING AGAINST CHANGE IN SOME POLICY MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA, BUT THERE SHOULD BE SOME BLAME ALSO ON CERTAIN CITIZENS WHO IN SOME CASES LEAVE THE AUTHORITIES LITTLE CHOICE IN THE WAY THEY HANDLE SOME SITUATIONS. HOPE FOR BETTER TIMES FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE SUPPORT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT JIM WARD

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item No. 8 Subject Read Out Loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Jody Hansen Escondido Resident True Street Address 310 E 10th Avenue City Escondido State California

Zip 92025

Comments Unfortunately, this morning as most of us awoke to a world full of potential good, there were people who awoke to a world full of hate and violence. This is how they were raised. This is what they know. That is why nations have spent countless treasure on defense and law enforcement. There are wolves out there . . . Recently, a proposal has been put forth to defund the police department. What could possibly go wrong there? A week ago, there were a couple of demonstrations/rallies for equal justice. I attended. I "took a knee." They were peaceful, well organized, and respected the rights of our citizens and businesses. Police were present and respectful. There was no rioting or looting. It could have been otherwise. It has been so in other cities. "Superman," was my favorite TV show when I was a kid. I well remember the opening lines: "Faster than a speeding bullet. More powerful than a locomotive. Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound." For many years I thought that the "faster than a speeding bullet, ability to leap tall buildings, and bending steel with his bare hands were the key attractions, but over the years I came to realize that my passion came from the last line; "fights the never ending battle for Truth, Justice and the American Way." Since those days, America has taken many steps forward in making that ideal come closer to reality. The road hasn't been smooth, nor without cost; but our is a much, much better place from when Martin Luther King spoke of his dream, while on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, in 1963. "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. . . " . . . I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." We are not there yet. But we have made progress, and it has been through the efforts and sacrifices of people of all colors, not just in America, but all around the world, who have worked bravely for the cause of justice. Justice does not compel a person to break into, rob, and burn the businesses. Justice does not call for the beating of peaceful demonstrators. Justice does require people, of all color, to remember ALL the words of

Reverend King from his speech: "... there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force." As the rioting and fires have burned, so does the desire for justice burn and so does the continued need for the protective hand of well-trained law enforcement officers enforcing just laws. Defund hate. Defund anarchy. Don't defund our police. They are courageous and continue to render great service to our community. There are wolves out there ... J. Ariel Hansen

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public hearing item #8 Subject Read out loud Position In Opposition First and Last Name Julie Muehl Escondido Resident False Street Address 1374 Emeraude Glen City Escondido State Ca Zip 92029

**Comments** Please vote MO in defunding our police department. Our Escondido communities desperately need our police. Our local police have done nothing to deserve defunding and everything to help and support our community. Without our police we would be living in fear and unrest. Please do not make the actions of a few bad cops affect our police who are honest, caring and good! This negativity and hate towards all police has to stop and I urge you to stop it here but voting no I'm defunding our police.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public hearing intense no. 8 Subject Defunding Escondido PD Position In Opposition First and Last Name Kevin Fortney Escondido Resident True Street Address 719 Kimball St City Escondido State Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** As a Escondido tax-paying resident, I am writing to URGE you to give no consideration to defunding our police force in Escondido.We need you to ensure our police are fully funded and protected so we are protected.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Escondido police Position In Favor First and Last Name Kevin sayers Escondido Resident True Street Address 3506 Wild oak Iane City Escondido State Ca Zip 92027

**Comments** Instead of defunding the Escondido police we should be adding funds for better training and more officers so they are working less hours and have more time off. Defunding police will take away from all the valuable services they provide. Please don't condemn all police for the actions of a very few!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item #8 Subject READ OUT LOUD Position In Favor First and Last Name Escondido Resident True Street Address 1354 Emeraude GIn City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** I find it truly shocking that anyone would seriously consider doing anything that would make our police less effective. Police are such a basic safety need for all our citizens and they need our support. When someone makes a 911 call because of a dangerous situation, our police risk their lives to come in and protect them. When my friend Cathy Kennedy was shot in the head driving home from church by a gang member, it was not a social worker who got her killer off the street; it was the police. It is the Escondido Police who are protecting us from gangs, drug dealers, sex traffickers, and other criminals. We are a mixed race family, and we have never felt threatened by our police. We have only felt safer with their presence. I sincerely hope that our city will continue to give the police the funds and support that they need to fight for and keep Escondido safe. The police are not the problem, the criminals are, and not giving the police enough resources will definitely be aiding and abetting those who wish to gain power and do harm to those most vulnerable in our city. Thank you.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public Hearing Item No. 8

Subject Escondido Police Dept

Position No Position

First and Last Name Larry Small

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1005 Chestnut Drive

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I am in favor of maintaining and/or increasing available funds for the Escondido Police Department. I am opposed to any effort to "defund the police" in Escondido or otherwise. Thank you all for your service to our community.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject defunding police Position No Position First and Last Name Linda Holmes Escondido Resident True Street Address 1914 Clover Way City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** In my opinion, it is unwise to defund our police. I have seen them respond to altercations on my street and surrounding neighborhood with concern and appropriate caution. In one instance, a neighbor was in a mental health crisis. They called in appropriate personnel to come to the neighbor's aid. If they have to make drastic cuts, 911 calls would be filtered due to staffing and the citizens of Escondido will suffer. Yes, there are changes to be made. Rather, there might be mandatory courses on non-violent de-escalating in protests and riots. If a police officer crosses a line, there might be an anonymous reporting method with subsequent counsel given. Defunding is sending a message that you do not have confidence in our force. They put their lives on the line for you. Don't make this error!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defunding Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Linda Johnson Escondido Resident True Street Address 1411 Winsome Drive City Escondido State CA Zip 92029

