



City Council Meeting
Public Comments
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Item # Non-Agenda

Subject SANDAG

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Kevin Stevenson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dane White, you have only been mayor for a month and have already proved to be an utter joke. That walkout that you and the other right-wing hacks on SANDAG did was embarrassing. What you wanted was for the smaller cities to have an unfair advantage over the bigger cities, just like how small states have an unfair advantage over bigger states in the US Senate. A weighted vote is the best way to have a proportional democracy, and Nora Vargas will make a terrific chair of the board. I know KUSI is trying to smear Nora and prop up your minority rule fantasy, but I would hope that the majority of Escondido residents don't fall for it and feel the embarrassment I feel for your little stunt.

Submitted on Sunday, January 22, 2023 - 4:10pm

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Council Meeting Date 1/25/22

Item # 7

Subject District 3 Council Vacancy - Christian Garcia

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Delores Chavez Harmes

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I will not be in attendance at this Wednesday's council meeting, but would ask the following comment be read into the record:

Dear Mayor White and Councilmembers,

As the Past President of the Latino American Political Association of San Diego County (LAPA), I am reaching out today to voice my support for appointing Christian Garcia to the Escondido City Council, representing District 3. Christian has been a member of LAPA for several years and has always been willing to work hard on behalf of the causes he believes in. He has strong connections with the community in Escondido and will be representative of the diverse interests of the City. Christian served in the Peace Corps, has a masters degree in public policy, and has worked for many years as a classroom teacher. Most recently, Christian has served diligently as a member of the Palomar Community College Board, always advocating for the best interests of students and taxpayers. Based on my firsthand experience working with Christian, I believe he is well positioned to be an impactful member of the Escondido City Council.

Sincerely,

Delores Chavez Harmes

Submitted on Monday, January 23, 2023 - 9:34am

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Council Meeting Date 1/25/22

Item # 7

Subject D3 Vacancy, Christian Garcia, In Support

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Delia Dominguez Cervantes

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Please read during the upcoming council meeting

Good afternoon Escondido City Council,

My name is Delia Dominguez Cervantes and over the past several decades I have been a member and leader of the Latino American Political Association here in San Diego County. LAPA strives to promote leadership and unity in the Latino community and to increase Latino participation in the political process and representation in government. I am writing today in strong support of Christian Garcia for Escondido City Council, District 3. Christian is a member of LAPA and has shown his dedication to promoting the wellbeing and values of the Latino community in San Diego County. Christian is a committed teacher, caring husband, dedicated elected official, and would serve the residents of Escondido well. I hope you will strongly consider supporting Christian Garcia to fill the District 3 vacancy on the Escondido City Council.

Delia Dominguez Cervantes

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Council Meeting Date Wednesday January 25

Item # Item 7

Subject Christian Garcia application for D3 council appointment

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jagjivan S Kehal

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

To be read during the council meeting;

Good afternoon Escondido City council,

My name is Jivan Kehal. I have been a resident of Escondido for 4 years.

I am writing in to voice my support for the district 3 candidate, Christian Garcia. The last three years, I have served with Christian on our HOA board.

During that time, I have seen Christian work collaboratively with EPD to ensure the community's safety. He has helped increase our security systems and helped create processes for members to report concerns. He has worked with management to improve the infrastructure of our complex, and help clean the community to improve the aesthetics. He has created and pushed policies to incentivize investors to remodel and sell outdated units. He has made difficult decisions to help balance our budget. And much more.

Christian would serve our city well and our district well.

Thank you

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Council Meeting Date 1/25/2023

Item # 7

Subject City Council District 3 Vacancy

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jim Bowen

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I recommend a special election to fill the city council vacancy. We have a list of strong candidates for the district 3 representative, and the voters should make the decision, not the existing council members. Please decide to go with a special election - this is important for the residents of District 3.

Submitted on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 - 1:56pm

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Council Meeting Date 01/25/23

Item # 7

Subject District 3

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Joanne Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I don't think the city council should have the power to choose the council person for District 3. The people of District 3 should have the right to choose their own representative just like the other districts.

Submitted on Monday, January 23, 2023 - 3:34pm

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Council Meeting Date Wednesday, January 25th 2023

Item # 7

Subject CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 VACANCY INTERVIEWS - Raymond J. Alto

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name John Williams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I personally believe the Council should have a special election for the Councilmember position in District 3. The Escondidans in District 3 deserve to choose their own candidate. If not an election, I ask that the Council wait at least another month before they fill the vacancy for District 3 so we can have more public input. The people of District 3 deserve at least that.

I also believe candidate, Ray Alto to be unfit for office for two reasons: He moved from District 4 into District 3 immediately following the elections last November--I find that suspicious. Secondly, he donated to Mayor White's campaign. That may constitute a conflict of interest. Did he donate to any other councilmembers' campaigns?

Mr. Alto works in the Real Estate business. Would it not be a conflict of interest for him to be making real estate deals and at the same time, voting on important land use issues with the Council? There is no oversight for this.

