

Escondido Democratic Club Website Editorial Policy

Mission and purpose

The Escondido Democratic Club (EDC) website seeks to provide news, information and opinion that will inform and empower Democrats and progressives who live in or near Escondido, California. Posts on the website will support the goals and priorities of EDC as determined by its executive board in the current annual plan and at monthly board meetings. Posts will encourage involvement by members and friends in Club activities and programs and participation in the democratic process by residents of the City of Escondido and areas in its sphere of influence.

Content emphasizes public policy issues and political and governmental activity in the City of Escondido and nearby areas. Other items from San Diego County, California and the nation may be included as appropriate and as support for EDC priority issues.

The site is structured as a blog to allow multiple contributors and comments from readers. Posts are added frequently. Background pages on EDC priority issues are updated with links to recent news stories added frequently. Links are provided to Democratic Party websites, Democratic candidate websites, and contact information for elected officials representing the area.

In summary, the site aspires to be THE place where Escondido Democrats can get the latest on political news about their city and their political party.

Editorial Decisions

Day-to-day responsibility for operation of the site rests with the site manager, usually (but not always) the EDC Vice President for Communications. The site manager may involve other executive board members in making decisions about post topics, content or web site organization. In cases of disagreement, the final decision will be determined by a majority vote of the executive board.

EDC executive board members who have questions or concerns about website content should take their concerns to the site manager. If their question or concern is not resolved to their satisfaction, they can initiate a discussion by the full executive board by contacting the EDC president.

Content Guidelines

Submissions are welcomed from EDC members and other progressives in the Escondido area. Submissions should be submitted by email to the Club's Vice President for Communications at communications@escondidodems.org. Once contributors have established a relationship with the site, they may be approved for contributor status, which allows them to file posts directly to the website. All posts, no matter how they are submitted, are approved by the site manager (usually the VP for Communications) prior to posting.

While EDC encourages a frank exchange of ideas, posts must not contain hate speech or vitriol and personal attacks are not permitted. Contributors should be able to support factual claims made in their

posts. Materials included in posts that originated with other sources must be credited. Links to original sources are encouraged.

Corrections Policy

EDC strives for accuracy and balance in its editorial content, no matter the source. Readers who spot errors of fact or omission are encouraged to report them to the site manager at communications@escondidodems.org.

Readers who object to the content or tone of a post, but not any factual element, are also encouraged to bring their concern to the attention of the site manager at communications@escondidodems.org.

Corrections will be resolved as quickly as possible. Should there be disagreement about the resolution, readers may appeal the site manager's decision to the EDC executive board by contacting the Club president at president@escondidodems.org. The executive board will discuss the issue and suggest a solution.

Comments Policy

Reader comments are encouraged. To encourage a responsible discussion, those commenting are required to register and all comments must be approved before posting. Review generally takes only a few hours. Comment policy mirrors content policy – no hate speech or vitriol and no personal attacks. Commentors should be able to support their facts and should credit any non-original material they include in their submissions.

Links Policy

When using material from other sites in EDC posts or on EDC pages, it is the site policy to link directly to the cited material. This ensures accuracy, gives appropriate credit to the originator, and allows the source to count the reader for advertising purposes. EDC may choose, when appropriate, to include a brief summary of the content to be found at the source link, but will avoid using very much of the source material. We believe authors deserve credit for their work.

For other sites that wish to link to or use posts on the EDC site, we suggest contacting the site manager at communications@escondidodems.org. Permission to cross-post may be granted to non-profit sites associated with other Democratic clubs, Democratic candidates, or other groups and organizations that hold views consistent with EDC and Democratic Party platform positions.

Privacy Policy

EDC does not and will not rent, sell or disclose a contributor's personal information to third parties unless required to do so by law.