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Congressman Brian Bilbray
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Re: Waldron Proposal Against Renting To Illegal Immigrants

Dear Congressman Bilbray,

Marie Waldron of the Escondido City Council has proposed a measure that would fine landlords for renting to illegal immigrants. (Newspaper articles about the measure are attached)

Do you support the proposed Waldron measure?

Some claim that the Waldron measure would violate existing state and Federal laws, such as fair housing laws.

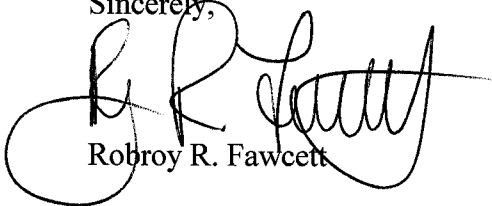
Would you support or sponsor Federal legislation that would allow local measures, such as the proposed Waldron measure, without running afoul of any Federal or state laws?

Some have claimed that this is solely a Federal matter.

Would you support or sponsor Federal legislation making it illegal to rent to illegal immigrants?

Your prompt response to my questions would be appreciated. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Escondido should evict Waldron's idea

By: North County Times -

Our view: Councilwoman's bid to crack down on landlords more evidence that feds need to reach immigration compromise

So it has come to this: An Escondido councilwoman's proposal to force thousands of families out of their homes and into the streets draws interest from a majority of her fellow council members. Mass homelessness as city policy. Are the food vendors next? Should we then march on the San Diego County Water Authority, which may be slaking the thirst of illegal immigrants?

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Marie Waldron's call for a city law to fine and even arrest property owners who rent or lease to illegal immigrants is flawed on so many levels --- moral, certainly; economic and legal, very likely --- that it brings into sharp focus her political motivations.

After leading her council into the dubious dead-end of supporting a state border police, Waldron is now leading them down an equally pointless policy path again designed mostly to boost her re-election campaign.

What's a nice woman like Waldron doing with the mean-spirited idea of making what could be 20,000 people homeless in her city? Unlike neighboring Vista, which dressed up its recent crackdown on hiring day laborers in the compassionate clothes of protecting illegal immigrants from unscrupulous employers, Waldron hasn't bothered with such rhetoric.

As with Assemblyman Ray Haynes' misguided effort this spring to create a state border patrol, Waldron's proposal would shove a local government into a federal jurisdiction. In that, Escondido has company: Towns in Pennsylvania and Florida are further along the path of hounding landlords who don't harass their tenants for citizenship papers.

We understand the frustration; Congress has neglected our untenable immigration policies for

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far too long. And now that a roused rabble has planted illegal immigration firmly on our front page and in politicians' paths, Congress has opted for stalling and grandstanding over compromising and legislating.

This summer's series of show hearings, which came to San Diego last week, is proof positive that the House of Representatives would rather campaign on illegal immigration that fix our broken border policies.

But the "starve-'em-out" stance of Waldron and fellow opponents of illegal immigration would, if enacted into law, halt the region's economic engine quicker than you can say "Help Wanted." Much of this region's economic prosperity depends on the steady influx of workers, and most immigrants are here seeking, finding and doing hard jobs. It's difficult to argue that illegal immigrants are stealing jobs from Americans with the region's unemployment rates hovering around 4 percent. Better arguments can be made that the influx of labor is depressing wages for native workers.

Even if we didn't need the help, Waldron's proposal would probably violate fair-housing laws and pre-empt the federal government's responsibility to enforce our nation's immigration rules. What's more, policing the city's 20,500 rental units would demand a vast expansion of city employees, while the legal challenges would tax Escondido's city attorneys.



But at its root, Waldron's proposal should be rejected on moral grounds. Forcing families onto the streets is not compassionate nor conservative.

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Comments On This Story

You make me sick nct wrote on July 11, 2006 1:09 AM:" You should keep your opinions, and your writer's opinions to yourself as you are to how do I put it without soundeing like a person who pisses on poor mexicans, wait there isn't any. We need less illegals as for wages were higher for the jobs asked americans would do them. You are a self loving only come out to the public when you believe something is not humanitrian. I am sick to death of this is issue and if must be I would die for my country on this issue, for the better way of life for my children and theirs. They have driven wage to an extreme low while everything else is going up. I can afford to buy higher produce because in a crunch I could grow my own but what I can't explain to my wife and kids is why I can't get a raise because to many illegals are already here, and taking over construction. Are you nct willing to defend those facts as just because you write english doesn't mean your job is in jeopardy, cause the near future it could be in spanish."

Ray wrote on July 11, 2006 1:23 AM:"Once again the NCT opinion is off the mark. Marie Waldron's idea would not violate fair housing laws and the city has the right to place restrictions on business licenses and enforce occupancy codes. Seems the NCT have not seen the problems that I have. Most if not all respectable landlords require a credit check and references requiring some sort of identification, drivers license or social security card which illegal aliens do not have unless they are using mine once again. They know if they rent to illegal aliens,

they can get triple the renting price if they ignore the status and numbers living in the unit. I personally witnessed 41 beds in a 2 bedroom apartment in Oceanside. I called the border patrol and the problem was solved. This causes problems for the other tenants and could cause health problems. This problem is so wide spread that action needs to be taken immediately. The NCT did a story about the migrant camps in Carlsbad where one of the workers stated for the record "he will move in with a few others to an apartment". Landlords currently have the right not to rent to convicted felons and child molesters and leases and rental agreements already have a clause regarding illegal activity, illegal aliens "illegal" fall under that category. I commend Marie Waldron for addressing a most serious problem."