**Comments** I have been a resident of Escondido for 23 years and I love it here. I know that if I need help the police are only a quick call away and that gives me great confidence. All of my encounters with Escondido police officers have been excellent and I know that the only reason we feel safe in Escondido is because of their presence. Without them this would not be a safe place at all and I would not want to live here or pay taxes here. We are dependent on the mall and the auto park for financial survival and I can't see that the businesses there would have any interest in staying here either without the rule of law on which our country depends. Defunding the police is a moronic idea that would only destroy the city, its tax base, and our way of life. I am totally against it.

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I am writing this e-mail in support of our police department. As we know, it would be foolish to take away funding from those who put their lives on the line to help and protect us. In fact, increased funding would be highly appropriate, especially in the area of training and recruitment.

Thank you for your time,

Lori Hatley

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public Hearing Item #8

Subject Escondido Police Department

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Lynn Pines

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 2932 Alamitos Place

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I support the Escondido Police Department and am in favor of funding these incredible men and women who put themselves in harms way every day.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item No. 8 Subject I support to continue to fund EPD Position In Favor First and Last Name Maria Zafra Escondido Resident False Street Address 229 E 14th Ave City Escondido State California Zip 92025

**Comments** Please do not interrupt funding our EPD. I live with my mom and my small daughter and cannot imagine not having the EPD patrolling the town and being available for us in case we need help.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # Police defunding

Subject Police defunding

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Marla Weed

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 2250 N. Broadway, Spc 38

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Do not defund our police department. As a senior citizen I cannot imagine what chaos would happen to this city without any type of security and help.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item #8 Subject Read Out Loud. Funding of the Escondido Police Dept. Position In Favor First and Last Name Marlane Sidorsky Escondido Resident False Street Address 11280 Meadow Glen Way East City Escondido State California Zip 92026

**Comments** How do you thank and support individuals whose job it is to protect and serve a community. Men and women who put their lives at risk everyday by going out into our neighborhood to combat crime. Who else is going to deal with & stop a robbery, prevent an assault on an innocent person, confront child sex abusers, stop spousal assault, rape, shootings, attempted murder, middle of the night home invasions, gang violence, school shootings and drug dealers? It's definitely not going to be a social worker, it's going to be the invaluable fine men and women of the Escondido Police Dept., a priceless and irreplaceable part of our community who unquestionably should be given all of the support needed to successfully perform this dangerous Job in order to protect the community they serve. Escondido is not Minneapolis, the leadership, the direction and the values for that population does not necessarily resemble our Escondido. The culture, the demography and politics have very little in common. Unfortunately, human behavior and police behavior may differ dramatically. It's the training, history and support or lack there of which may influence the dynamics and performance of police in their duties. However, the need for protection from the bad side of mankind is the same everywhere. This need for protection and support is highest in those communities in the lower income strata which usually are susceptible to higher crime rates. Everyone understands what dialing 911 means. The injured child, the burning building, the home invasion, grandpa's heart attack, the wife beating, the robbery victim, the assault victim, the car crash, the gun fire, the riot control, the protestor protection, the drunk driver, the school shooter, your missing person, your homicide investigation, the dog locked in the car in the heat of day, gang fights, emergency pregnancy support. Dozens of other responses too numerous to list, all resulting from dialing 911. One trained officer is responding to all of these urgencies via one speed dialing that's an invaluable return on my tax dollar. Don't put our investment at risk, fully support our Escondido Police Department. As a 31 year Escondido resident I have never seen or experienced any

occurrence which caused me to lose confidence in this departments ability to perform professionally and humanely or to improve the overall performance as needed.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defunding Escondido Police Offiers Position In Opposition First and Last Name Maureen Hoppal Escondido Resident True Street Address 2656 Morning Terrace Glen City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I am in complete opposition to the idea of defunding our Escondido Police Department because it makes zero sense. You can't have a society without Law and Order or you will have total anarchy. Maybe this is what these radicals want. Our police officers risk their lives every day to serve and protect our community. Who will protect Escondido if our police is defunded? Who will stop a crime in progress when a woman is being raped or beaten? Who will stop an armed criminal when he's trying to kill someone who could be your mother, sister or brother? Who will come when there's a burglary in progress at your home or business? A mental health worker?? That's insane thinking. They would put their lives at risk if they had to respond to a call. They are simply not equipped to handle any situation with the scope and magnitude these officers have to deal with on a daily basis. Should we make some changes in holding police officers more accountable when they have multiple offenses? We need to come together as a community and have some tough conversations to resolve these issues. These protests and riots aren't doing anything but creating more division amongst us. These radical ideas to defund the very agency that protects our communities is the last thing we should defund. If anything, we should increase funding to these hard working officers who put their lives on the line for us everyday.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Police Dept Budget

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Michelle Longhenry

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2628 Rosehill Rd

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I was born and raised in Escondido, 51 years. This is a very critical time in our history and I believe that any move to defund the Escondido Police department would be a terrible mistake or our city and our citizens. Please do not allow a very small percentage of "bad cops" effect the 99% of decent, good men and women who serve our city. Thank you

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public Hearing Item No. 8

Subject Police funding

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Michelle Prunty Delaney

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1314 Emeraude Glen

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** Please keep our police funding! Do not take it away. We need the support of the police department.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

**Subject** Save Our Police (READ PUT LOUD)

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Milly Colwell

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 103 Encanto Dr.

