



City Council Meeting
Public Comments
December 6, 2023

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date December 6th

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Calling for a Ceasefire and an End to US Aid to Israel

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Anzy McWha

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please pass a symbolic resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire and an end to US aid for Israel. This will put pressure on the decision-makers in Washington to stop wasting taxpayer money and to take action to end the genocide in Palestine. \$1,846,000.00 of tax revenue from the city of Escondido is being sent to the Israeli government and that money could be better spent on the citizens of Escondido. Stand with the people of Escondido, not with the war-mongers in Washington!

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Email DAN.PRITSKER@GMAIL.COM

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Item # Oral communication

Subject Weaponizing city council

Position No Position

First and Last Name DAN PRITSKER

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

In recent weeks pro Palestinian members were trying to drug city council into an external issues to Escondido. This waste out time and causing mire divide in our community. Despite that Israel is our best ally in middle east we still need to focus on our community. Its not a job of Escondido to solve all issues around the globe

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Council Meeting Date 12/06/23

Item # Oral Communications

Subject 1.8 million from Esco taxes sent to the apartheid state of Israel - end this support so the genocide stops!

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Gabriela Rod

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please pass a symbolic resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire and an end to US aid for Israel. This will put pressure on the decision-makers in Washington to stop wasting taxpayer money and to take action to end the genocide in Palestine.

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Stand with the people of Escondido, not with the war-mongers in Washington!

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

Email leighb421@gmail.com

Council Meeting Date 12/06

Item # Oral Communications

Subject Don't send more aid to Israel!

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Nate Bartley

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

As a resident of the greater San Diego area, I urge you to support and call for a permanent ceasefire in Palestine as well as cutting all funding to them. This money should be put towards to people of your city.

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 12/6/23

Item # 1

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jay Libman

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

The council of a City should only be focused on the needs of the city and its residents. With all due respect, you should not be discussing or entertaining world politics Especially since none of us are experts or live there. Our opinions do not matter here in San Diego and have no place in local city discussions.

Jay

As a retired USMC LIEUTENANT COLONEL & Combat Intelligence Officer let me be clear. Please show me the nation of Palestine on a map. You won't find it.

Yet there are people who want our City Council to back a resolution standing with a nonexistent country against a legitimate nation state Israel.

These people are accusing Israel of war crimes. This is insanity. The crimes against Israel on October 7, 2023 resulted in 1,400 innocent people murdered by HAMAS terrorists who came out of GAZA in a sneak attack against civilians.

Our City of Escondido has no business passing any resolution supporting those who call themselves Palestinians. These people are antisemites who hate Jews, Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, et al.

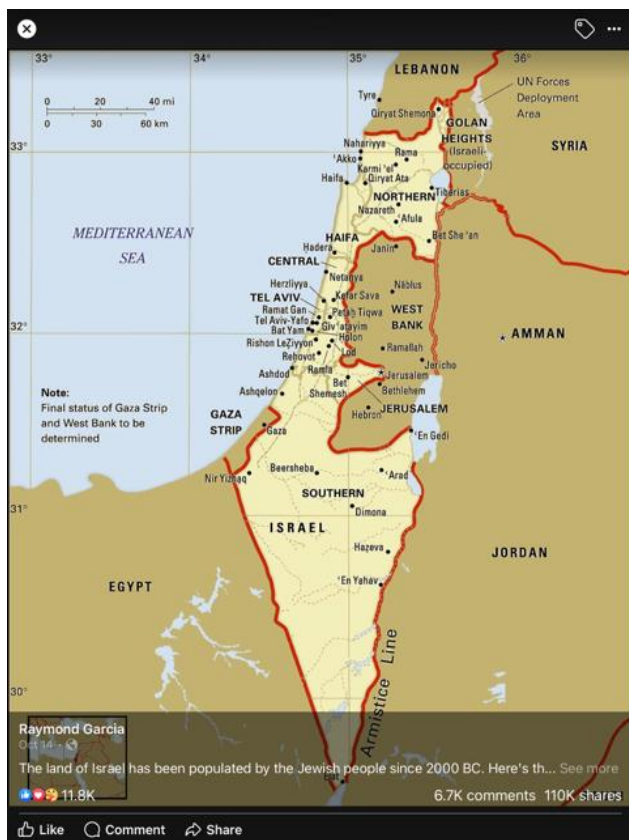
We as a City need to condemn the attacks on Israel by the likes of Hamas, Muslim Brotherhood, Hezbollah, Iran, Yemen, et al.

