



**City Council Meeting**  
**Public Comments**  
**February 19, 2025**

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 02/19/2025

Item # no idea

Subject Homeless clean up

Position No Position

First and Last Name Amy Savedra

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My comment regards the clearing of homeless encampments or even areas of gathering. I am part of the Love Esco group, and regularly receive emails requesting volunteers to clean up these areas of homeless encampments. My question is: why are the 'residents'/homeless not REQUIRED to clean up after themselves instead of relying on city volunteer groups to do so? If I were to litter, I would receive a fine of up to \$1000.00, yet these individuals get to walk away without responsibility for their own trash. It boggles my mind. It is littering, and I know there is a city ordinance against that. So, instead of letting them off the hook, can't there be some form of punishment applied if they do not comply? It seems to be a reasonable request to ask someone to clean up after themselves.

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Item # Interfaith Detox Center

Subject Interfaith Detox Center

Position No Position

First and Last Name Roberta Effenberger

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Yes to increasing size Interfaith Detox center if it means Escondido will be able to get our homeless off the streets.

No to increasing size of Interfaith Detox center if it means Escondido will become a magnet for the homeless and other cities will refer their homeless here.

Can you figure out a way to prioritize the homeless of Escondido into the additional space so our homeless problem improves?

Thank you.

Dear Escondido Mayor and City Council Members:

I have just learned of a proposal (Item 12) being considered by the Escondido City Council to allow the non-profit entity (Interfaith Community Services) currently running Escondido's 49-bed emergency shelter (located at West Washington and Quince), to change the shelter's Contingency Use Permit for the 49-bed facility. I understand they wish to cease being an emergency housing center helping homeless Escondido residents transition to long-term housing; to becoming a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center for homeless residents, with stays of 10-14 days potentially from anywhere in the county.

I see six concerns and ask you to consider: First, this change would have the effect of displacing the current homeless population at the center, and replacing them with residents only seeking drug and alcohol treatment. Second, no plan has been put forward for follow-on care or assistance for the homeless who would be displaced by this proposal.

Third, what happens to the people 'treated' for drug and/or alcohol addiction who are discharged from the facility? I understand they are "supposed" to be returned to their location of origin, but historically, that is not what happens.

Fourth, the SD Task Force on Homelessness reported slightly fewer than 600 homeless individuals in Escondido in 2024. Not all 600 are drug or alcohol dependent, but if they were, this 49 bed facility could theoretically treat them ALL of them in 4 months. (Each month treat 147 persons [3 x 10-day periods of 49 beds] Time to treat 600 individuals is 4.08 months.) So what population is going to be treated after the 600 Escondido residents are? It has been reported that Interfaith Community Services considers anyone in Escondido for 24 to 48 hours an Escondido resident, and eligible for these services. This will quickly cause Escondido to become a very large County hub for drug and alcohol detoxification, thus INCREASING the Escondido homeless population with a high risk subset of persons. According to the SD Task Force data, Escondido already has the *highest* per Capita concentration of homeless in North County, this CPU would make it *much worse*.

Fifth: Interfaith Community Services has a significant history of not adhering to the existing conditional use permits. I am very reluctant to allow them to house a larger, higher risk population unless and until history establishes consistent compliance. Drug dealing and excessive alcohol use on our streets would injure our community and make it much harder to meet our redevelopment goals and grow our business tax base.

Sixth: The 1% sales tax that was recently approved by taxpayers is not expected to accrue funds sufficient to adequately support our police and fire departments until early 2027, at best. Thus creating a potentially dangerous environment in the interim.

Because new shelters are expected to open soon in both Vista (50 beds) and San Marcos (150 beds in stages) putting this excessive burden on the Escondido residents, businesses and taxpayers is disproportional, risky and unnecessary.

Please decline Item 12, the pending CPU. I look forward to seeing you Wednesday evening and discussing this matter further.

Sincerely, Sarah Fischer, an Escondido Resident for 38 years

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Item # 10

Subject Residential Drug rehab CUP application

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Carol Pauley

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Item # 12

Subject "No" to Interfaith's Residential Drug Rehab CUP Application

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Catherine Sao Marcos

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Comment on Item 12.

