

Resolution Regarding Charter City Status for Escondido

(Submitted to members January 14, 2012)

Whereas it has been proposed that the City of Escondido (the City) change from 'general law' status to 'Charter City' status, and

Whereas the motivation for this change appears not to be the pursuit of good government, but rather an effort to reinforce a state-wide effort to attack worker rights and wages and to increase profits for the construction industry, and

Whereas the chief argument in favor of the proposed change -- to save the City money on some construction -- is based on flawed logic and hypothetical projects, and actually works against a parallel City goal of providing well-paying jobs to residents, and

Whereas Charter City status provides substantial additional powers to a City Council that has not demonstrated its ability to manage those powers responsibly, and

Whereas no process has been provided for citizen input into the proposed new Charter despite repeated appeals from the public, and

Whereas the City has functioned effectively and efficiently under its existing general law status,

Therefore be it resolved that the Escondido Democratic Club opposes a change in governing status for the City at this time and for the stated reasons, and

Be it finally resolved that the members of the Escondido Democratic Club direct the Club's officers to take any and all actions on behalf of the organization to oppose the change in city status.