

Save Our Escondido Library Coalition

Abed, Gallo, Masson need to hear from you

Help us *Stop* their plan to outsource our library

Escondido **Mayor Sam Abed and Councilmembers Ed Gallo and John Masson** voted to move forward to outsource operations of the Escondido Public Library to the private, for-profit, out-of-state corporation Library Systems and Services (LS&S) which specializes in taking over failing libraries. But, ours isn't failing. **We are proud of our library and its great staff and programs.** Outsourcing would spell the end of our library as we know it.

Please join the 3,000 residents already opposing outsourcing the library because:

- We would lose local control of an important city resource.
- Our local tax \$\$ would go to a corporate organization in Maryland, not stay here in our community.
- The cost-benefit analysis did not correctly assess all impacts.
- No alternatives (there are many) were publicly evaluated so that the best option could be selected.
- This action will further divide the community and erode support for a bond for a new library.
- This action will cause a loss of volunteers, donations, and skilled library personnel.
- Outsourcing of our library is opposed by the Escondido Library Board of Trustees, Library Foundation, and American Library Association

Our library is more than a building; it is the programs and people who make it the soul of the community. We need to preserve our library as a true community resource, responsive to the needs of our residents. Although Council took one vote (3-2) to move forward, a contract has not yet been signed. Please speak out and stand up for our librarians, patrons, and library programs. **There is still time!**

WE NEED TO ACT NOW!

CONTACT Mayor Sam Abed, Ed Gallo, and John Masson.

Email or call **Mayor's Office:** 760-839-4610 , **City Council's Office:** 760-839-4638

Email them all at once using this link: <https://www.escondido.org/city-council-contact-us.aspx> or send a letter to 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

Ask them to:

1. Stop the LS&S contract process.
2. Solicit, evaluate, and consider, at a minimum, proposals from the current library department and county through a public process.
3. Impanel a Budget Committee to develop a comprehensive, sustainable plan to address the pension crisis and the paydown of pension liability

CONTACT LS&S and ask them to withdraw their proposal and step away from our library.

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