



**Public Comments**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**January 13, 2021**

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 10

**Subject** Read Out Loud Please Support Item 10

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Penn Diehl

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 22078 Gallop Way

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** I support Item 10. Any initiative which takes guns away from violent and dangerous individuals is likely to be a good one. In this case I believe the qualifications to have one's gun removed are sufficient to avoid depriving sensible and lawful gun owners from gun ownership. Removing guns from violent individuals is a great and proven way to reduce mortalities in the case of an attack or "mass" violence.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Future Agenda Item Policy

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Aisha Wallace-Palomares

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 26357 Crescendo Dr

**City** Escondido

**State** California

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** I am in favor of allowing any single council member to add an item to the agenda. Reverting back to the previous rule is purposeless. Not all council members have the same expertise on all issues, thus they need to be able to put things in the agenda in the event they would like more information. Although not every issue may apply to all districts it does not mean it isn't worthy of being on the agenda.

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**Email** [amvprado@yahoo.com](mailto:amvprado@yahoo.com)

**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16, 17

**Subject** Council Meeting Procedures ( to be read aloud)

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Ana Marie Velasco

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 944 Reed Terrace

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Dear Council Members : 1) I would like to remind you that we , the citizens of this wonderful city,elected you to represent our voice at the local level. It's in the best interest of a democratic process that the Council facilitates as much as possible the process for our voices to be heard: By having the meetings starting later : 6:00PM , the Council allows a larger portion of our citizens to participate in the business of running our city.. During Covid, those workers that can stay home and work via the Internet have that possibility. Essential workers that have to be physically present at their jobs , CANNOT do so. Therefor , I urge you to continue running the Council Meetings at the latest time possible. 2) For the same reasons stated above, continuing the actual policy on Future Items on the Agenda, allowing 1 Council member to place an Item on The Agenda, facilitates the communication process between the Council and us, the citizens. Please facilitate , instead of obstruct , citizens participation in local government! Thank you.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Future Agenda Item Policy

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Danielle Coony

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 933 Vereda Callada

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** This agenda item quashes the ability of items from the minority party to even reach the floor for debate. This is undemocratic and smothers the ability of the public to engage in issues put forth by the minority party and to understand the views of the majority party on those issues.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Read Aloud Please

**Position** No Position

**First and Last Name** Danielle Polson

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 830 W Lincoln Ave #159

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Please do not make it harder to get things done in this town. Don't put unnecessary barriers up. Do you want to hear from all of your constituents? IF you do, then you will make it as easy as possible for future agenda items to be added. If you don't, then I genuinely do not understand why you took this position and I think you should resign immediately. There is absolutely no reason multiple councilmembers NEED to agree to put an item on the agenda. Tell me exactly how that is making Escondido better. Please, I'd love an email sent to me. If one councilmember thinks an item is worthy of discussing publicly, then it's your job to make sure it happens. If you make it harder for those you disagree with to speak out, then I will assume you are too afraid of their ideas to honestly confront them. Thank you for your time.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** This system gets easily abused

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** DONICA HART

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 4 CREST DR

**City** ESCONDIDO

**State** CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** I cannot tell you how often I've seen this council table items for multiple sessions that are important. I had to watch at least 3 sessions to see one item I cared about discussed because every time it came up there was an immediate motion to table it. If you're going to take something, it needs to have the approval of a lot more than 2 members of the council. That is too easily abused.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/21

**Agenda #** 16 Placing items on agenda

**Subject** PLEASE READ OUTLOUD

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Laura Hunter

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 744 QUIET HILLS FARM RD

**City** ESCONDIDO

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029-7308

**Comments** Dear Honorable Mayor and Council, Sierra Club North County Group has submitted a letter on this item for your consideration. We believe any single member should be allowed to put an item needing discussion on the agenda. Elected officials cannot be expected to be knowledgeable on all issues relevant to city residents. Therefore, it is important for any one official to be able to put an item for discussion on the agenda. The past requirement (of two or more) served no purpose other than exclusion of views. All issues related to governance may not apply to all District, or even two Districts, and yet, they may be worthy of discussion. Sierra Club NCG opposes any changes to the current policy.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Leave Future Agenda Item Policy unchanged

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Marisa Allen

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 1007 Howard Ave #24

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** Please reject any changes to the future agenda item policy. This change appears to be an effort to reduce transparency and squash political minority input. Council members are elected to represent their districts, and should be able to bring anything they think would benefit their district to a vote and to the public's attention, regardless of the position of the other council members. In the name of transparency, the public should be aware of their council member's positions on the issues that matter to them, and aware of any efforts their council member is making to serve them.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Read Out Loud