They Need to Go wrote on July 11, 2006 6:10 AM:"Waldron is only doing what politicians do - catering to the masses to get publicity for re-election. She's a politician and nothing more needs to be said. As a landlord, I rent to people who have an excellent credit rating, which means you have to be a citizen because you need a social security number and references. Making me liable to ensure the legal immigration status is forcing me to do the government's job without compensation. Immigration laws need to be enforced on the streets by the police & border patrol, not in the private economic sector. What's next - you can't buy anything at Walmart until you prove your residency status? This proposed ordinance will be soundly defeated in the courts, which will waste taxpayer money on two fronts. C'mon politicians - you can think up better ways to enforce our laws-- you just have to actually sit down and think about it rather than grandstand. "

Marie Waldron is a SAINT! wrote on July 11, 2006 6:21 AM:"She is one of the few politicians who LISTENS to what her constituents want. I think citizens will police and report and your BIASED view of the proposal (why am I not surprised?) that they will be out in the street is wrong. Hopefully they will be OUT OF THE COUNTRY!!!!!! And the economic engine is dying as it is. "

Margaret wrote on July 11, 2006 6:28 AM:"I think Waldron's plan warrants consideration. If the illegals are evicted from their rentals they won't be homeless. They could go back to Mexico where the rest of their families live and where they belong. Is it that you side with the property owner's fear of not being able to rent their substandard, run down housing to anyone but an illegal? Too bad they will have to put some money into the upkeep of their property to attract legal renters."

Escondido should wrote on July 11, 2006 7:53 AM:"EMBRACE Marie Waldron and her ideas. She is one of the few politicians who are fighting for our city!!!!"

Forcing ILLEGAL aliens wrote on July 11, 2006 7:54 AM:"to leave our country is MORAL AND RIGHT!"

stanger wrote on July 11, 2006 7:55 AM:"At least she is taking action! Despite Congressman Bilbray's proposals, the U.S. Congress is botching and scotching every effort to repair the illegal alien problem."

Vista John wrote on July 11, 2006 8:06 AM:"What a bunch of Bull! I moved here in 1997 every Apartment I rented the Landlord asked for my Drivers License and three past pay checks. Then I had to pay for a credit report. Finding out if someone is legal to be in America is not that hard folks. Get real we need legal migrant workers not a undocumented illegal slave labor force. I am for anything that forces these workers to become LEGAL not Illegal. Escondido may as well change it's name to Mexico if they intend to allow LAWLESSNESS to be the norm. "

Ron wrote on July 11, 2006 8:42 AM:"Oh, must have really sparked the anger over at the Times this morning. Mean-spirited, and starve-'em-out, Wow! Waldron must have really caused some to choke on their soy-latte's. HEY TIMES!!!!!! How about a little more balance!!!! How about explaining to your subscribers how several families live in a single apartment, reducing the amount of property taxes collected, and shipping their kids off to schools. How about saying they don't have a right to be here using public services. How about speaking up for the taxpayer once in a while? Were getting screwed here. All the while you Socialists at the Times love any new government program, regardless of who it serves, and the regular joe's in North County are just supposed to suck it and pay for it all. Were tired of being taken advantage of. Were tired of weak kneed politician's, like in Vista, who will skirt the laws, and try to make another buck on these people of the shadows. Pathetic. And how about the morality of our politicians, and you at the Times, making excuses for illegals, and making up reasons for us to be "more accepting", and "compassionate." All your trying to do is reach into my wallet."

JJ wrote on July 11, 2006 8:53 AM:"Your part of the problem NCTimes! Your bleeding heart can dish out the complaints, but like most Lib's you have no solution! Waldron is right on. The city of Escondido cannot handle the influx of illegal's. If something is not done, the future of Escondido will be no better than that of National City.....without the waterfront!"

Welcome to the Backlash! wrote on July 11, 2006 8:56 AM:"This is what the protesters should have expected after marching with upside-down American flags, and Mexican flags. This is NOT forcing people out of their houses:they were not forced to come here in the first place. Why don't they protest housing policies in Mexico. Whether this proposal passes or not, this is called "Sending a Message!""

proudamerican wrote on July 11, 2006 8:57 AM:"Immigration is the least of my worries. I want the leadership of our country to focus on fixing our real problems. North Korea, Iraq, terrorists entering the country to terrorize us, gas prices, global warming, the homeless, hunger etc. etc. etc. are America's real problems. Ms. Waldron, and all other elected officials should STOP with the smoke screen of "illegal immigration" and get REAL results on REAL issues because I am not buying it one bit."

Morality Police wrote on July 11, 2006 9:00 AM:"I do not understand the basis for labeling this immoral. Kent Davy says all the illegal immigrant families will be forced onto the street. Is that the only basis for this being immoral? Then grandfather existing tenants. Or provide advanced notice of 2 months, or 6 months, or whatever it takes to be moral, yet effective. Instead, Kent Davy wants to whip up the community's emotions to prevent even the discussion of this proposal. That is the real immoral act being played out here in Escondido."