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** On-campus security and city police protect kids. I am a 35-year teacher in the public middle and high schools of Escondido, San Marcos, and Oceanside. The men and women in uniform are there to monitor sports and special events such after game dances and graduations. It was law enforcement that protected me and my students who were attending the funeral of one of mine: OPD stopped the rival gang from a drive-by retaliation. What on God's earth do people think can replace a good cop? Hall monitors?! Stop the madness. Save Our Police!

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Email molly@dbmkt.com Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Unknown Subject Police department Position No Position First and Last Name Molly Dawson Escondido Resident False Street Address 1376 Stoneridge Cir City Escondido State CA Zip 92029

**Comments** I am not in favor of the current "Defund the Police" cry from the current environment. The Escondido PD is a vital and essential part of our community service. I do not know about current police tactics such as choke holds and carotid holds, but if those tactics are currently being used by our Police Department, I would support the elimination of the use of tactics that may result in death or significant injury especially if the suspect is unarmed. Excessive force provisions (if there are any) should also be reviewed and adjusted if necessary. I believe 99.9% of law enforcement would never do what Office Chauven did to George Floyd, but it can serve as a wake-up call for all departments to review policies and make adjustments. These reviews and adjustments should be made public so the residents of Escondido know their PD is taking this seriously. I appreciate the EPD and wish for their safety every day.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Defunding the police

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Mona Stephenson

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1549 Robyn Rd

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I refuse to live in a city that is not protected by the police. I am grateful to the brave men and women who protect and serve our community.

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### Hello All,

I am a small business owner in Escondido and have been here in this great city for the past 18 years. I've informed that consideration will be given to the operating budget at Wednesday's city council meeting. I hope that the toxic events of the last couple of weeks do not impair your judgment with regard to the budget allocated to the Escondido Police Department. Nobody approves of the way George Floyd was treated by the Minneapolis Police Dept. It was wrong and criminal. But this is not Minneapolis and the Escondido Police Department has been a model of professionalism for as long as I can remember. We cannot weaken our police department and endanger our community as a knee-jerk reaction to this hostile anti-police political climate. The fact that paid protesters and activists outside our community have emailed you should not change your commitment to the city of Escondido and the safety of our community. We need a fully-funded police Department to justify a reduction of the police department budget. Thank you for your support of public safety and your consideration for the safety of our community here in Escondido Police Department to gustify and your consideration for the safety of our community here in Escondido Police Department to public safety and your consideration for the safety of our community here in Escondido Police Department to public safety and your consideration for the safety of our community here in Escondido Police Department to public safety and your consideration for the safety of our community here in Escondido!!!

## Warmest Regards,

Nancy P. Chen, MD Escondido Dermatology Inc. 504 W. Mission Avenue, Suite 101 Escondido, CA 92025 760-747-1980 Escondidoderm.com From Url: <u>https://www.escondido.org/public-comment.aspx</u> From IP Address: 68.111.166.151

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Council Meeting Date June 10, 2020

**Agenda** # Council Meeting Date: 6/10/20 Agenda #: Public Hearing Item No. 8 Check the box for 'Escondido Resident' Say you want your comment read at the meeting.

Subject I support the Escondido Police Dept.

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Patricia Campbell

Escondido Resident True

Street Address P.O. 300652

City ESCONDIDO

State CA

**Zip** 92030

Comments I support the Escondido Police Department. DO NOT DEFUND !!! Patricia Campbell

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Patti A. Siegmann Escondido Resident False Street Address 1065 Augusta Circle City Oceanside State CA Zip 92057

**Comments** I have many members that live in Escondido. I am the President of the Republican Women of California-San Diego County with over 1,000 members. My members and their families are very propolice, pro country. We are opposing any issues against our police or defunding. I strongly support the City of Esconido to recognize the position your Police Officers are in. I pray you stand strong with them.. PLEASE DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE OR REDUCE THEIR BUDGET.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Support for 'full funding' of Escondido Police Department

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Paul Conant-Guy

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1354 Emeraude Glen

City Escondido

State CA

Zip 92029

**Comments** I am in favor of providing Escondido law enforcement with the funds they deem necessary to fulfill their mission and complete their various duties. I am a twenty+ year resident of Escondido, a homeowner, and business owner. My work takes me all over Southern California but I make a conscious effort to use local vendors/business as frequently as possible. In this way I see myself as bringing resources back into our community for our mutual benefit. As an American who is also black, I have been asked about my dealings with the police over the course of 50+ years. My dealings with law enforcement have been 100% positive. I have been stopped for traffic incidents, and even arrested for trespass during an otherwise peaceful protest in the 80s, but I have no complaints about the circumstances, the process or the results.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defund police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Raymond stanley Escondido Resident True Street Address 2392 old ranch rd City Escondido State Ca Zip 92027