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Olga Diaz

**Escondido Resident** True

**Comments** Agenda Item 16 – Please Read Aloud Dear Mayor and Council Members, My name is Olga Diaz. I am a resident, voter and until recently the council member representing Escondido City Council District 3. I had hoped to take a break from local politics but a proposal this evening by Deputy Mayor Morasco has brought me out of “retirement” after only one council meeting. I am counting on the voice of Zack Beck to soften the tone of my words to you this evening. On your agenda is a request by Deputy Mayor Morasco to consider modification of a council policy regarding placing items on a future agenda. In his verbal request at the 12/16/2020 city council meeting, he specified that his intent is to review the policy regarding “how many council members it takes to docket an agenda item.” It appears Deputy Mayor Morasco is interested in convincing the current council to revert to the old council policy that prohibited an individual councilmember from requesting to add an item to a future agenda. The old policy required at least two councilmembers to agree before an item could be added. The current policy was revised in 2019 without objection from ANY councilmembers (including Morasco or Masson). It provides you each with the opportunity to request a future agenda item to address an issue of concern. Although you must still collaborate with the City Manager you have the right to pursue your request independently of your colleagues interest, support or opposition. Reverting to the old policy effectively reduces your individual ability to advocate for unique needs, especially since you represent districts. From experience, I can share that the old policy was weaponized against me to prevent me for adding any items to the agenda. It was wrong for the prior council to abuse their power by stifling the minority perspective. In 2018, when power shifted to a more centrist council, then Deputy Mayor Martinez and I reviewed all council policies with the City Attorney and proposed updates that included removal of the 2-councilperson requirement for future agenda requests. We believed that each councilmember, including, Morasco and Masson who found themselves in philosophical minority, should have the ability to bring forward items. Ironically, Deputy Mayor Morasco is making use of the current policy by independently requesting an agenda item hoping to convince you that you should not be allowed to do the same in the future - when something is important to you, your district and your constituents. I believe there are many more pressing issues that require your time, thought and effort. You have a lot of work to do. As an experienced councilmember, Deputy Mayor Morasco should know this. In fact, he should be demonstrating his leadership ability by addressing the significant budget challenges caused by his unwillingness to support desperately needed revenue sources. Until the budget matter is resolved, he should not be wasting time on anything else. Please let the current council policy stand as it is and focus on something more important. Thank you. Olga Diaz Escondido Resident, District 3

Pam Albergo  
[palbergo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:palbergo@sbcglobal.net)

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to you about items #16 Future Agenda Item Policy and #17 Review of City Council Meeting Start Time. ***I am requesting that my letter be read into the record.***

As to item #16: There are many issues that the City currently faces and will face in the future. I feel that the Council are educated and knowledgeable people. I do think that if one council member feels strongly as to any issue, that issue should be brought forth for discussion to inform the other members of council and the residents of this city. There should be no need or requirement for adding agenda items. Having the requirement to have a second member to allow any issue to be brought forth feels as if it were designed to allow any majority to silence the minority. The imposition of this rule feels very punitive and draconian.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Future Agenda Item Policy - Read Out Loud

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Sean Frawley

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 2407 Heatherwood Ct.

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** The City Council should reject the review of the current future agenda policy. The current future agenda policy, requiring only one council member to place an agenda item on a future agenda, is both fair and equitable. Under the current construction of the City Council, council members are selected by Escondido voters within separate and unique district elections. Each district of Escondido has its own unique communities that may not reflect the interest or knowledge of the several other districts, and in extension the council member selected by a separate district. However, the City Council, at-large, must make decisions that impact every district. If the City Council requires multiple city council members to agree upon future agenda items, it will likely negatively impact each district because City Council members may not be familiar with the unique needs of the districts they were not elected to represent and may not consent to placing a future agenda item out of City Council efficiency. Furthermore, the needs of one district may contrast the needs of the other districts, thus denying an entire district's voice to be heard through its representative at City Council unless an opposing City Councilmember consents to the agenda item will be overwhelming burdensome and has no important government interest. The City Council should not review the current future agenda policy.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16