American Idiot wrote on July 11, 2006 9:21 AM:"Under Marie Waldron's lackluster leadership, Escondido has emerged as the armpit of North County. She has single-handedly brought Escondido to the brink of disaster. Despite her abysmal failure to provide responsible leadership for her city, she now wants us to accept her leadership on complex national issues such as immigration reform. Marie, when and if you successfully rehabilitate Escondido, we will listen to you."

Water Wars wrote on July 11, 2006 9:22 AM:"Mexican citizens using Colorado River water should be charged to Mexico's allotment. Charging that usage to the United States is cheating, which is immoral. The San Diego County Water Authority should track the usage of water by Mexican Nationals to prevent this back-channel stealing of American Water. The NCTimes editorial staff should commended for highlighting this issue of water stealing by Mexico."

GFN wrote on July 11, 2006 9:26 AM:"To previous bloggers: You have articulated my sentiments exactly. This is an over the top, yet necessary, reaction to the refusal of the federal government, GWB, and Congress to do their job in securing our borders...normal human behavior. It's about time someone is doing something. This will get the Fed's attention. Thank you, Marie."

Robroy wrote on July 11, 2006 9:27 AM:"The paper asserts that the proposal would probably violate fair-housing laws and preempt the federal government's responsibility to enforce out nation's immigration rules. Did the paper do any legal research before coming to these legal conclusions? If so, will it please share that legal research with its readers!"

SteveHarmonica wrote on July 11, 2006 9:32 AM:"I guess that Marie Waldron would evict and then insist that we deport these illegals that no longer have home addresses? Everyone knows that law-enforcement only solves the cases that are easy, the rest wind up in a box under someone's desk. Guess what? Illegal Employers have home addresses and assets to seize. Here is a solution, confiscate vehicles at day labor centers and encourage ecomonic immigrants to testify against illegal employers. "

Larry wrote on July 11, 2006 9:34 AM:"Since when is the NC Times interested in moral arguements. Since they have no practical arguements they are only left with some call to morals. Let's look at morals. Illegal aliens are criminals. They are in the United States illegally. If the have be caught once and re-entered, then they can be imprissioned for up to two years. They typically have committed idedenty theft which is a felony and violated tax laws whihc may also be felonies. The typically conspire with other illegals to enter the country which may be a felony. Many of the illegals also violate numerous other crimes. Cocaine and heroin are esseentially legal in Mexico and the illegals often smuggle these drugs or use them in the United States. Now why is it not moral to keep these criminals from living among us? What does the NC Times mean by moral. Illegals have no right to be in the United States and therefor no right to living quarters. "

Jeff wrote on July 11, 2006 9:44 AM:"Since when is the NC Times interested in moral arguments? Evidently since the NC Times has no practical, logical or defensible arguments they are only left with some call to morals. Let's look at morals. Illegal aliens are criminals. They are in the United States illegally. If the have be caught once and re-entered, then they can be imprisoned for up to two years. They typically have committed identity theft which is a felony and violated tax laws which may also be felonies. Typically illegals conspire with other illegals to enter the country which may be a felony. Many of the illegals also violate numerous other crimes including murder. Cocaine and heroin are essentially legal in Mexico and the illegals often smuggle these and other drugs

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IS wrote on July 11, 2006 9:47 AM:"I agree with proudamerican. There so many REAL issues that can potentially be far more devastating to the stability of this country. But of course, I don't see any of anti-immigrants protesting against any of those issues cited by proudamerican. "

IS wrote on July 11, 2006 9:55 AM:"This type of measures simply shows how threaten this narrow-minded "citizens" feel. If this is to pass, I just hope that all of you who are supporting this nonsense is prepared for the worst. "

Conservative wrote on July 11, 2006 9:58 AM:"The Federal Government refuses to take action to solve the illegal alien problem so it is up to other governmental bodies and individual citizens to take action. Grassroots actions such that being taken by Councilmember Waldron and the current-day Minutemen, were the basis of the founding of America and have been required on numerous occasions in United States history. It takes courage to take action, to stand and be counted. The NC Times has a leftist, big government editorial policy so it is natural that they propose that the Federal government, who they view as the bringer of all good to society, handle this issue. Many of us believe that the strength of America comes from her people. The authority to govern comes from the people as well. In the case of illegal immigration the people of the United States have to take action because Government at many levels is failing on the issue. Action by the people is a wonderful thing, it shows that the basic strength of America still exists and is strong. Changing laws, attending rallies, contacting government officials, contributing money, volunteering for the Minutemen, protesting in front of worksites where illegals are employed in place of Americans, these are all ways that citizens showing their strength of character and working to solve the illegals problem. "

kmc wrote on July 11, 2006 10:26 AM:"Holding employers accountable for hiring illegals is one thought. How about holding landlords accountable for maintaining the properties they rent to these people. The laws should be enforced regarding how many people should be allowed to live in a rental. 20 people in an apartment is becoming commonplace. The landlords rent and in many cases don't bother to check on the condition of their properties. Thus we have former nice neighborhoods turning into crapholes and it is spreading throughout Escondido. An area does not have to be upper middle class to be nice. Have some pride of ownership. The tenants could care less, they don't own it. If they turn the area into a dump, evict them. Legal or not."