**Comments** Remind people that defund funding police will increase crime and more deaths will happen. Most of these crimes will come in lower income areas. When anyone needs police they won't be able respond in time to save lives. We should be increasing not decreasing. Kick the few bad police off force.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defunding Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Rebecca Gingrich Escondido Resident True Street Address 2219 Montemar Ave City Escondido State Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** It is the responsibility and role of our local and state governments to "serve" our community. I am confident the majority of our police force didnt sign up for this just to wear a badge and a uniform. Yes, my heart aches for George Flloyd's family but even they have cried out to fight this battle in love not hate. Yes, more accountability eliminate these type of corotid choke holds. Lead the city by disciplining those who have complaints filed against them and possibly incorporate community participation in these final reviews. It makes zero sense to eliminate or defund our police department. None of us would be safe and protected and all would resort to policing their own interpretation of right and wrong. A very slippery slope we must NOT traverse. I support our police department as we all should.

I am confident ALL Americans were in agreement when we saw George Flloyd's video. I was sickened. No matter the color of our skin it can happen to any of us. However, putting checks and balances in place that include some community representation would go a long way with holding people accountable. Defunding makes zero sense. Our God is a God of order not chaos. Insure training of our officers are current and they are NOT pulling so many 12 hour shifts in a row. Fatigue does attribute to very very poor decisions. I believe the majority of our police are very good Servants to the community. Please eliminate this corotid choke hold and train our people. Deal with the bad actors proactively.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing No. 8 Subject In Support of Police Position In Favor First and Last Name Roberta Escondido Resident True Street Address 2011 David Drive City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** We desperately needed all the police we have and even more. Without our Police we will have anarchy and chaos, along with massive crime and looting. I do not support Antifa and it's communist party ties that started this whole ridiculous idea. Lets see who one would call in case of a burglary while at home! A good experiment would be for Congress to have their protection details taken away and see how they like living as the rest of us do. KEEP OUR WONDERFUL POLICE!!! Thank you

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Item #8 Subject Defunding the Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Sarah Fischer Escondido Resident True Street Address 1943 Bedford Place City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92029

Comments Please read this comment in the meeting: I believe the request to "Defund the Police" is partly in response to social needs, such as racial respect and equality; and practical needs, such as safety of residents with respect to the "Use of Force. I will come back to how we might do this, but first let me tell you a little about myself. I was born a middle-class White Female in a Southern State and am now a Senior Citizen, residing in Escondido for over 43 years. My contributions to social changes started when I was about age 7 and continues today. At age 7, I influenced my racially prejudiced Grandmother that it was okay to have a conversation with a Black person and, with the help of my parents, changed her perceptions. Since then, I helped a gay Black man get his job back, educated other adults on why racial slurs are hurtful, and changed their behaviors. As the first female in my industry, I endured lots of "profiling", discrimination, and sexual harassment, but I focused on being successful, using more courtesy and respect than I got, and ultimately enjoyed much success. Women are now more common in my industry than men. I am currently sharing my knowledge on health disparities with our County Supervisors and County Health Department to address the fact that 4 Latinos to every 1 White person are getting the coronavirus. My point is, we can each constructively and impactfully contribute to solutions, and I have two constructive suggestions for the current situation. Looking for facts about the Escondido Police Department, I read the publications "Fourty Years of Crime in the San Diego Region 1980 to 2019" and "Public Safety Allocations in the San Diego Region.. Full Year 2018-2019", both on the SANDAG website. My findings are: • As a County we are nearly at the lowest crime rate, for both violent crimes and property crimes in 40 years! All while having a massive population growth and far more diversity. • Over the last 4 years the Escondido Police Department has out-performed the County and 2 like-sized cities in reduction of both Violent and Property Crimes. • The Escondido Police did a very good job while utilizing the second lowest budget per Capita of any other agency in the County. And with less staffing per capita than the National average. • Escondido's Use of Force is reported to be less than 0.2% (2 in 1000) of all Police contacts with people. Any inappropriate Use of Force is far less. The Escondido City Council uses taxpayer money to run the business of the city, including funding the Escondido Police Department. Other agencies fund things like schools, education, etc. Because we can always improve, I have two suggestions. First: Request that the Escondido Police Department participate in the "National Use-of-Force Data Collection", run by the FBI, which is gathering data on all Use-of-Force cases to identity the causes of Use of Force, especially when it is inappropriate. Causes may be race, fatigue, poor training, fear or other things. But until we define the problem, solutions are not going to be effective. Second: For people that want money to make a social change, I suggest making Grant Requests for funding. The people of Escondido have enjoyed significant funding in the past using grants. These can be very diverse projects, but will likely need to be quantifiable in need with measured outcomes. I imagine that writing a Grant Request can be daunting, but I expect that retired business people like myself, might be willing to lend a hand. If you want to pursue a Grant, I suggest asking the Council for some volunteers. They can put out a request. In closing, let's focus on being constructive, rather than destructive. Yours truly, Sarah Fischer

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # Budget

Subject EPD

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Sharon Mc Donald

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 703 Aster St

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** It would be a real hardship on Escondido residents to be unprotected without a police force her in Escondido. Please consider this to understand the situation. Regards

