

General Comment - Jacob

From: [Jacob The Frugivore](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Keystone Trailer Park
Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 8:36:39 AM

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Hello,

My name is Jacob Lawson. I implore you to look into and offer help to the residents at Keystone Trailer Park who are facing possible homelessness after abhorrent rent hikes.

Thank you,

Jacob

General Comment - Rodriguez

From: [Renee Rodriguez](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: 22-floor High-rise Building on Roosevelt Avenue
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022 3:25:55 PM

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I am concerned about the impact on our 135-year-old town and the immediate surrounding area by building a huge 22-floor highrise with 400 units on such a tiny lot. Allot of city planning in this old neighborhood must be considered before attempting such a large-scale project.

Can the current aging water and sewer systems sustain the resources that a building this size will consume? There are almost no restaurants (minus a pancake house), no parks, no daycare, and no grocery stores within walking distance. All of this must be considered for a project that will bring over 800 people into this very small plot of land. I understand this building will be designated for low income residents. Child care and job counseling and other such programs must be available on site.

A building **half** this size would be better suited but city planning would also be needed for this to be successful.

Please consider before moving forward on this large scale project.

Sincerely Ms Rodriguez

General Comment - Sana

From: [mlittlesana](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Keystone Trailer Park Rent Increase
Date: Monday, August 1, 2022 8:02:57 PM

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The rent increase faced by residents of the Keystone Trailer Park is unconscionable. The majority of residents are low income seniors who will not be able to afford basic shelter due to rampant, unchecked greed. Please pay attention to the plight faced by these residents and support efforts to make housing more affordable for low income seniors in National City.

Thank you,
Maya Little-Sana

General Comment - Soto

From: [Bernice Soto](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Concern for Keystone Trailer park residents
Date: Monday, August 1, 2022 12:15:45 PM

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Hello,

I am a resident in National City and I am reaching out to express my concern for Keystone Trailer park residents who are experiencing rent increases of up to 30% due to changes in property management.

This is really frustrating news, especially in light of all the inflation that already makes making ends meet difficult. Please intervene by providing either support for the tenants or rent control because a 30% increase is ridiculous for anyone but especially for the residents, many of who are elderly, low income, undocumented, or have mixed-status families.

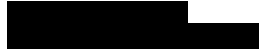
I look forward to hearing your solution to this.

Thanks,

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Berenice Soto

Pronouns: She/ hers



General Comment - Walker

From: [Peggy Walker](#)
To: [Alejandra Sotelo-Solis](#); [Jose Rodriguez](#); [Marcus Bush](#); [Mona Rios](#); [Ron Morrison](#); [Gonzalo Quintero](#); [Jerry Cano](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Please consider
Date: Monday, August 1, 2022 3:40:24 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council:

As a mother, grandmother and public health advocate and educator I can only scratch my head and ask -- **how** can you proceed with a 10,000 sq. foot cannabis lounge that will turn this city into a pot mecca? That is not how residents envision the image of National City!

This “cafe” will specialize in the sale of edibles infused with distillates that have THC potency as high as 1,000 milligrams of THC, equivalent to 100 legal servings in a single item. Why does the city want to endorse the sale of products with unprecedented THC potency causing addiction, ER overflow, psychosis, suicide, DUI injuries, and deaths? Why jeopardize National City's residents and visitors? What about smoke-free workplace laws, and regulation of vaping, tobacco and alcohol on site?

Before you continue, please look to the failures of Proposition 64. It promised an end to the black market, which increased. It promised “safety.” We got addiction, ER overflow, mental health issues including psychosis, suicide, DUI injuries, and deaths.

It promised to “keep kids safe.” We got predatory marketing to youth, the targeted, next generation of addicts, alarming rates of ingestion by toddlers, dumbed down brains, broken families and high medical and treatment costs.

It promised tax revenues, that in municipalities like San Diego have been reduced and go uncollected. It offered “personal freedom” but ended up a social nightmare. Proposition 64 has not benefitted residents. Nor will marijuana consumption lounges and other businesses benefit National City. They sell-out residents, families, and especially youth to marijuana profiteers. Please do not proceed with a 10,000 square foot consumption lounge.

Respectfully,

Peggy Walker

Coastal Communities Drug Free Coalition

General Comment - Calzada

From: [Silvia Calzada](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: City Council Mtg 8/2: General Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 3:43:34 PM

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Council Meeting: City of National City

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Re: Public Comment

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Good afternoon Maddam Mayor, Vice-Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Silvia Calzada, a constituent and an active resident leader for the communities of the City of National City.

As a Member of the AB617 Community Steering Committee and the Community Garden Committee of Paradise Creek Educational Park, I'd like to thank you for your support and approval to implement new restrooms to the Paradise Creek Educational Park. Much appreciation to the advocacy of council members, community leaders, and residents in sharing the necessity and priority of this item.

Today, I am commenting on the need for the following:

1. Official Name & Address for **NEW Community Garden** at Paradise Creek Educational Park
2. Official Name & Address for **Paradise Creek Educational Park**
  - a. need in case of emergencies with 911; is not on their maps

b.

**need signage of help-lines or against** crime and disorder in park;  
evidence of drug use and graffiti on grounds especially on playground  
where children are

I love our park and so do other residents and visitors but unfortunately there are others that neglect this. Help us keep our environment **clean and safe**. Thank you for your attention.