IS wrote on July 11, 2006 10:35 AM:"Mr. conservative...everyday in Escondido I see a # of Americans - White color - on the corners begging for money. How many times have you seen a hispanic begging? Yes, they might be on the streets soliciting employment. Many of those homeless are US Citizens who would rather beg for money than pick strawberries or avocados. So, next time you're enjoying your salad - remember who picked the vegetable that you are eating."

Blame wrote on July 11, 2006 10:38 AM:"Congress is not to blame for the illegal immigration mess. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is to blame for the lack of enforcement at the Federal level. Gonzales has admitted that his grandparents may have been illegal immigrants. No wonder President Bush trumpets the contributions of illegal immigrants. Marie does deserve the blame for trying to address this mess of illegal immigration."

Animal Vet wrote on July 11, 2006 10:47 AM:"The NCT editor has rabies, and needs immediate treatment!"

sounds right wrote on July 11, 2006 10:48 AM:"This story sounds so like the NCT. They should all be fired! Kent Davey is so against anything negative about the illegals. Hey Kent, why don't you set up shop in Mexico, because clearly you are outnumbered here my friend. We don't want illegals getting services they don't deserve. They are here illegally!!"

Hmmmm wrote on July 11, 2006 11:11 AM:"Anyone notice the remarkable likeness of the comments from Larry and Jeff? Someone send out a talking points memo this morning on how to respond to this?"

Dennis. A clueless perspective by NC Times wrote on July 11, 2006 11:49 AM:"I moved from Escondido approximately fifteen years ago exactly because of this issue. I lived in a decent neighborhood south of the corners of Rose and Grand, and as the illegal population was growing so was crime. Sorry, I realize that nobody wants to hear it, but it's the truth. You tend to know whats going on in your own neighborhood without the help of official statistics. You know when you and your neighbors are getting ripped off and you talk to the police when they come by to take a report. You also listen when they talk, since they are the ones that are dealing with the

criminals and the crimes that they commit on a daily basis. These problems that Escondido are dealing with are nothing new. It's really too bad that the city managers waited so long to finally start dealing with it. It's as though parts of Escondido, east of the 15 freeway were allowed to fall into social and economic disrepair without much attention being given to it until it crept like cancer into other more desirable parts of the city. Hopefully other cities will have the foresight to not allow things to get so far out of hand as Escondido has. They've allowed a really beautiful city to degrade into pockets of what can only be described as slums, with gang graffiti, high population density, and crime rates that spurn outside investors, business opportunities and chase away prospective home buyers and have a detrimental effect on real estate value. When the staff writers of the North County Times talk about morals, I have an open question for them. At what point does a city leader have a moral obligation to it's residents to stem the tide of urban decay and crime? Who do the city leaders have a greater moral obligation to protect, the outlaws or law abiding citizens. Illegal aliens are by definition, "ILLEGAL", and therefore criminals. When the good folks at the North County Times try to take the "moral high ground" on issues such as these, they should first check their footing and be certain that they're not standing in quicksand. "

Brian wrote on July 11, 2006 12:22 PM:"I feel sorry for many illegal aliens, who have to flee their own coutry to try to find better opportunities for their families. However, illegal immigration brings pros and cons. There are over 6 billion people on earth, and about 5 billion are poor, and probably would love to come to the U.S. by whatever means necessary. Where do we draw the line, and when do we decide who can come illegally or not? Is it fair to allow some to come illegally and not others? As it is the U.S. accepts more Legal Immigrants than all other countries on earth combined. "

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To the NC Times wrote on July 11, 2006 12:48 PM:"Who cares what you think? Aren't you suppose to be REPORTING the news? rather than spouting your biased opinion? And why didn't the author of this article have the guts to sign it? Perhaps this person is running for a political position? Hmmmmmmmmm! KUDOS to Waldron!! At least she's trying to do something about this illegal crap! I'm so sick of this issue. There is absolutely no reason why illegals should be allowed to live here. If they can't find housing I'll help pay for the bus ride to take any illegal back over the border where they may live legally. Get real NC Times, you're not helping a bit!"

Mike the Marine wrote on July 11, 2006 1:38 PM:"As a property owner, I am seeing good neighborhoods in Escondido degrading, because multiple families are moving into single family homes and apartments. The city needs to act. When multiple, as in too many, people are living in single family dwellings, the congestion increases, the homes normally get run down, and the value of all the surrounding homes are effected. This can eventually take a hit on the tax base.""

Mary wrote on July 11, 2006 1:59 PM:"It is interesting the editorial is not signed, but yet it mentions "our view". I guess the editor is blind and can't see that Escondido is becoming a second Tijuana. Is that what you want? YEA for Marie Waldron! She has a backbone and I hope the city council will stand behind her and turn this city around despite how difficult it may be now that it has gotten out of control. The ILLEGALS can go back to Mexico. I didn't need them 30 years ago when it was like heaven here without them, and I still don't. STAND STRONG, MARIE!! "

El Guero wrote on July 11, 2006 2:35 PM:"The editorial states that 'the "starve-'em-out" stance of Waldron and fellow opponents of illegal immigration would, if enacted into law, halt the region's economic engine quicker than

you can say "Help Wanted." So we're supposed to bow down before the alter of commerce and simply ignore the mass violation of our immigration laws? That's a moral argument? The moral argument would be to put pressure on the Mexican government to treat its poorest citizens as human beings instead of undesirables. As for "We understand the frustration..." No you don't. You don't have a clue. And where did you come up with 'a roused rabble has planted illegal immigration firmly on our front page'? You plant illegal immigration on your front page every day with stories about the poverty and abandoned shopping carts in Escondido, the racial tension in the Townsite neighborhood of Vista, the gang injunctions in Oceanside, etc. Hey, do you even read your own paper?"