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Budget

Position No Position

First and Last Name Sheryl Achten

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1031 Deana Place

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I am a citizen of Escondido asking that you do not defund the EPD per recent requests. Please help keep our city a safe place to live. Please consider making funds available for additional oversight of the EPD as a means of supervising activities.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing Item No. 8 Subject Defunding Police Dept Position In Opposition First and Last Name Stacey Moffat Escondido Resident True Street Address 2204 Golden Oak PI City Escondido State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Please read my comment at the meeting. I am an Escondido resident of almost 20 years. The Escondido Police Department has protected and blessed my family consistently and they have my full support. I am strongly AGAINST defunding our police. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Police support Position In Favor First and Last Name Stephanie Wahl Escondido Resident False Street Address 3084 Sprucewood Lane City Escondido State CA Zip 92027

**Comments** I can't believe anyone would even consider cutting funds to ANY social service at this time let alone the police department. Escondido covers a large area. If anything you should be adding to their budget. A few weeks ago I delivered our neighbors baby because services took so long to arrive. Had it been someone breaking into my house and we were waiting for the police I would have been dead. Cutting funds to the police department is NOT the answer!!!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8 public hearing

Subject Escondido police

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Susan Baker

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 2215 Lee Ave

City Escondido

State California

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I'm in support of our Escondido Police Department. As the political climate changes, they continue to be respectful, show a community spirt with their involvement and are a trusted asset to our city. I trust I can call and they will respond. I've lived in Esconidido since 1959 and have had to call a few times. They have always been professional. I admire their character and tact. I could never do their job as I would loose my mind and some of the craziness.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public hearing item no.8

Subject Defunding Escondido PD

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Tammy Quiroz

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 3630 Mary Lane

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** Although my mailing address is county my place of residence is in the city limits of Escondido. As a Escondido tax-paying resident, I am writing to urge you to give no consideration to defunding our police force in Escondido. We need you to ensure our police are fully funded and protected so we are protected.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Annual Operating Budget Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Tina Ostrem Inscoe Escondido Resident True Street Address 2407 Douglaston Glen City Escondido State California Zip 92026

**Comments** Good evening Mayor McNamara and City Council members, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Annual Operating Budget. We are deeply saddened by the tragedy and upheaval that our country has endured in recent weeks. It is my belief that the majority of citizens and business owners in the City of Escondido would oppose defunding of our Escondido Police Department in order to make a difference or create significant change. Defunding police would have catastrophic effects on the most vulnerable in our community. I have been favorably impressed with the community outreach and interaction of our police department. Past and current leaders have made sincere efforts to dialogue and engage with the community to promote best policing practices. In order to foster deeper engagement and trust in our officers and police leaders we should support more transparency & deeper connections in conjunction with city leaders and community stakeholders in all neighborhoods. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public hearing No. 8 Subject Read out loud Position No Position First and Last Name Tisha Bennett

Escondido Resident True

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City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** We strongly support our Escondido Police Department and want to thank them for their EXCELLENT service during the 40 + years we have lived in Escondido. We have always found officers to be EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL and helpful, and appreciate their efforts to keep our city safe. There should be NO funding cuts to these fine officers or their programs. Sincerely, Jack and Tisha Bennett

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public hearing number 8 Subject Police department Position No Position First and Last Name Tobee Jackson Escondido Resident False Street Address 2981 Verda Ave City Escondido State California Zip 92025

**Comments** I support the Escondido police department. With various cities considering to defund the police, I would like to voice my opposition to this consideration. Our city with suffer much greater negative consequences than any individual police person Who abuses their power causes. The majority of our officers are doing their job honorably. As a city we should always work to improve public services including the police department if there are areas that need addressing however are fending them would be a devastating proposal. Outside forces are caught up in the fervor causing great pressure, but it's time for calm heads to make rational decisions and protect the people of Escondido.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Police Subject Defund Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name Traci Bass Escondido Resident False Street Address 608 S. Grape St. City Escondido State Ca Zip 92025 Comments Do not defund the police. If anything they should all get a raise. We have a wonderful police department and they deserve are our support and praise.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

**Subject** Defund the Police Dept

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Trina Watson

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 1410 Queenston Drive

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** The police Dept is one of the most important department of all cities. Can you imagine the chaos and crime running rampant if there were not police? Anyone thinking of abolishing, defunding or reducing the Police Dept needs to have their head examined!

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/20
Agenda # 1
Subject Police force
Position In Favor
First and Last Name Vae Gregory
Escondido Resident True
Street Address
City
State
Zip
Comments I will never feel safe again without our trusted police force. Have not read this
agenda item.
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Email valpilgrim@cox.net Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Defund Escondido Police Position In Opposition First and Last Name VALERIE A PILGRIM Escondido Resident True Street Address 2211 Caliente Gln City Escondido State CA Zip 92029 Comments I do not approve of de-funding the Escond

**Comments** I do not approve of de-funding the Escondido Police Department. We have a safe city because of their efforts. We need to continue to support them by providing funds for training, equipment and so forth.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Police Dept. Budget Position In Favor

