

Escondido Neighbors for Solutions

August 27, 2025

Honorable Darrell Issa
221 W. Crest, Ste 110
Escondido, CA 92029

Dear Representative Issa,

We would like to introduce ourselves to you. *Escondido Neighbors for Solutions* is a local group of residents with many members in your District, working toward solutions for the challenges our city faces.

Please find attached a letter you received from a majority of our City Council. This letter, which we contributed to and supported, represents a significant compromise and a productive dialogue between four members of the City Council and a broad watch of community residents. We urge you to follow-up and pursue its recommendations.

However, action in the future is not all that we need. Escondidans and other North County residents are at-risk **right now**.

Increasingly, ICE agents are roaming our streets, in masks and unidentified, and racial profiling our residents for detention. It is causing significant fear and disruption to our families, our health, and our economy. We know you agree it is unacceptable.

In addition to taking action on comprehensive campaign reform, we are asking you to help our city by securing money and commitments from the Department of Homeland Security to:

1. Prohibit masking of agents.
2. Require badges and other identification of agents.
3. Fund experienced community organization for 'Know Your Rights' campaigns for local communities and businesses.
4. Establish a 'Safe Passage Act' prohibiting immigration detentions within a mile of any school.
5. Commitment to fully comply with existing state laws including AB 953 the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015 and SB 54 the California Values Act.

In addition, we ask that you use the powers vested in your office to help us secure, through the Freedom of Information Act or other means, information related to DHS immigration activities in our city.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss how we can support you and might bring about the action and support we need in Escondido. Please contact Gregg Oliver at Gregg.Oliver@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for your consideration,

Members of Escondido Neighbors for Solutions

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Attch/Letter from Escondido City Council sent August 26, 2025