Elder Place Disgrace wrote on July 11, 2006 2:39 PM:"Elder Place. It should be on the list of places to visit in Escondido. It represents the current reality of Escondido. It is only 5 blocks north of the hospital. Take the tour. This street is south of Mission and one block east of Fig, next to Grant Middle School. Will the landlord of the properties on Elder Place be the first in line to complain about the proposal? Who, other than an illegal immigrant, would want to rent an apartment on Elder Place. From there, who, other than an illegal immigrant, would want to rent on Mission or Fig, given the condition of Elder Place. This condition will continue to radiate out from Elder Place across the entire core of Escondido until it is Mexcondido. Causing blight is becoming a primary tool of the proponents (which includes NCTimes) for the Re-Mexicanization of California."

To Proud american wrote on July 11, 2006 3:12 PM:" Your obviously not to proud, or just lazy like some. Every issue in AMERICA needs to be addressed. And it is your right to your opinion, but don't fault organizations that don't follow your opinions. As America is involved in dealing with most issue this one has been going on for decades. Because some issues that are going on aren't being dealt with in the manner you think should don't ignore the ones that are in your face ,because its easy to ignore. But what alot of people don't understand on this matter is we need to think that are borders are open to everyone, and when you think for a second that drug cartels wouldn't take money to help terroist across you are saddly mistaken. If a smuggler can bring in tons of cocaine, weed, they most certainly can bring a few terroist and the chemicals to do harm to AMERICANS> So let me ask you this how proud are you? And if you don't think illegal immigrants aren't involved in the drug trade your saddly mistaken there as well. To El Guero well put my friend as I wonder as well if they read there own writing before printing it. For anyone that is against amnesty and would like updates to your email checkout this website <http://www.fairus.org/site/pageserver> they will keep you up to date on all illegal immigration issues in the senate, and other meetings. Dan (temecula)"

Glad wrote on July 11, 2006 3:38 PM:"I'm glad I cancelled my subscription to the NCT six months ago. Who wants to support this kind of stupidity?"

NC Times no more wrote on July 11, 2006 4:12 PM:"I just cancelled my subscription to the NC Times. Your so-called "reporting staff" is so out of touch with reality and I refuse to support you financially. It's a good thing we have leaders like Marie Waldron representing us. You all may have a pen, but nobody takes you seriously and you are going to continue to lose your patrons. Marie keep up the great work representing us here in Escondido!"

US Citizen in Townsite wrote on July 11, 2006 5:02 PM:"The Fair Housing Laws do not apply to Illegal Aliens. Southern Poverty Center has it wrong. National origin does not apply to ILLEGAL Aliens. Permitting processes are the pervue of the City, and ICE can handle deportation 'if they care to'. The Mayors of Hazelton PA. and Avon Park Fla. are shoring up their cities ordinances to prevent challenges. So no worries with lawyers. That being said, NCT's 'moral' appeal like Mayor Bloomberg of New York's statement the other day, sees the City of Escondido as necessarily maintaining the immigration of Illegal Immigrants. I point you to a certain person who also believed as you do- in that: "we do not intend to abolish the inequality of man.. There will be a Herren class.. a great hierarchy of party members. They will be the new middle class. AND there will be the great collective, the eternally disenfranchized. Beneath them there will still be the class of subject alien races- we need not hesitate to call them the northern slave class." Quoted in Hermann Rauschnig's "The Voice of Destruction: Hitler Speaks". Your 'compassion' is killing Lady Liberty."

To Glad you are so sad wrote on July 11, 2006 5:05 PM:"You cancelled your subscription but you still can't stay away can you. As far as "who wants to support this kind of stupidity" the answer is you. Next time you post a comment make sure you make some sense. I love this article and I thank the North County Times for it's ability to be honest regardless of public sentiment."

Paul wrote on July 11, 2006 5:20 PM:"This could not have been a better editorial if it were printed in Pravda a few years ago!!! Way to go leftist's keep stirring the pot!"

John wrote on July 11, 2006 5:21 PM:"Ya dont have to harass anyone for citizenship papers,Just make them provide three pay stubs,Pay for a Credit report,also right to work docuementation,(Social security card),and have real english speaking references,(And really check). and put down a non refundable deposit that covers graffiti

damage and the cost of doing business in Mexican. (Spanish language is way different).Problem solved."

John wrote on July 11, 2006 5:30 PM:"TO CURIOUS. Hea you can run but ya cant hide. Stay for the fight,it should be interesting. "

Patrick wrote on July 11, 2006 5:32 PM:"My Proposal: Prosecute the employers of illegal aliens. All you stupid racists ignore the fact that it's your fellow countrymen giving illegal aliens jobs. If the law was EVER ENFORCED, we wouldn't be in the mess we are in now. Supply and Demand! So basic, but your HATE infects your brain and you can't see the REAL issues. Thoroughly disgusted with your ignorance!"