**Subject** Future Agenda Item Policy

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Vinh An Le

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Comments** I'm a constituent in Escondido District 3 and I oppose changes to the Future Agenda Item Policy. I disagreed with the past policy of requiring two or more officials to place an item on the council meeting agenda. Given the small composition of our city council, I believe requiring two or more officials places an undue burden on our city to bring meaningful issues for public discussions. I support the current policy that any individual Council member may request an item be placed in the council meeting agenda. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Email [Aishanwp@gmail.com](mailto:Aishanwp@gmail.com)

**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Meeting Times

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Aisha Wallace-Palomares

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Comments** I am in favor of keeping the city council meeting times at 6:00pm. Since this change has happened, more people have been able to attend. Holding city council meetings later in the day allows for more community engagement. In fact, a majority of city council meetings in San Diego county are held at 6pm or after. Carlsbad, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa. Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, Santee, Solana Beach, all hold their meetings at 6 or after. Most people work 9-5 jobs, so moving the city council meeting times back to 4:30pm like it was prior to this ordinance, would discriminate against a large majority of the Escondido community and make these meetings less accessible. Speaking from personal experience, when I was in high school, I liked to attend city council meetings. It was difficult for me to make the meetings because my school would get out at 3:30, but my parents would never pick me up right on time and I would have to rush over to this side of town, and not even have time to eat most of the time. In addition, I was involved in athletics at my high school and most of the time practice wouldnt end until 5:30 or 6:00pm, there was no way I could make a city council meeting starting at 4:30. My father doesn't get home until 5:30 or 6:00, so he would not be able to attend council meetings either if the time was changed. I am sure that there are many people who share a similar experience as my family and I do. I believe that providing individuals with more opportunities to engage civically will result in more individuals engaging. I am asking the city council to vote in favor of keeping the time at 6pm, so that as many people as possible have the opportunity to participate. The city council should do as much as possible to accommodate the community.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 16, 17

**Subject** Council Meeting Procedures ( to be read aloud)

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Ana Marie Velasco

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 944 Reed Terrace

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92027

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Starting Time of City Council meetings

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Barbara Letsom

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 715 N Broadway 43

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92025-1874

**Comments** Be reasonable , split the difference and start at 5 PM. It's purely common sense.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Review of City Council Meeting Start Time

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Danielle Coony

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 933 Vereda Callada

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** One of the core purposes of the City Council is to engage the public. It is therefore extremely important to ensure that the greatest number of people have the opportunity to engage in City Council meetings. Most working people, who make up the majority of Escondido city residents, are unable to attend meetings that end before the workday. Democracy is best served by the current meeting time.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Read Outloud Please

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Danielle Polson

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 830 W Lincoln Ave #159

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** Please do not move the city council meeting time. I work part-time and my boyfriend works full-time. I am writing this during my lunch break because I want to make sure I can attend these meetings and comment with enough time. It's already extremely difficult to do that since you barely post the damn agenda the night before. How are any of us supposed to know what you're trying to do for the city when you are so blatantly non-transparent? Keep the meeting times the same so that people who work during the day get a chance to make comments in time and tune in live. If you make this harder on us, then you are continuing to send the message that working people do not matter to you.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** People have jobs

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** DONICA HART

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 4 CREST DR

**City** ESCONDIDO

**State** CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** By making the meetings at such an early time, you are very intentionally trying to exclude the working class. Catering to the aging, retirement population and completely ignoring the majority of your city's population is unethical.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Read out loud - change start time

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Katherine Salazar

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** I'm writing to voice opposition to change the start time of city council meetings. Moving up the time to anytime before 6pm would prevent working-class residents from attending/commenting, once in person meetings resume. If part of the purpose of council meetings are to inform address the public and residents, why would you hold a meeting at a time when working residents are likely not able to attend? This, in effect, would work toward silencing the people you've been elected to represent. Thank you.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/21

**Agenda #** 17- Meeting times

**Subject** Please read out loud

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Laura Hunter

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 744 QUIET HILLS FARM RD

**City** ESCONDIDO

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029-7308

**Comments** Dear Honorable Mayor and Council, Sierra Club NCG opposes any changes to the meeting time because early meeting times adds an additional barrier to participation from working people. The reality is, even with virtual meetings, people who work in the usual working time window of 8AM- 6PM will be prevented from participation if meetings times are moved earlier. If the Council is seeking more community involvement, the time should be left in place. Transparency in government is as critical now as it has ever been. Inclusion in government is as critical now as it has ever been. We strongly urge the Council to stay the course on the governing improvements you made for the benefit of city residents. Thank you for your consideration and support making government accessible and participatory for all.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Please keep the meeting times as is

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Marisa Allen

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 1007 Howard Ave #24

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92029

**Comments** I strongly encourage the city council to reject moving up the start time of city council meetings. It is important that citizens engage in our local government, and moving the start time up to 4pm would prevent many working people from attending and speaking at meetings or potentially lead to folks forgoing pay in order to attend.