I ask that the Council to please make their considerations carefully, and with the interests of all Escondidans in mind. Thank you for your service.

Submitted on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 - 11:39am

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Council Meeting Date 1/25/2023

Item # 7

Subject CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 VACANCY INTERVIEWS

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Karem Elhams

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I personally believe the Council should have a special election for the Councilmember position in District 3. As it is the American democratic way, District 3 residents deserve to vote to choose their own candidate. If not an election, I ask that the Council wait at least another month before they fill the vacancy for District 3 so we can have more public input. The people of District 3 deserve at least that.

I also believe that candidate, Ray Alto does not appear to be fit for office for two reasons: He moved from District 4 into District 3 immediately following the elections last November-- that looks suspicious. Secondly, he donated to Mayor White's campaign. That may constitute a conflict of interest. Did he donate to any other councilmembers' campaigns?

Regarding Mr. Alto works in the Real Estate business. Would it not be a conflict of interest for him to be making real estate deals and at the same time, voting on important land use issues with the Council? There is ample suspicion of a conflict of interest her.

I ask that the Council to please make their considerations carefully, and with the interests of all Escondidans in mind."

Do the right thing for Escondido's District 3.

Thank you.

Karem

Submitted on Monday, January 23, 2023 - 3:25pm

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Item # 7

Subject Councilmember for District 3

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Karen Anderson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Council should have a special election for the Councilmember position in District 3. Those in District 3 deserve to choose their own candidate. If not an election, I ask that the Council wait at least another month before they fill the vacancy for District 3 so we can have more public input.

I also believe the candidate, Ray Alto, to be unsuitable for office for the following reasons:

(1) He moved from District 4 into District 3 immediately following the elections last November, which is suspicious.

(2) He donated to Mayor White's campaign. That is a clear conflict of interest. (Did he donate to any other councilmembers' campaigns?)

Mr. Alto works in Real Estate. Would it not be a conflict of interest for him to be making real estate deals and at the same time voting on important land use issues in the Council? (As it is, developers appear to own and operate Escondido's City Council.)

Please do not appoint Mr. Alto without further scrutiny and consideration.

Submitted on Friday, January 20, 2023 - 3:57pm

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Item # 7

Subject CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 VACANCY INTERVIEWS

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Pam Albergo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I write today in regards to the Council majority moving forward with the appointment of a councilmember to the newly redrawn District 3. I believe that the residents of the new District 3 should have the ability to have their voices heard. This newly formed district is far different from the old district three in both the type of housing and needs. The old District 3 was more rural and the new is almost entirely urban. This new district should have a representative that will have the interest of this new urban district and be chosen by the residents.

I would urge you to not go forward with an appointment tonight. Please consider taking this item off calendar and moving forward with a special election.

I have heard your discussion about the cost of the special election and I have wondered if the figure that was mentioned is specific to just a single district special election cost, or a citywide election cost? I do believe that whatever the cost, it would be a valuable investment in the City's future.

If you insist on going forward with the appointment tonight, I would request the person who you appoint be precluded from running for a future term, allowing a fair election for both the candidates and voters.

Thank you,
Pam Albergo

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Item # 7

Subject Interview of District 3 candidates

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Thomas W Albergo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Honorable Mayor White,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Tom Albergo, I have lived in Escondido since 1989, and served the City as a Police Lieutenant for nearly 31 years. I was a life long Republican until a few years ago, when I became a NPP. When my wife and I attended your inauguration, I was pretty impressed with your words. I liked hearing about your background, and especially when you stated that we may have different views, but that doesn't make us enemies.

As a police manager, I always appreciated having people with alternate, if not opposing, viewpoints on a situation. I'm sure that there are many wise sayings about having many people involved in decision-making, like "two heads are better than one," etc.

I'm writing to request that you consider appointing a council member who may not necessarily be in your party. Think about the opportunity to gain insight from "the other side" and be open to discussion of the merits of opposing views. I have no horse in the race, but I think it would go a long way to many residents if you showed that you are not afraid of appointing a moderate or even more liberal thinking candidate. You don't seem like the type of person who needs, or wants, a "yes" man or woman. You still have the majority of council members who seem aligned with conservative viewpoints, so adding someone that perhaps expands the opportunities may be a good thing for the City and the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Albergo

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Item # 7

Subject CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 VACANCY INTERVIEWS

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Vinh An Le

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I'm a constituent from Escondido District 3, and I've been following progress of the City Council District 3 vacancy. I've read responses from candidates and I'm very concerned by the interests of privatizing our public services and of criminalizing our homeless neighbors. I feel that these approaches ignore the needs of our fellow community members and do not serve the best interests of our communities.

As the City Council is reviewing these candidates to appoint to District 3, I would like to register my vote as a constituent of District 3 against these candidates. I do not want them to represent me in District 3.

Thank you for your consideration.