Tired of Illegals wrote on July 11, 2006 6:01 PM:"NCT - you are the true racists! Pound Sand!"

Dan (Temecula) to Patrick wrote on July 11, 2006 6:53 PM:" Your 100% right but with that hate the issue at hand has finnally seen the countrys demise if not changed. Hate is the strongest feeling a person can feel and people are down right done with freeloading illegals who people make excuses for. They really made America mad when they took to the streets so boldly with there mexican flags demanding rights they don't deserve or ever will. Breaking any law is a crime and punishable, but for the most part they are left alone. (except like some say they are harrassed at these day labor sites) America wants justice, and even if 1 out of 10 illegals that come here are bad that is way to many. So for you illegal loving people we aren't against immigrants we are against illegals, and not knowing who they are and what there background is like. GOD BLESS! "

Back at Patrick wrote on July 11, 2006 6:55 PM:"My "fellow countrymen" are breaking the law by hiring illegal alien. Shameful and IMMORAL!"

Evening Drive wrote on July 11, 2006 8:13 PM:"This evening I drove on Aster and on Elder Place. Elder Place is the worst while Aster merely looks crowded and old. Where is the City code enforcement crew for cleaning up Elder Place. I do not know why I never noticed Elder Place before. It is ugly, and the owner fits my definition of a slumlord! Everyone should visit Elder Place and then hold our City accountable for allowing a slumlord to operate in our city. Elder Place is one block East of Fig on Mission Avenue. It is the first street west of Grant Middle School."

Disappearing Posts wrote on July 11, 2006 8:16 PM:"The 'Curious' post at 10:18 disappeared. Apparently Curious used the wrong word in describing racism and rudeness by illegal aliens."

Curious Edited and Re-posted wrote on July 11, 2006 8:18 PM:"Curious wrote on July 11, 2006 10:18 AM:"I noticed noone at NTC had the courage to sign this editorial. Hey, I have an idea, why doesn't the NTC send a reporter down Aster Street over by Washington Park after dark or go to Fig Street another great part of Escondido. The NTC could get a great story and the chance to lose a reporter they have been trying to get rid of for years! Maybe if the rest of the politicians and reporters had to live with what some of us citizens have to live with day affter day, they might change their minds. I will tell you one thing they wouldn't have no sympathy for illegals!!! These illegals laugh and call us stupid gringos, they know all they have to do is scream RACIST and you all back down. These are the same illegals that call the blacks in the neighborhoods -- and the women --. Oh well I am getting out of Escondido soon, it will be your problem not mine!" "

To Glad wrote on July 11, 2006 9:44 PM:"You cancelled your subscription, but you read this article online? Are you really that cheap?"

Glad to be cheap wrote on July 11, 2006 10:19 PM:"Apparently too cheap to subscribe, but will freely use this forum to complain to his/her heart's delight. "I hate you, but post this free of charge". The right words, Glad, are "thank you""

Evening Drive wrote on July 11, 2006 11:11 PM:"When I went by Elder Place, there was a police car on Fig with flashing lights. Another car was nearby. Tommorow's paper has an article about a women who was shot in the leg at 600 North Fig as she was walking along the street at about 6 pm."

Home owner in Vista... wrote on July 12, 2006 12:14 AM:"Vista, the chosen destination of more illegals than I can count, has stepped up its 'illegal alien reduction program'... and we are thankful they had the 'cajones' to do it. If more cities listened to their citizen's outrage at our treatment by our government's sanctioning the tolerance of the flood of illegal aliens into this country and not giving ear to the foreigners who are invading our country illegally, the scarcity of them would keep our hospital emergency rooms in the black, our taxes lower, our schools less crowded, our roads safer... and we might actually get some of our normal lives back. But seriously, this is not

the threat that we are most endangered by... We are being scuttled from within... Our own Government officials in this very state and in the National government have systematically been chosen by very wealthy interests who back them on both sides of the political arena... so you cannot choose someone in the election that they have not already bought. These hidden interests don't care one bit about your welfare, or lifestyle, or prosperity... they want more wealth and they see the undermining of our country's sovereignty as a way to get it. If this is a surprise to you... look up on Google search engine under the heading of the NORTH AMERICAN UNION ... the NAU. These purchased legislators are keeping the populace distracted with the border and illegal aliens while they quietly pass laws as fast as they can to take away our countries right to govern itself and make us a partner nation with Mexico and Canada with NO BORDERS... who benefits from that???, think about it for a minute... Why are they supporting the 'comprehensive guest worker plan'? There will be no middle class if they succeed with thier plan to 'remove the teeth from the tiger'... there will be only two classes...the ultra-rich and the rest of us... Most everyone loses their lifestyle... including the illegal aliens. The news media thinks they are reporting news... they think they are exposing true stories... but, they are being led... and they don't even realize it. We live in the greatest nation on Earth... how would 'you' go about putting a 'ring in the bulls nose'? Dig deeper... you are being lied to. "

To Evening Drive wrote on July 12, 2006 6:19 AM:"It's called crime. It happens in the real world. Perhaps what Ms. Waldron and her crowd would be happier in Mayberry. Sorry to tell you guys...that's only on TV land. "

USS wrote on July 12, 2006 6:39 AM:"This is only ONE of all the important steps to getting ILLEGALS out of the US...It is TOO EASY for illegals to live and work without being citizens. Prove you are legal! That is SIMPLE and not too much to ask at all. And that is not picking on POOR, just ILLEGAL. They DO NOT have the right to be here, they got here by breaking our law the second they stepped on our land. Do you want ANYONE who's first action is to break the law?"