They murdered, raped, committed heinous atrocities & kidnapped innocent civilians mostly elderly, women & children.

After listening to Consuelo Martinez complain & whine about how unfairly she was treated, she appears to support the so called Palestinians aka Hamas.

Time for her to leave the Council since it appears she backs those who really did commit war crimes.

Warren H. Brazas



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Council Meeting Date 12/06/2023

Item # 0

Subject ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - REGULAR SESSION

Position No Position

First and Last Name Francisco Carbajal

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello, city council; my name is Francisco Carbajal. I was raised here in Escondido; my first jobs were here, and, yes, growing up, I took part in the best and worst Escondido had to offer. All of my family still lives here, as well.

I'm the Executive Director of a new nonprofit called Peace Anger Love, which aims to address the need to give victims of youthful offenses a voice and provide an alternative to traditional diversion programs. We recently received funding from the Escondido Community Foundation and the Boys and Girls Foundation and were blessed by many donors during our Giving Tuesday campaign.

As you're probably aware, the community has been working on finding alternatives to youth incarceration, which is excellent. Still, we cannot forget the victims and communities harmed by those wrongdoings.

Peace Anger Love is now providing a specific diversion program centered around the needs of the person and community harmed while ensuring the responsible youth is held genuinely accountable and has all the opportunities and resources to avoid the punitive criminal justice system.

The Escondido Police Department is aware of our process. They can make arrest referrals straight to Peace Anger Love. More importantly, the community referral process is now running for incidents where the responsible party or the victims do not want to involve law enforcement.

To engage the community, we're bringing symposiums, social media campaigns, and conferences to Escondido in early 2024, funded by victim and youth advocacy local and national groups, tribal communities, and justice partners; we're meeting with large and small business owners impacted by the rise of theft and burglary incidents, and tabling events to let the community know they now have a diversion program that elevates the voice of victims.

I would love to meet with you individually or as a group to share more about our mission, what drove us to create Peace Anger Love, and how our prior programs have saved taxpayers over 16 million dollars for just 300 cases that were diverted, increased the sense of justice for victims/people harmed to 98%,

and decreased youth reoffending from over 50% down to 8%. More changes in Laws are coming into effect on January 1st, and we must stay ahead of them.

I look forward to supporting my community as you all have through your service in this council.

Thank you!

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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Free Speech and Free Palestine

Position No Position

First and Last Name Shay M Johnson

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

I am writing in support of the Escondido City Youth Council and in support of free speech. To refuse to listen to your city members because you disagree with what they want to bring up concerns about, or to make last minute changes to your meeting format with little input and in clear dismissal of concerns that are being brought up being you as the city council does not want to listen, is immoral and shows a complete disregard for free speech. Many people, including myself, have spoken up to call for the Escondido council to join the councils that will pass a symbolic resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire in Palestine and an end to US aid for Israel. This relates to Escondido because you have Palestinians living here who are being affected, and because \$1,846,000.00 of Escondido's tax revenue goes to funding Israel's government. I am asking you to divest and put this money to your city issues instead which you purport to care about.

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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Stand up for Palestine - YOUR CONSTITUENTS ARE

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Dilyana Toteva

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Your Escondido constituents are profoundly distressed by the genocide of small children and babies in Gaza. Please pass a symbolic resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire and an end to US aid for Israel. This will put pressure on the decision-makers in Washington to stop wasting taxpayer money and to take action to end the genocide in Palestine.

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Item # Oral communications

Subject Permanent Ceasefire

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Elizabeth Stone

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please pass a symbolic resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire and an end to US aid for Israel. This will put pressure on the decision-makers in Washington to stop wasting taxpayer money and to take action to end the genocide in Palestine. We owe it to the people of Palestine to show our support in their time of need.

