



**City Council Meeting**  
**Public Comments**  
**January 30, 2023**

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Council Meeting Date 01/30/2023

Item # 1

Subject District 3 Vacancy

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Joanne Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The people of District 3 should have the opportunity to vote for their representative and have their say.  
It's not too late to have a special election.

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Item # 1

Subject CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 VACANCY APPOINTMENT

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name John Williams

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Councilmembers Martinez & Garcia should be commended for not deciding to fill the Council District 3 position after a single night of interviews.

-The people of District 3 deserve the opportunity to vote for their representative. Only the voters should choose who represents them.

-Mayor White is Councilmember Morasco's son-in-law. The optics on that could easily be misunderstood. Filling a Council seat is a very important process, and as many people as possible should be involved in that decision. It's very important citizens have confidence in our leadership.

-If you must choose instead of electing, please choose someone that reflects the majority party registration of District 3.

-Dana Nuesca should be disqualified from the selection process. It would be a conflict of interest because she was a former client and treasurer for Councilmember Morasco's campaign.

-Please choose a candidate that every member of the Council can work with. Don't simply exploit an opportunity to have a party majority on the Council. In this situation, every Councilmember should be acting in interest of the people of District 3. Ideally, we should have a special election.

Thank you all for your service.

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Item # 1

Subject Selection of District 3 Council Member

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Katharine W Barba

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

To: Escondido City Council Members

This comment is to endorse appointment of David Barber for the District 3 City Council vacancy. Mr. Barber has served Escondido well and in particular as a past and current planning commissioner. Mr. Barber consistently demonstrates considerable knowledge of policies and plans and is able to articulate a well informed and equitable vision for the city. He is also sensitive to resident interests and frequently acknowledges and supports the community in his regular articles in the Times Advocate. Mr. Barber would be an excellent choice for District 3.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kate Barba, Chair, Escondido Planning Commission

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Item # 1

Subject Appointment of City Council District 3

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Pamela Albergo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I again ask that the council take the appointment of District 3 councilmember off of the calendar and allow for the residents of District 3 to have their own councilmember decided by them and not the Council. If an appointment goes forward tonight, I would again ask for that appointee be precluded from running for the seat in 2024.

That being said; if the Council goes forward, I must say that I am truly impressed with the potential candidates that applied for the vacant council position. It is wonderful to see the talent and eagerness to tackle this important task.

I did find that there were two candidates that were very impressive and I would ask if you do appoint tonight that you would appoint either Christine Spencer or Virginia Segarra Bunnell, both of whom have vast experience and would be an asset to District 3 and Council.

Thank you,  
Pam Albergo

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Item # 1

Subject Selection of Council member

Position No Position

First and Last Name Thomas W Albergo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

First of all, I would like to applaud the entire Council for attentively listening to each of the Council applicants. There are certainly a lot of very capable and experienced folks seeking appointment. I also admire the two members who requested time to evaluate what they learned about the candidates, and were not ready to make a snap or pre-determined decision.

I'm requesting 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 believe 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. I feel that Christine Mary Spencer would be an excellent choice.

Thank you for your service, Tom Albergo

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Item # 0

Subject District 3 Special Appointment

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Derek Escobar

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Regarding the interviews conducted on 01/25/2023. I believe Christine Spencer is the best person to represent District 3. Before completing her master's degree in Public Administration specializing in Health Policy in 2005, Christine was working in the United States Senate in Washington D.C. Christine worked as a Legislative Assistant and spoke about the concerns of the senator's constituents on the Senate floor. Christine's extensive experience working for and with many non-profit organizations across the north county that serve the needs of Escondido make her a candidate that can start immediately with ideas and solutions without the need to learn on the job. She serves on boards that take care of the community. I strongly encourage the city council and mayor to appoint Christine Spencer to the vacant District 3 seat.

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Item # 1

Subject Appointment - District 3 vacancy

Position No Position

First and Last Name patricia borchmann

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Appointment for City Council - District 3 -

I am grateful that the City Council continued this important Agenda item, to allow stakeholders time to preview candidate nominations, instead of taking immediate action to appoint a Councilmember to represent District 3. In Escondido public stakeholders want to see the vacancy filled by the most qualified candidate, who has practical experience, expertise and a history of applying independent decision-making skills.

While I would have preferred to see the District 3 vacancy be filled based on a Special Election (instead of a Council appointment), it seems this process at least considers public comments and recommendations made by public stakeholders. I am hopeful that is actually the case, and that the decision on this appointment hasn't actually already been made by at least two or more City Council members and the Mayor, to support Christian Garcia. It is notable that maximum campaign donations were made by candidate Ms. C. Garcia to election campaigns for Mayor Dane White and Councilmember M. Morasco. Similar observations are also noted that maximum campaign donations were made by Mayor Dane White and Councilmember M. Morasco to support Christian Garcia during her election campaign for Palomar College District 2 Trustee, and an endorsement by Councilmember R. Garcia. In my personal opinion, this appointment to fill the District 3 vacancy is critical to determine the future in Escondido, and decisions made should be based on ethics, sound land use and environmental considerations, instead of mutual agenda priorities, political favors, profile or familial relationship. Council decisions will have impacts on quality of life for years, even decades, and stakeholders want to see assurances that the impacts will benefit the community.

It is encouraging to see so many qualified applicants in competition to earn the appointment to undertake public service in Escondido. After having previewed the applications, the responses to questions, and viewing the candidates performance during interviews at the last City Council meeting, it is my personal recommendation for City Council to appoint one of the following candidates:



David Barber  
Juan Vargas  
Karen Maria Warner Spann

Thank you for thoughtful consideration.