First and Last Name VANCE L RUKA

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1553 HAMILTON LANE

City ESCONDIDO

State CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** I am in favor of supporting the police department with whatever monetary and public support they need to do their jobs fairly and effectively. I am opposed to anything that would hinder their ability to enforce our laws, investigate crimes, protect residents and seek justice for and on behalf of Escondido citizens and taxpayers.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public hearing Intense no. 8

Subject Defunding Escondido PD

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Vanessa Throgmorton

Escondido Resident False

Street Address 540 E 8th Ave

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92025

Comments In order For our officers to protect & serve our community, they need funding.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/17/2020

Agenda # Public Hearing Item No. 8

**Subject** ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT (GANN LIMIT) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Vicente Gill

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 25110 Rue De Fleur

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** There should be no consideration given to any suggestion of defunding our Police Department.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject READ OUT LOUD. No to defunding police

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Vince Sheetz

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2605 GLENRIDGE RD

City ESCONDIDO

State CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** NO!! To any Defunding of the Escondido Police Dept. The Police security and services are of paramount importance to the city and its residents. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject budget

Position No Position

First and Last Name Walt Holmes

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1914 Clover Way

City Escondido

State ca

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** The proposed budget may be challenged with the idea of definding our police department. I OPPOSE defunding our Escondido Police. Please keep the funding intact.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Budget Fiscal Year 2020/21 Position No Position First and Last Name William J Thomas Escondido Resident True Street Address City

State

Zip

Comments My name is William Thomas and I have been a resident of Escondido for the past 40 years. I am currently retired, after a 33-year career with a San Diego County law enforcement agency. My comments are directed to the council regarding the upcoming decisions that will be made regarding the city's budget for fiscal year 2020/21. Our nation has currently been engaged in two national and international events, the magnitude of both being staggering in their importance & affect. The Covid-19 pandemic paused normal life as we have known it, and the effects from an economical, physical & mental standpoint have been enormous. Lately, we witnessed the tragic events that occurred in Minneapolis, resulting in the unnecessary death of a citizen and the rightful arrest of a police officer who abused his authority and exercised his own application of unlawful force that contributed to the citizen's death. My comments are directed to those council members who are contemplating joining the growing number of states and municipalities nationwide who have capitulated to the misguided masses who are calling for "defunding" and / or "disbanding" of all police & sheriff's departments nationwide. This movement is both unwise and unsafe in its application, with dire results awaiting those who chose to implement this concept, simply to promote a particular agenda or to appease anti-law enforcement activists. As elected officials, you are tasked with the development & implementation of programs & policies that will benefit the citizens of Escondido. One of those policies is to fund and maintain a police department whose duty and purpose is to protect the citizens of this city. In addition to answering calls for service daily, the police department conducts follow-up investigations of crimes committed, enforces and investigates traffic-related matters, conducts programs to educate the citizens on law enforcementrelated matters, has liaison officers working with all of the schools in the city, responds to emergencies and natural disasters, receives aerial support from the Sheriff's Department, works proactively to prevent crimes from being committed and works daily to maintain a safe and orderly environment. If you choose to reduce the police department's budget, or to "disband" it completely, be prepared for the

chaotic results of your misguided actions that will follow. When, or if, your decision is to follow the antilaw enforcement movement through defunding, the Chief will have no other alternative but to cut programs & reduce / eliminate personnel in key positions to meet that reduced budget. Follow-up investigations will be reduced or eliminated, patrol shift deployments will be reduced, crime prevention programs will be eliminated and the department will be working with a "skeleton" crew daily and responding to only emergency calls for service. Aerial support will discontinue, due to lack of funds required by the Sheriff's Department to maintain that program, and "Quality Of Life" programs administered by the Police Department will begin to disappear. Also be prepared for the lawsuits that will follow from citizens who are victims of otherwise preventable criminal actions. As the current wave of "peaceful" protesters cry that their actions shouldn't be judged by the few violent rioters in their midst, law enforcement should merit the same courtesy and not be judged by the few officers nationwide who violate their sworn duties. My opinion, as a resident and taxpayer of this city, is that my tax dollars be directed to funding the police department and not wasted on some "social programs" that have been proven to be ineffective and don't guarantee a safe environment. Do the right thing and continue with normal funding of the police department.

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/3/2020

Agenda # Public Hearing Item No. 8

Subject Fund police department

Position In Favor

First and Last Name BECKY HOFSETH

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1574 VIA SALERNO

**City** ESCONDIDO

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Whether local, state, or federal, government is primarily responsible for maintaining law and order. Escondido residents need adequate police enforcement to uphold law and maintain order. Retain funds!

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Defund the Police

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Becky Stokely

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1706 Crescent Knolls Glen

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** I do not support defunding the police department but would like the funding reviewed to serve the public better, such as more training and screening of policemen.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public Hearing Item #8

Subject Support in favor of our Escondido Police

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Catherine Day

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2170 Country Place

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Please read my comment in SUPPORT of our Escondido Police Dept. They do an amazing job keeping our City and citizens safe. They deserve our commendations for a job well done. Without our EPD, we would not have a safe home town. Thank you Escondido Police!

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Support our Police

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Ciara Dewey

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2110 Country Place

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Please do not defund our police. Let's be a city that supports our boys in blue who put their lives on the line to protect us.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public hearing item #8 Subject Support funding for Esco PD Position In Favor First and Last Name Dylan Valenzuela Escondido Resident True Street Address 1449 Calle Redonda Iane City Escondido State Ca Zip 92026 Comments Please support funding for our Police department. Thank you!