## Item 7.5 - Godshalk

**From:** [Ted Godshalk](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for ITEM #7.5 from Mr. Ted Godshalk  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 12:18:16 PM

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Written Public Comment for ITEM #7.5 from Mr. Ted Godshalk:

Council,

Congratulations on the award of the grant for Paradise Creek Educational Park from the State of California to incorporate the former welding shop metal shed at Hoover Avenue and 18th Street. This project will be our "Phase 5," in a long process that stretches back to the 1990s. Phase 4 is currently underway. With this funding, the Educational Park will have a shade structure/ gathering place that is sorely needed. An increase in the wetland area and some small steps toward management of flood waters are also called for in the project. The challenging conditions brought by climate change require that we all set high goals for this area.

Our organization looks forward to continued planning and work to restore the habitat and educate the public about the importance of Paradise Creek.

"Thank you," to the Engineering Department for work on this grant, especially Ms. Carla Hutchinson and Mr. Roberto Yano. We understand Ms. Hutchinson has left the city for other work and we wish her well.

Thank you all for your support,

Ted Godshalk  
Director, PCEPI



My name is Ronald Attiq owner of One Ten Liquor and Market at 110 National City Our family convenience store has been serving the community for 45 years. We are concerned that our store was conveniently not mentioned by the planning department in the approval of use permit for Mr. Vapor zSmoke Shop for the Operation of a Tobacco Specialty Business at 120 National City Blvd (Case File No: 2022-14 CUP) which is a mere 10 feet from our biasness., We carry the same product responsibly have an outstanding record with NCPD. There is only one 30 minute street parking space available for 3 business forcing their customers to park in my parking lot. and placing my livelihood in jeopardy. The city already has 2 gas stations and my convenience store permitted to sell tobacco. I would like a public hearing to deny approval.

Sincerely Ronald Attiq

**Item 7.9 - Attiq**

**(Photos attached)**

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# Item 8.1 - Godshalk

**From:** [Ted Godshalk](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment for ITEM # 8.1 from Mr. Ted Godshalk  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 12:54:29 PM

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Written Public Comment for ITEM #8.1 from Mr. Ted Godshalk:

Council,

It has been over one year since the State and local communities began to open up. Covid, Delta, and Omicron have shaken us, but we are strong and will move forward. I urge you to begin and continue “in-person” City Council meetings in a fully protective way. In the last two years, you have covered too many expensive and controversial subjects in an “on- screen,” manner to the detriment of the public. Participants have had to deal with technical difficulties. At times, it has appeared some members are more interested in messaging on a private Chat window or by cell phone . To stay on Zoom and cite that MTS, SANDAG, or other organizations are doing so is not acceptable. The members of those committees are not elected to those positions, nor do they answer to the residents and voters of our community.

The Council hall is not big enough for the appropriate spacing of large groups, but you can do more to meet your ethical responsibility of holding real dialogue with the public.

The Martin Luther King building should be immediately set up for Council meetings.

Lastly, the staff report for this item states that there is no relation to your own 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

You may want to reread the document you signed. One of the seven Strategic Focus Areas is “Communication and Outreach.” Look at the first two points under that section. They read:

[A]- Connect the community with timely and transparent information.

[B]- Increase meaningful outreach through quality engagement.

I believe that it is your duty to find a safe manner to hold in-person meetings from tonight forward.

Ted Godshalk

## Item 8.2 - Apalategui

**From:** [Karla Apalategui](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support of NC Street Repair and Parks Improvement Measure  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 3:58:21 PM

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Good evening Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

My Name is Karla Apalategui. I'm a dedicated National City employee and also the Chapter President for our Municipal Employees.

As the MEA President of our City, one of my main concerns is assuring our employees, including myself, provide the best service possible to this community.

I strongly believe on developing and giving the proper tools for us to succeed on that goal. Our City needs to better our community by paving alleys, adding lighting where it's needed, fixing streets among other related issues this Measure will provide to this community.

This initiative assures funding will be allocated and spent to specific items desperately needed. Please support National City Street and Parks Improvement Measure by voting for opinion 2 and placing the initiative in the ballot this November.

Thank you!

## Item 8.2 - Taylor

**From:** [Rebecca Taylor](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment on item: 8.2, Accept the Certification of Sufficiency of Initiative Petition Entitled, "National City Special Parcel Tax for Streets and Parks."  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 4:08:27 PM

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am supportive of the National City Street Repair and Parks Improvement Measure. I believe we should invest in our communities by paving our alleys, fixing our streets, having more lighting and opening more park space within our city.

This initiative assures the money is spent on these specific things that our city desperately needs.

Please vote for option 2 and place the initiative on the ballot this November.

Details of Initiative:

- Will generate \$1.7 million
- No less than 50% of the funds will be spent on "street, sidewalk repairs, street lighting, pedestrian safety, and alley paving.
- No less than 20% shall be used for existing parks, playgrounds, and tot lots
- No less than 15% shall be used on the. construction of new parks, playgrounds, and open space

How to pay for it:

- \$75 per year for single family residential parcel
- \$150 per year for multiple residential unit parcels
- \$365 per year on commercial parcels
- \$365 per year on industrial parcels

Thank you for your time.

Becca Taylor  
Acting Chair, San Diego County Democratic Party

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