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## **Escondido Rescinds Unfair Ordinance That Would Have Unfairly Taxed New Residents**

The City of Escondido recently voted to rescind an ordinance that was not fair to new residents. The Community Facilities District would have imposed a fee on new development to pay for city services. It was unfair because it only applied to new residents.

Existing residents pay property and sales taxes and the City of Escondido receives a portion of each. New residents also pay property and sales taxes, of which the City receives the same portion. Actually, new residents pay higher property taxes, as their property generally is sold for more than existing residents had previously paid. New residents were going to have to pay more for police, fire, library, recreation, and park services than existing residents. That is not fair. Thank you to the Mayor and City Council for recognizing this was patently unfair.

Everyone needs a home, and San Diego County is short about 100,000 homes. Escondido can provide some of those much-needed homes, especially if it does not over-tax new residents. Escondido is a wonderful place to live. It has everything: a full-service city, a Center for the Arts, open space, parks, pools, an amazing police department, a stellar fire department.

New residents should not have to pay more to experience a home they can call their own. Now, thanks to the Mayor and City Council they won't have to.