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to you about items #16 Future Agenda Item Policy and #17 Review of City Council Meeting Start Time. ***I am requesting that my letter be read into the record.***

As to item #17: I am a retired member of this community and enjoy a luxury that most Escondido residents cannot. I have all the time to do as I please at anytime that I please. The majority of our residents are still in the active workforce and do not enjoy that luxury. Those people have a right to be able to attend council meetings just as much as us retirees. I oppose any change to the start time of the public portion of the meeting. The current 6:00pm start time allows for the hard-working residents of this city to attend any of the meetings, most specifically the meetings that might affect their living conditions in their particular neighborhood. I urge Council to keep the public meeting start time of 6:00pm.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Review of city council time

**Position** No Position

**First and Last Name** Polett Schafer

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 2203 puesta del sol

**City** Escondido

**State** Ca

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** Hello Escondido City Council, I feel very strongly that it is important to keep the current timing of the current Escondido city council meetings. This timing makes it accessible to working class and professional people who work during 9-5 hours. In order to ensure the highest level of participation in our local political system, it is important that city council meetings occur during a time the most of the people of Escondido can attend them (virtually due to pandemic at the moment). I do hope there is a way to compare public participation pre and post change of meeting times and I hope that data informs any potential decision making around this. Thank you, Polett Schafer

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Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 4:17 PM

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Subject: [EXT] Change #16 and #17 items on the agenda for review

1-9-2021

I request that my letter be read into the record.

Item #16

Having the requirement to have a second member to allow a issue to be brought forth to the council feels as if only the majority will be able to bring forth issues for discussion! This not the way things are don't in this country. We want all voices to be heard! Please rethink this and don't fall back into the past!

Item #17

I am writing to you because I want as many people as possible to be keep up to date on the affaires of our city. I don't think that having to stay an extra couple hours is too much to ask of city officials on days when we have a city council meeting. Lots of people have to do this for their work! Changing it back to four PM will cut out a large part of our community because they don't get off that early.

Please consider my input and do what is right for all of us because after all elected officials are servants of the people right?

Sandra Lang

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** 17

**Subject** Review of City Council Meeting Start Time

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Vinh An Le

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip** 92027-2759

**Comments** I'm a constituent in Escondido District 3 and I oppose changes to the City Council Meeting Start Time. I support the previous reform of changing the city council meeting time from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. My workday ranges from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. including a 2 hr.+ commute back and forth to work. Changing the council meeting time from 6:00 p.m. back to 4:00 p.m. places an undue burden on me and other working members of the public when we want or need to attend a council meeting to voice our public comment. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/6/2021

**Agenda #** Oral Communication

**Subject** Oral Communication

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Aisha Wallace-Palomares

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Comments** There are no words to articulate the feelings of despair and disappointment, I felt as I took a stroll down grand last Friday. While there were multiple restaurants that were defying the regional stay at home order mandate, the actions of two restaurants in particular I cannot be silent on. The Koffie company and Tony's Pepperoni Pizzeria, are both restaurants located on Grand Avenue that are allowing both outdoor dining and indoor dining. As I walked past, the pizzeria was packed especially indoors. Most people were not wearing masks and there were big groups gathering. As I walked further down the street and saw the Koffie Company, all of its operations were almost exclusively inside. Most patrons were not wearing masks and not socially distancing. Last week the nation hit a terrible milestone 4,000 deaths in a single day. The virus is spreading rapidly. I would say 75% of people I know have had coronavirus, many of which have had new health issues as a result. As a person belonging to a vulnerable community (Latinos are twice as likely to get coronavirus and have made up more than half of the deaths in the state, yet only make up 30% of the population) I am asking the council to do something about these businesses. Their actions do not just affect them. When they choose to defy safety mandates, when they choose to not wear masks, they are choosing to spread the virus. They make the choice for other people to get sick, who could end up dying as a result. This is unacceptable, and it saddens me to see this in my community when 3,000 people are dying per day. It is unfair for other businesses who are following the guidelines. It is unfair to the community. It is unfair period. The least people can do is wear a mask. I do not know what the city can do about these establishments, but something must be done people are dying. I would like to also bring attention to the remarks & actions made by the owner of the Koffie Company. The owner of this establishment was in the capitol the day of the insurrection and made a post to his business account and said the following " I just wanted to encourage people right now that now is not the time to run from a fight but this is a time to run to a fight..we can fight right now for our nation." He traveled across the country, came back, and might have

been infected with the virus, if he has interacted with patrons at his restaurant since then without a mask he could have made them sick. Again I am asking the council to take action on these establishments and protect the community. These actions are unacceptable and should not go unaddressed.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** Oral Communications