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # Public agenda #8

Subject Defunding the police

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Hannah urrutia

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1514 sedona glen

City Escondido

State Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Hello! We need our police department. Yes there are some bad cops but mostly there are so so many good cops. We need these good cops support in our community. They dont need a target on their backs. They are still humans and make mistakes but they are someones wives/fathers/sons/daughters. They need to be treated with respect! I support our local police department and will raise my kids to respect you as well. Thanks for all you do to keep us safe!

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Council Meeting Date 6/11/2020

Agenda # Escondido police

Subject Escondido police

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Helena Isbell

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 1910 Sleepy Hollow rd

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Hi I have been blessed to be born and raised in Escondido. Now we are raising our kids here in Escondido. The Escondido and all police put their lives on the line every time they go to work for you and me. They put their hearts into our community to make it the best it can be so we can live our lives knowing we are safe. We can call on them 24hr and they will be there for us to help and support what ever is going on. It is now our turn to help and support them. Please help us to do that in anyway you can. Escondido would not be a great and safe city with out our awesome Police department. Thank you and Thank You Escondido and all Police in America. God Bless our Police, Helena Isbell

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**Council Meeting Date** 6/10/2020

Agenda # 8

Subject Support EPD

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Josh Dewey

Escondido Resident True

Street Address 2110 Country Pl

City Escondido

State CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I think that we should fully support and give as many resources to the Escondido Police Department that they need. They risk their lives everyday even if ordinary citizens don't realize it, and without them our community would be a complete mess. Therefore I do not think that we should defund the police in any way.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject Funding for Escondido Police Department Position In Favor First and Last Name Richard W SCHAUER Escondido Resident True Street Address 2329 CORTINA CIRCLE City ESCONDIDO State California Zip 92029

**Comments** Absolutely YES our city must continue to fund and support our outstanding police department. The idea that jurisdictions across our great land would even consider de-funding their police support is beyond ludicrous, it is outright insane. The first job of government is the protection of its citizens. If police departments are curtailed or shut down altogether it places innocent, law abiding citizens in harm's way. The darker elements of our society will have free reign, resulting in the lunatics running the asylum. If innocent citizens are forced to live in fear then the very fabric of our society can break down. Criminals would become emboldened. Do we want to see a situation where people take matters in their own hands, given the knowledge that "They aren't coming" (meaning police)? Our governor has issued an executive order prohibiting police from arresting and incarcerating lawbreakers for a variety of crimes. This has already led to increased crime, more victims, and no justice under the law. Escondido needs to split from this Sacramento directive and make it clear that crime in our city will not be tolerated under the law.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # Public Hearing #8 Subject Read Out Loud - Defunding Police Department Position In Opposition First and Last Name Lynda LaForte Escondido Resident True Street Address 1865 Hamilton Lane City Escondido State California Zip 92029 92029

**Comments** Defunding the Escondido Police Department is a very dangerous proposal. Our police officers are highly trained professionals who risk their lives on our behalf every day. They swore an oath to protect and defend our enemies, foreign and domestic. Recently when Escondido was targeted by protestors who had threatened and destroyed property in other cities, our police officers worked 12 hour shifts to keep us safe. Who should the oppressed call for help if our police department is compromised in any way? Any other area in the budget could be cut but NOT the Escondido Police Department. We can live without smooth roads, or any other department I can name, but we can't live without our wonderful police department. Do you suggest our senior citizens take up arms and defend themselves? At such a time as this we should be structuring our budget to increase support and funding to the Escondido Police Department. A huge thank you to all of our police officers for their diligence and for all that they do! May God bless and protect.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating Budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Maya Reid Escondido Resident True Street Address 2428 Heatherwood Court City Escondido State CA Zip 92026

**Comments** I strongly oppose the current proposed budget. Our funding should go towards the community, through housing, community services, public works, and so on. The need for police will be lessened if we put forth more to make our city healthier in our struggling communities. Stop sending more and more money to the police when our community desperately needs assistance that SHOULD come from the money our community PROVIDES. Please do not disregard your city's wishes the way San Diego and and other cities' representatives have disregarded their constituents regarding this budgetary allotment.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Mayra Dominguez Escondido Resident True Street Address City State

Zip

**Comments** I do not think that supplying the police with more money is going to fix the problem we have going around in our community. Crime rates will not decrease if we keep fighting violence with violence. We need to focus that money on providing help for the Escondido Residents. That money can be used for resources such as mental health and housing. Programs on reaching out to the youth can be very helpful as they later develop a friendly experience within their community. This encourages them to give back to their community and help others in need. I am afraid that if more money is used for the police department we will seem more police brutality, thus increasing crime rates because officers are not respecting the residents. Allowing the money to be used for mental health and other community services can help many individuals.