Lorriane wrote on July 12, 2006 11:13 AM:"We must remember that regardless of immigration status these are still human beings. We must remember that we are the United States not some third world country (oh well with the exception of Hurricane Katrina) we are compassionate. There are prisons full of people who broke the law and we house, and feed them. It is time to demand that the Federal Government do their jobs so we don't have to do the dirty work. This proposal by Marie Waldron is exactly that our City officials being forced to make these irrational decisions. The same thing is happening in Vista with the proposed ordinance. The illegal immigration problem is a Federal issue not a local issue. "

AlegalAlien wrote on July 12, 2006 1:13 PM:"As a landlord, investor and manager of rental properties, I would have no problem complying with Marie Waldron's proposed ordinance. Multiple families living in single family units create problems for landlords. Because water is included in their rent, our expenses are 10 times higher to simply cover the water they use. They cause sewer problems, too, because most systems were not designed to handle that much waste. I would love a system by which I could determine the legal status of an applicant. I think landlords should be fined, just like the employers, for renting to illegals. But, there has to be a system in place to enable verification of identity. NCT is out of touch with its readers. Waldron is approaching the problem of wasted taxpayer money with one local law at a time. With no jobs and no place to live the incentive will be eliminated to get a free ride on the backs of American taxpaying citizens for education and healthcare of illegals. Next we need to stop spending money to teach them English and for the education their multitudes of children. Maybe we could use those funds to better educate our children and prepare them for real jobs in the competitive global marketplace. Then, we need to stop paying for medical care. Perhaps that money could be diverted to provide healthcare for our own citizens. If the federal government won't stop this invasion, we can rest assured that we have some local politicians like Marie who will step up to the plate and get it done. You go girl!"

To Lorriane wrote on July 12, 2006 2:35 PM:"WRONG! It's a local issue! Immigration law is federal, but it impacts residents LOCALLY. The Feds have chosen to ignore enforcement of our nations laws and now it's so out of hand that local municipalities have to use survival tactics in order to save their cities from ultimate ruin. It's because of traitors and cowards like yourself that sit around waiting for someone else "to do the dirty work" that we are on our way to becoming a third world nation. If the majority of the people coming here illegally were physicians, engineers or business owners that promised to employ other americans and assimilate as americans (read, write and speak English at the very least), the whole "illegal" issue would be moot. But instead Mexico exports the dregs of it's own society to suck money and services out of our country and send the booty south to help fuel their own flailing economy. I have compassion for my fellow countrymen, not those that knowingly stole their way into a foreign country and imported their own brand of racism, ignorance and sense of entitlement. I am a "LEGAL" immigrant and proud to say that I am an United States citizen. This country has opened many doors for me, and if I were ever asked to physically defend her border I would do it without question. People like you that take this country for granted and wait for someone else to take the initiative for you are exactly what got us to this point in the first place. Marie Waldron should be applauded for her attempt at saving her city, and ultimately a small slice of our country. "

Lorraine to the fool who wrote the following comment wrote on July 12, 2006 3:57 PM:"if I were ever asked to physically defend her border I would do it without question." May I ask why you are not defending your Country in Iraq? Or do you limit your bravery to unarmed people crossing the border? Again, the Federal Government is responsible for stopping this influx of illegal immigration not you or local City officials. This is just another grandstand play by Marie Waldron to make people think she is tough on illegals. Is this an election year? So please keep all your nasty, stupid, ridiculous comments to yourself. "

Truly a sad day. wrote on July 12, 2006 4:07 PM:"Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler said it's a sad day when a local elected official has to propose a law that deals with federal and state matters." Again these are not issues that should be dealt with at the City level. Good call Mayor Pfeiler. "

Hi, Lorriane, Lorraine or what ever your real name is wrote on July 12, 2006 5:35 PM:"If your going to use a fake name at least spell it the same way. Why are you so angry? Is it because you fear eviction or deportation of yourself or family members?"

usalady wrote on July 12, 2006 6:58 PM:"I agree that the illegals should return to their country of origin, whichever country they are from. If they want to come into America they should follow the law like the majority of immigrants have done and the legal citizens are required to do! Too bad if it takes a while to get processed, welcome to the real world of hurry up and wait. Mexicans/Hispanics are the main immigrants targeted because they make up the overwhelming majority of illegal aliens in our country. Not to mention they blatantly cross our borders, fences, dig tunnels, etc. and then have the nerve to demand rights in our country they are LEGALLY not entitled to. I have several new immigrant friends and they are doing it the lawful and appropriate way, with respect to our country and its values and laws. They are truly offended and outraged with the illegals protesting and demands. As for evicting illegals from rental properties, sounds good to me. It is a health and safety hazard to have so many living in one unit. I too have personally seen mattresses on the floor wall to wall and the kitchen so filthy it is a welcoming environment for roaches and rats. And Heaven forbid, the landlords would have to step up to the plate and invest a few dollars to make their units more inviting to legal residents to live. And instead of collecting cash they might actually have to deposit a check and report the income to the IRS. How about renting to the thousands of homeless people who are LEGAL citizens of the US? How about housing the 22% of homeless San Diegans that are veterans who served our country and have earned and deserve the rights the illegals are demanding?? If the pro-illegal immigrant rowdies put as much time and energy into helping our homeless legal citizens it is possible to imagine there might not be any homelessness in our country. Now that would truly be the American dream come true."