**Subject** 9Read Aloud :City lack of response to non-complaint businesses

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Ana Marie Velasco

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 944 Reed Terrace

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** My first concern is with response to the COVID -19 restrictions by many of our local Restaurants. We understand the economic impact that Covid has had in the economy locally and nationally. But we also know that in order to combat a Pandemic we MUST listen to science and follow procedures . Unfortunately,many of our businesses have chosen to simply IGNORE the County and CDC guidelines , and have continued to do BAU with indoor and outdoor dining and with NO enforcement of Mask Wearing.. This reflects a complete disregard for the health of their employees and of their customers. Its is a selfish and defiant move, and I ask the City of Escondido to begin enforcing the State and County guidelines as soon as possible. (Kuddos to Restaurants like H Brothers , Sunny Side Kitchen and many others who ARE following those guidelines in spite of the negative impact. )

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** Non-Agenda Item

**Subject** Failure to Address COVID Safety

**Position** In Opposition

**First and Last Name** Danielle Polson

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 830 W Lincoln Ave #159

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92026

**Comments** San Diego County COVID-19 cases are rising and we are absolutely failing miserably at controlling the spread of it. And you know what? I'm tired. I'm so tired of hearing people complain about how hard it is to wear a mask when you're inside a store or walking outside. I work. Outside. All day. And I have to wear a mask while doing manual labor. I don't love it, but it's what needs to be done because I want to protect those around me who can't wear masks or physically distance. You cannot say that you care so much about the people of this city and then be content or even proud when businesses are completely disregarding COVID safety guidelines. I am disappointed. Do better.

How dare you call yourselves public safety officers when you cannot do the simplest thing in this pandemic and wear a goddamn mask. How dare you take grant money for so many new upgrades and then walk around this city without a mask. How dare you claim that you protect us and keep us safe, when you are spreading this virus by not wearing masks. How dare you, Ed Varso, Chief of Police, laugh at my comment several months back asking if you needed funding for masks since the police officers seem to never wear them. I do not want a single cent going to you and your officers until you can do the most basic acts of human decency. Do better now.

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** N/A

**Subject** Covid enforcement

**Position** No Position

**First and Last Name** DONICA HART

**Escondido Resident** True

**Street Address** 4 CREST DR

**City** ESCONDIDO

**State** CA

**Zip** 92025

**Comments** When are we going to get any enforcement on health regulations? We have an elderly population here and it is too easy for covid to spread. Every day I see tons of people at places like the burger construction company going about business as if there weren't a pandemic. The patio is crowded and there is no social distancing. I was going to stop in little miss and get something to go but indoors it was packed with people and not even the bartenders have masks on. Our small businesses would get a lot more support if people felt safe going to them.

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I am among many Escondido stakeholders who strongly support the City of Escondido's "New De-escalation Policy", which was developed through collaborative work and consultation with community activist organizations, including NSDC-NAACP (Joint Police Accountability Task Force and North County Equity and Justice Coalition).

In a Facebook post on December 31, 2020 by Yusef Miller, details were described which indicated how so far Escondido has come the furthest, among 18 cities in San Diego county to develop specific policy recommendations to reflect community feedback, and propose tangible police practices to improve community policing, with steps to form a Citizen Review Board (CRB) of Police Practices .

The steps taken by Police Chief Ed Varso to apply effective public outreach during the early phase are an impressive indication that the proposed policy is meaningful, and is community-driven. Those in the Escondido community are grateful for the hard work undertaken, and are proud that the collaborative work between the City of Escondido and the community activist organizations who contributed to the process led to a positive result. Stakeholders are encouraged by steps taken, and are hopeful to see the specific policies adopted by Escondido City Council in 2021.