"No" to Interfaith's Residential Drug Rehab CUP Application

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Item # 12

Subject "No", to interfaith's residential drug rehab CUP application

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name David Sao Marcos

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments "No", to interfaith's residential drug rehab CUP application

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Item # 12

Subject "NO" to Interfaith residential drug rehab CUP application

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Dominick Boccia

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Comment to Item 12.

"No" to Interfaith's Residential Drug Rehab CUP Application

This is ridiculous to say the least!

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Item # 12

Subject Interfaith's Residential Drug Rehab CUP Application

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Eliot Kaagan

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am in opposition to Interfaith's application for a Residential Drug Rehab CUP application. Escondido needs to focus on pro-business opportunities and incentives to build revenue, create jobs and make Escondido a destination city. A drug rehab facility does none of this.

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Subject "No" to Interfaith's Residential Drug Rehab CUP Application

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Hope Maxson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The influx of issues I've had personally at my own home since a drug rehab program opened nearby is ridiculous. It needs to be somewhere else.

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Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Francesca Boccia

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

From Judy:

Comment on Item 12.

"No" to Interfaith's Residential Drug Rehab CUP Application

Unbelievable, not a good location at all!!

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Item # 12

Subject Detox Expansion

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Joanne Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments I support the expansion of the detox and withdrawal management program.

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Subject "NO" to Interfaith residential drug rehab CUP Application

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Katherine Boccia

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Comment to Item 12.

"No" to Interfaith's Residential Drug Rehab CUP Application

They have caused enough issues to our neighborhood this is not a good idea or will bring any good to Escondido instead more issues and challenges will derive from this ridiculous proposal

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Item # 12

Subject Interfaith Drug Rehab

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ken Smith

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Please vote no on this program, too many negatives over positives

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Item # 12

Subject Interfaith Community Services Conditional Use Permit Modification - PL24-0335

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Lawrence Campbell

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Unless and until there is a plan for the caring for the 49 Emergency people now helped at this site, I am strongly opposed.

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Item # 12

Subject Interfaith drug rehab

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Patricia Smith

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Please vote no on this.

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Item # 12

Subject Interfaith Services CPU

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Sarah Fischer

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

4 issues:

- 1: Displaces current residents
- 2: No plan to support displaced residents to prevent homelessness
- 3: Drug/Alcohol rehab likely to shift more homeless to Escondido
- 4: No plan for detox patients after 10-14 days. Where will they go?

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Item # 12

Subject No Interfaith Rehab

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Alejandra Gutierrez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Council Meeting Date 02/18/2025

Item # 12

Subject Interfaith's Residential Drug Rehab CUP Application

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Sako Agyan

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments No Interfaith's Residential Drug Rehab CUP Application

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Item # 12

Subject Interfaith residential drug rehab Cup application

Position No Position

First and Last Name Stevie ODell

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

we have plenty of residential drug treatment centers here in Escondido. We need to focus on our homeless issues and placement for those individuals. They can find treatment and other districts or cities that can better accommodate them.

We are working hard to make our city great again I think bringing another treatment center is just going bring more negative to our city

I'm not against people getting treatment, but I don't think asking Escondido has room for it

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Subject Interfaith residential drug rehab cup application

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Mariana Johnson

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I do not want this to pass. In the past seven years as a young woman, I've been stalked and harassed by homeless. This will bring down the quality of life and safety around for everyone in Escondido. We do not need to take care of the homeless. They should all be driven out. This ITEM 12 is a waste of money time and and will not work. We are tired of these bills and propositions and have seen they do NOT WORK. I VOTE NO

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Item # 12

Subject No on interfaith CUP drug rehab

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Chris Cordova

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments No on interfaith CUP drug rehab facility

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Subject interfaith residential drug rehab cup application.,

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ryan

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

No on #12 on item 12 on interfaith residential drug rehab cup application. It will bring more drugs, homeless, and crime to Escondido.

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Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ryan

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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