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Council Meeting Date 6/10/2020 Agenda # 8 Subject 2020/2021 Operating budget Position In Opposition First and Last Name Marlen Hernandez Escondido Resident True Street Address 1202 Borden Rd SPC 135 City Escondido State California

**Zip** 92026

Comments As a resident and member of the Escondido community, I, Marlen Hernandez advocate that our city begin to take the steps to enacting a more preventative approach to crime rather than a reactive one. I thereby urge the reassessment of the operating budget to gradually reallocate financial resources away from the police department and towards community-centered programs to combat the issue of criminal activity. Our current police system is meant to address the issue of crime once it is already committed, but due to personal biases that can influence police officers' actions, those apprehended for crimes are disproportionately people of color, and specifically, Black people. Escondido is a city full of diversity, but no racial group should be perceived as more violent or deserving of a violent response. You have heard nationwide demands to abolish the police, but given that the statement is too radical and extremist, I suggest taking the initial steps of influencing the environment around us. It is not enough for our police officers or politicians nationwide to kneel or say they stand in solidarity with the black community when they are the ones directly involved in this unjust system. We want accountability and we want change. If you condemn the looting and burning showcased on the news and prefer the method of peace, then heed your own advice and consider non-violent approaches in disrupting the root of violence in this city. Firstly, I urge that Escondido follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and analyze the 911 calls being made within this city to identify what services are being requested from the police. With this we can then redirect our financial focus to programs and departments trying to address those issues. I am aware that the Escondido Police Department has a unit, COPPS, in which the main purpose is to reduce crime and address public concerns through a community-based, problem-solving approach. But it only consists of ten individuals, six of which are police officers, and only two of those six are designated as school resource officers to provide public safety and outreach to the schools in our community. What this city needs is returned funding to schools and increased availability of resources to aid students in their development. Investing in job

training programs, mental health specialists and counselors, workshops on preventing and handling sexual assault, and mentally and phyically abusive relationships, would be more beneficial in diverting the youth away from crimes. It provides them education and resources that will influence their life, and therefore attack the common roots of what leads individuals into a criminal route. I believe that gradual reallocation away from the police department towards these other necessities, if implemented meaningfully and thoughtfully, could decrease crime within the city. Once crime is decreased, the city will not have the need to rely on such a large police force. Data has shown that there has been an increase of over \$5 million towards employee services in general, and if we were to downsize the police department, it would alleviate future budgeting issues, with little to no need to increase their funding every year. As it is detailed by the meeting agenda, there is a predicted \$8 million deficit for the following fiscal year of 2021-22 in need of attention. To prevent the future deficit from being so large, more cuts can be made throughout the budget focusing specifically on the police department's. I acknowledge that the budget breakdown has already experienced cuts in order to offset this \$5 million increase, however the city can greatly benefit if even larger cuts were to be made. Given that there are many other programs in need of funding that would help decrease crime rates, why is the police department receiving a seemingly constant budget year after year? By implementing the programs detailed above, the overall need for police would diminish greatly, thus translating in the need for a smaller police force. Those officers who remain can continue to implement better de-escalating techniques and continue to be trained on how to approach situations involving citizens with cases of mental illness, sexual assault, and domestic abuse. We are not doing enough if we only focus on punishing crime once it is committed. We need to try and diminish crime at its roots. It is time we address and stop violent trends against black males for engaging in something as simple as walking through a neighborhood. Implicit and explicit prejudices should not be infiltrating professions that are dedicated to "serve and protect" citizens if they target someone for the color of their skin. As city councilors, you have the power to change this city, create a better and more efficient community-based security, and become a model for others. Minneapolis has already committed to abolish their police system and turn to alternative forms of policing. If abolishing the police is too radical, then our goal should be to minimize their role by implementing programs with the purpose of deterring crime. We can influence the environment we provide for our youth, and we can make this community flourish so that people do not have to resort to crime. We can do this together as a community, but it starts with you adjusting this budget.

A form has been submitted, click the link below to view the submission: <u>https://www.escondido.org/FormWizard/ViewSubmission.aspx?mid=5168&pageid=3094&rid=68f53c8d</u> <u>-91ea-4fa3-8dfc-31129ef72955</u> My name is Rob Wise. In these times of *"Social Justice"* concerns, I ask the Mayor & City Council to ASK the City Attorney that works for YOU, to show you the 2020 Sundance Court Briefing papers that are filed against us. With his unfair effort *"to win at all costs"*, YOUR City Attorney Brookholder is improperly blocking our First Amendment\*\*\* , Due-Process, & Rights of Redress to the Court. I spoke directly to you on March 4TH & March 25TH about this. At that time I gave you written evidence about the Sundance MHP 4TH District Court Decision. During our 2016 Rent Review Public Hearing the Board was misinformed about that decision. That 4TH Court wrote that they <u>DID NOT</u> consider about the <u>1) Time since last rent increase</u>". & 2) DID NOT consider about <u>"legal Fees"</u>.

*City Attorney Mark P Brookholder has called us "rogue".* We appreciate the complement, while we are fighting for our lives, and OUR \*\*\*American RIGHTS !

Mayor & City Council, PLEASE read the 2020 Court briefings and judge for yourselves the alleged misinformation that is being given to our Superior Court Judge in the last 5 months. Because of these above issues, & because of the RRB facts that you have about the Sundance Mobile HomeOwner Residents that did indeed protest BOTH of the last TWO Short-Form Rent Increase Decisions with 55% against it in 2018 and many against it in **Jan. 2020**, Brookholder has stated incorrectly that the Sundance MHP Residents accepted the RRB Rent Increase Decisions. This is obviously NOT TRUE !