Patricia Borchmann

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** Oral Comm

**Subject** Telephonic Comments

**Position** In Favor

**First and Last Name** Robroy R Fawcett

**Escondido Resident** False

**Street Address** 1576 Katella Way

**City** Escondido

**State** CA

**Zip** 92027

**Comments** It appears that the City Council believes – wrongly – that allowing only web-submitted or email-submitted public comments satisfies the requirement that members of the public be allowed to “address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically.” Holding your meetings by teleconference, Zoom, or other means to allow public comment by phone or Zoom during the meeting is not hard. The majority of jurisdictions whose policies I examined permit public comment by audio or teleconference during the meeting. I urge the City Council to adopt similar practices and provide the public with an opportunity to address the Council in real-time during the public comment period of their meetings. The City Council should also read into the record any web-submitted comments to ensure that other members of the public remotely attending the meeting get an opportunity to hear the comments. The Brown Act requires not only that members of the public be provided an opportunity to directly address the legislative body; it also requires that the public be provided physical access to the meeting such that they may comment in-person on agenda items of concern. Gov. Code §54953(b). Due to concerns regarding transmission of COVID-19, the Governor has temporarily suspended the requirement that the public have physical access to meeting locations including teleconference locations; however, the requirement that the public be permitted to directly address the legislative body remains in full force. Gov. Code §54954.3(a) requires: Every agenda for regular meetings shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public, before or during the legislative body's consideration of the item, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. Gov. Code §54953 further also provides: (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency [...] (b)(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties

or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. [...] The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location. On March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued an executive order suspending certain Brown Act requirements. Under EO N-29-20, a government body that holds meetings by teleconference satisfies the Act's public comment requirements only if it allows members of the public "to observe and to address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically . . . ." EO N-29-20. I believe the only way to read this language consistently with the Brown Act is if the City Council allows members of the public to address them directly through telephone or other electronic means during a meeting. Reading the EO this way is also consistent with the instruction in the EO that "[a]ll state and local officials are urged to use sound discretion and make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of the . . . Brown Act . . . in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to their meetings." I doubt having the Clerk read comments out loud is the "otherwise electronically" contemplated in the Executive Order. I believe the Governor did away with the requirement that the public be given access to the teleconference locations by giving the public telephone or other electronic teleconference means to provide real-time comments DURING a meeting. Indeed, a member of the public could send a letter and have it read aloud and have the same effect as the City's current deficient procedure. Even if there were some ambiguity about requiring real-time public comments DURING the meeting, courts must construe the Brown Act, and the relevant executive order, broadly in favor of open meetings and public participation. See *Galbiso v. Orosi Pub. Util. Dist.* (2008) 167 Cal. App. 4th 1063, 1080 ("we must construe the exceptions to the open meeting provisions of the Brown Act narrowly and the provisions calling for open meetings and public participation broadly to effectuate the important purposes of the Brown Act."). Also, the statement on the Agenda that the "Mayor or Presiding Councilmember may limit the number of comments to be read" is not supported by the Brown Act or the Executive Order. It is facially unfair and unreasonable to give one member of the public the opportunity to be heard before the City Council, and then deny another member of the public the same opportunity. Further, failing to provide on the agenda an opportunity for all members of the public to directly address the City Council by telephonic or other electronic means such as teleconferencing software in during the meeting, as required by Govt Code §54954(a) may subject an action on an agenda item to challenge under Govt. Code 54960.1. Sincerely, Robroy Fawcett Escondido, CA

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**Council Meeting Date** 1/13/2021

**Agenda #** Oral Communications

**Subject** Oral Communications

**Position** No Position

**First and Last Name** Vinh An Le

**Escondido Resident** True

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**State**

**Zip** 92027-2759

**Comments** I'm a constituent in Escondido District 3, and I'm worried about the rising spread of positive COVID-19 cases in Escondido. According to a NBC San Diego on January 4, 2021: "In Escondido there were 1,049 new cases reported in the last seven days"; and we're at 9,119 total positive cases in Escondido. I'm also concerned about news reports of businesses openly defying public health orders including not complying to a simple measure to wear masks. I ask that the city to consider rescinding permits for businesses who are not complying with public health orders and for more strident enforcement against those businesses such as proposed in Carlsbad and Encinitas. I also ask the city to also increase public awareness communications about the public health risks of COVID-19. We have one of the highest rates of hospitalization, intensive care and mortality cases in North County Inland at 183.3 hospitalization, 31.2 intensive care and 53.9 mortality rates per 100,000. residents. I hope the city can do more to help the county to contain the spread of COVID-19. We're all in this together: the city, businesses and individual residents must help each others, but if one fails to do our part, then we fails in our responsibilities and we fails to protect ourselves and our city from a public crisis.

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