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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Current policy towards housing and the homeless community

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Aldo Brambila

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Housing is a human right. Escondido City Council should have its constituents best interests in mind, and the City Council letting the housing crisis deepen only hurts the community. The police harassing the already displaced members of the community IS NOT an effective solution to the problem. It should be the job of this council to properly address this crisis with new and innovative solutions that prioritizes maintaining the dignity of the houseless community members and get them into stable housing.

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Item # Oral Communication

Subject Escondido Housing for All

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Anzy McWha

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I am a resident of San Marcos. I support the demands of the Escondido Housing for All movement. I was very sad to hear about the murder of homeless community member Steven Olson by Escondido police. I feel that the city should reevaluate their approach to the issue of homelessness. Rather than sending violent police officers, we need to invest in long-term solutions that will address the root of the problem. Affordable housing solutions as rent control and inclusionary housing will make it possible for people to stay in their homes. In the short-term, we should also offer amenities for homeless people such as bathrooms, showers, shelters with low barriers for entry, and safe parking programs for those living in their cars. Additionally, people trying to survive homelessness are constantly fined, ticketed, incarcerated or WORSE (as in Mr. Olson's case). If someone is already facing extreme poverty and homelessness, intervention by the police only makes things worse. We need to offer help, not punishment. Stop sending the police to do the work of a social worker/counselor, and please do something to address the cause of homelessness in North County: unaffordable housing!

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Eric Novak

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I am calling on the city council to make a real commitment to addressing the homelessness crisis in Escondido. Housing costs are skyrocketing, and people who are living on the streets are harassed by businesses, police, and city officials alike. The solution to homelessness in Escondido isn't to hassle people until they go to a different city's streets — it's to provide housing for all.

The city of Escondido must combat rising housing costs by implementing a rent control policy that is as strict as legally possible. The city must pass an ordinance requiring a significant percentage of new residences to be affordable to low-income households. Shelters need to be available that meet people's needs, and don't have arbitrary or difficult barriers to entry. The city needs to invest in public amenities for people living on the streets, including free public restrooms and showers, locker rooms, cooling centers, and safe overnight parking for people living in vehicles. And lastly, police harassment of the homeless needs to end immediately. Constantly barraging the homeless with tickets, fines, and arrests simply for trying to survive on the streets helps no one — the city needs to be providing help, not harassment.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Forest Smith

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Everyone deserves housing and support from the community. People love to say that they care about the community and politicians are always making promises to take care of their constituents. That responsibility extends to all constituents, not just those who are wealthy or own property.

We want to see rent control. We want to see safe homeless-friendly communities. And we do not want these humans to be over looked and left for themselves. There are so many things that city government can do to really improve the lives of those living in poverty. Do the right thing and sleep soundly knowing you stood up for your constituents.

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Item # Oral communication

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name hannah jarrell

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

We need California rent increases capped statewide at 10% and no more than twice a year. We need to provide public amenities for people living on the street, bathrooms, showers, locker rooms, cooling centers, as well as safe overnight parking for people who live in their vehicles. We need to stop Police harassment rampant in the homeless community. People on the street are constantly fined, ticketed, incarcerated or worse, just for trying to peacefully exist. We believe in housing for all. That means making housing affordable and accessible no matter what challenges people are facing. We need an ordinance which requires that a certain percentage of all new residences are affordable to low income households.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Nova Birch

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

The harassment and dehumanization homeless people face in Escondido, in SD Country, and in the United States more broadly are unacceptable. It is inhumane to treat housing as a mere commodity to be bought and sold for a profit with no consideration for the consequences, such as mass evictions to turn apartment buildings into AirBnBs, gentrification that drives people out of their own hometowns due to increases in the cost of living, and letting perfectly good housing sit empty while American citizens sleep on the street because they cannot afford it. It is more than possible to ensure everyone in the country has dignified housing; there are already much poorer countries that already guarantee housing as a human right in their constitution. Housing, as well as anything a person needs to live a dignified and healthy life, should be treated as a human right, and freedom and liberty cannot exist in a world where there is still poverty and systemic injustice.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I urge you and your council to 1) increase funding for low and no income housing, establish clean and safe public restrooms around the city and fund more low-barrier shelters and other crucial resources that will actually help these folks and 2) end the policies that criminalize homelessness

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Item # Oral Communication

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Yassmin Shamma

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Good Evening, my name is Yassmin and I want to address the ongoing housing crisis and the overall lack of resources for the houseless community. Housing is a human right and every human being deserves shelter. Homelessness is not a failure of the homeless individual, but of the state, of the government, of you all to guarantee access to safe, affordable, stable and adequate housing for all. Let me re-iterate that, safe, affordable, stable and adequate housing for all.

There are very few resources for homeless folks and it seems like the current policies and approach to address homelessness is to just fine them and sweep them and even imprison these folks. But think critically here, that doesn't truly fix anything. There is a lack of affordable housing, a lack of accessible and widespread public restrooms, people can't sleep in their cars unless it's one of the limited designated parking lots and on top of that there is wide spread implementation of anti-homeless infrastructure. You might think, well we have shelters and you might believe the false narrative that homeless folks simply don't want help or refuse it, but that's not the case. First, there are a limited number of beds in the North County shelters, oftentimes these shelters will have limiting restrictions or incompatible hours of operation, may not be the safest or may have invasive and disrespectful check-in processes.

I can go on and on about this situation and the unfair and unjust responses from the City of Escondido but instead I'll end with a call to action. All people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. All people deserve safe, affordable, stable and adequate housing. I urge you and your council to 1) increase funding for low and no income housing, establish clean and safe public restrooms around the city and fund more low-barrier shelters and other crucial resources that will actually help these folks and 2) end the policies that criminalize homelessness once and for all because you will not "fix homelessness" by fining them, sweeping them, destroying their belongings or throwing them into jail, you really won't.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Zachary Deneris

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am in support of this measure because everyone deserves housing, even those in poverty. In addition, this measure contains common sense reforms that have been successful in other cities with very little consequence to budget or tax revenue usage. Also, it contains language that would prevent the authorities of the city such as the police from continuing to unfairly and arbitrarily brutalizing the population of Escondido.