

Student Comments on Escondido's General Plan

**Bear Valley Middle School
January 21, 2010**

**Grant Middle School
January 27, 2010**



What students said they like about Escondido:

1. Kit Carson Park, Dixon Lake, Daley Ranch and the open areas close to the city
2. Location, climate; proximity to the beach / mountains and S. California attractions
3. Close to college and university
4. Feeling of “community”
5. Sports Center at Kit Carson Park
6. Movie Theater Complex
7. City Library
8. Boys and Girls Club
9. Cruisin’ Grand
10. Westfield Mall
11. Public Art

What students said would make Escondido a better place for them and their peers:

1. Provide opportunities for more youth-oriented attractions and fun things to do:
 - a. Several comments desiring Boomers Family Fun Center and bowling alley
 - b. Excited about In-N-Out coming to town; would like to see: Johnny Rockets, Dip-N-Dots, Sonic, and yogurt shops
 - c. Family arcade complex
 - d. BMX (off-road bicycle) track facility
 - e. Build another skate park (current one is too crowded)
 - f. Amusement / theme park / aquarium
2. Provide opportunities for improving their future:
 - a. Help the schools by paying for more teachers

What students said would make Escondido a better place for everyone:

Circulation & Utilities:

1. Make Escondido more beautiful by undergrounding overhead utilities
2. Sidewalks need to be provided in my neighborhoods area
3. Trees and bushes need to be trimmed at street corners (parents say they have trouble seeing around corners in certain areas)
4. Fix pot holes (parents complain about street maintenance and repair)
5. Install more landscaping to make the streets prettier to drive on
6. Improve traffic control (parents complain about congestion)
7. Provide more roads that make it easier for riding bikes

Public Recreational Services & Facilities:

1. Increase the City's library hours
2. Make our parks safer (gang and homelessness issues cited)
3. Provide a shelter for the homeless
4. Solve the bug and gnat problem at Kit Carson Park
5. Additional trails and recreational paths
6. Build more animal shelters
7. Provide more community art classes
8. Provide more public concerts

Private Projects Suggested:

1. Escondido needs more restaurants / establish a "restaurant row"
2. Bring Costco to Escondido
3. Build the stadium for the Chargers
4. Build an outlet mall

Planning for Escondido's Future:

1. Escondido needs to provide areas for careers they would like to pursue in health care, legal, journalism, small business, art, culinary, music, design, architecture, engineering, law enforcement, education, construction
2. Escondido needs to be more "eco-friendly" (building sustainable projects)
3. Make riding the bus easier by providing more stops
4. Build street plazas for people to meet