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Item # 17

Subject Vinehenge

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Carol Rogers

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I support the staff recommendation to remove and replace with standard play structure, relocated to meet current playground safety regulations and to align with the recently approved Grape Day Park Master Plan

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Item # 17

Subject Grape Day Park

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Hannah Santos

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please fence in the playground. It is the least safe park in Escondido due to the heavily drug addicted people that hang out around there, as evidenced by the kidnapping attempt a couple of years ago. Foam padding would be nice for the pre-walkers, as of now Felicita and 4th of July are our only playgrounds with foam padding to take our pre-walking children to and they are some of the most inaccessible playgrounds in terms of location and price (fee to get into Felicita.) we also really need playground areas geared to 1-3 year olds as those are almost completely absent and limited to Felicita and 4th of July as well. Please invest in our youngest community members so we can stop driving to San Marcos to visit good playgrounds.

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Item # 00

Subject Parks

Position No Position

First and Last Name Janneth Torres

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I learned that Grape Day Park will go under construction. It would be lovely to have shade over the structure, have better control of the homeless situation, have a secured fence since the street is right next to it. I moved from San Marcos to Escondido before having children (3 years ago) and I wish I would have considered the impact that it was going to have on my family and specifically, my children. It's sad that I have to drive to San Marcos to find a park with proper facilities that is safe and comfortable to be in. Escondido is lacking the community parks, and lacking keeping Escondido families in Escondido for family outings. Unfortunately, going to San Marcos for parks, also means making stops in San Marcos to buy goods.

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Email Lucyolguin2000@yahoo.com

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Item # 17

Subject Removal of Grape slide and grapevine structures

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Lucy Olguin

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I ask that you please not remove the grape slide and grapevines at Grape Day Park. These two structures ARE Grape Day Park. The slide is very popular as well as the vines. My son has ADHD and these structures are the main reason why he comes to this park. He releases his energy climbing the vines and hanging like a monkey. As many other kids enjoy it too. There is always a line at Grape slide. It is very popular! This park is huge. There is always space beside the playground for more play structures. Please reconsider not removing the grape slide and grapevines. Thank You.

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Item # Vinehenge

Subject

Position No Position

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Vinehenge is an iconic part of Escondido's history. Repurposing the SCULPTURE into an art installation would be effective. It could be elevated above little climbers' interests on a podium platform, hung from a high ceiling or creatively integrated into the Queen Califia garden. The Queen Califia garden plus Vinehenge are unappreciated yet very valuable pieces of Art. The monetary value appreciates, especially if kept in pristine condition. I first saw St. Phalle's sculptures while in Nice, France along the walkway adjacent to the Mediterranean. The art donated to this city is priceless, yet it is unprotected from vandalism. We have a treasure chest of outstanding, world class Art that should and must be preserved. Vinehenge is part of that collection.

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Item # 17

Subject Grape Day Park

Position No Position

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please remove the grape play structure and everything. We need an updated, safe, fenced in playground for our children. Preferably the playground should have rubberized flooring as wood chips are a safety issue

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Item # NA

Subject Grape Day Park Remodel

Position No Position

First and Last Name

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Grape Day Park Updates: Kindly requesting the following:

- 1) Sunshade for play areas including but not limited to a shade structure like at Felícita County Park
- 2) a fenced play area to prevent children from running off into the street
- 3) age-appropriate playground area for young toddlers
- 4) foam floor and rounded corners for any concrete

5) I don't mind the homeless there, they are people and have every right to be there. I just hope they can have an area to safely dispose of their needles and use the toilet.

6) I think it is time to remove the wooden "vines" that have been painted over and over- for about 30 years. They are so slippery now. Perhaps a new play area for young toddlers can go there.

Thank you.

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Item # 17

Subject Grape Day Park

Position No Position

First and Last Name Virginia Chacos

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

As a resident of Escondido with a 3 year old daughter, I'd like to request shade over the exposed playground equipment. The swings are unusable in the summer.

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Item # Grape Day park

Subject Grape Day Park

Position No Position

First and Last Name Tina

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Hello I would like to suggest a splash pad for the children of Escondido and better parks. I often take my daughter to parks out of the city because we don't have any good parks. Everything is out of date or broken slides. Also there is no shade on one of the hottest cities. Please update Escondido to something more friendly for children.