BRAVO NCT! wrote on July 12, 2006 9:37 PM:"Wow, I am impressed! The NCT actually took a principaled, educatated, and moral stance on this issue. It's about time! :) Look at all the harsh criticisms that they are getting...what about the right to express opinions? That is defientely aloud. It's funny to see all these so called "Americans" preach about freedom, rights and yet when someone disagrees (in this case, disagreeing with Minutewoman Waldron) you all hit the roof! You can't stand that someone would disagree with Waldron ..how closed minded is that. I completely respect all opinions even though I may not agree with them as long as that are made with reasonable intentions and not rhetoric and hate which is what I see when I see posts on the NCT blogs. Waldron's idea is completey INHUMANE & RIDUCULOUS..if you don't see that..then you are irrational. It would leave people homeless and would cost our city a ridiculous amount of money. Think!!! THank you NCT!! "

ryan wrote on July 13, 2006 7:49 AM:"I would gladly pay 2,3 times more in taxes if I new it would go toward getting the illegal aliens out of Escondido. NCT your argument that it would cost money, so. Next argument. NCT argument that it is not the morally thing to do it would put kids out in the street. What about the morality of illegal aliens coming to this country illegally then stealing social security numbers from millions of people, Felony. Just because they broke the law and put themselves in this position we are supposed to ignore it. If the illegals break our immigration laws and steal IDs what others laws will they break, this is clear that they have no respect for this country or our laws. All of them still have citizenship to the mother country Mexico and still have allegiance to Mexico not the US. We already have enough America haters in America we don't need any more people that are here that don't appreciate nor who will not defend this country in time of need."

Lorraine wrote on July 13, 2006 10:08 AM:"Oh my gosh so sorry I transposed two letters in my name. Wow someone call out the spelling police. Get real. I am not angry but I am so disgusted that some of you people are so heartless. It is mind boggling that we have reached this degree of disdain and hatred towards a group of people. The comments made on this forum are sad. In answer to your question I am not afraid of eviction or deportation of myself or that of my family members. I own my home and I am a United States Citizen but thank you for your concern. I am glad that your belief is just held by a minuscule of Americans and that you do not represent the majority of the American people. Thank God for that and God Bless America."

To USA lady wrote on July 13, 2006 10:15 AM:"The same could be said about you. If you would invest your time in helping the homeless citizens or even those awful living conditions you mention in your comment this world would be a better place. If Marie Waldron would focus on those issues as well I agree the American dream would truly come true."

Mike S. wrote on July 13, 2006 11:56 AM:"I teach in Escondido and so I spend a lot of time in Escondido. The problem in Escondido is not illegals who are paying rent and working. The problem is the crystal meth addicts and the gangs. There are some illegals involved in gangs, but most of the illegals are working and don't have time to participate in gangs. Most of the people in these two groups are LEGAL. In addition, it is ridiculous to allow illegals to come across our border, but NOT allow them to rent an apartment. Immigration policy is not the job of the City of Escondido, it is the job of the Federal Government. If they are not going to enforce the policy, why should we enforce and thus create a new problem of homelessness. Lastly, how many of you who support Waldron can prove your citizenship? And please don't say by a social security card because we all know that it is easy to fake one of those. "

Nicholas wrote on July 13, 2006 1:10 PM:"Illegal is illegal. That's where the argument begins and ends. All we're lacking is enforcement and those dollars are around the corner. Come November the proof will shown by how the majority of americans vote based on their representatives bias on THIS ISSUE. As a lifelong Democrat I am sad to say I'll be breaking ranks and voting Republican for the first time because of the illegal immigration issue. I don't hate anyone, but I love my country. Amnesty for illegals isn't going to happen in this climate. So, save your venom, you can't change my mind and I can't change yours. We should all be thankful for the democracy that we live in. With the help of middle America us folks in the Southwest will be spared by a resounding margin. That's why I say, GOD BLESS AMERICA! P.S. Why do the angry people here insist on calling people names that have different views, and then deny their emotional outbursts? O.K., Flame away "

To USA lady I use the term loosely wrote on July 13, 2006 1:19 PM:"If the pro-illegal immigrant rowdies put as much time and energy into helping our homeless legal citizens it is possible to imagine there might not be any homelessness in our country. Now that would truly be the American dream come true." One might say the same thing about the anti-human being groups. They seem to have lots of free time on their hands to hassle people why not use their energy to help some people. So you are in agreement to evict the Mexicans? How can you state "there might not be any homelessness in our country" This ordinance or law will cause homelessness....but I guess that group of people are meaningless so who cares!! You my friend are a pathetic individual. You must live a very awful life if you would get satisfaction from this travesty. "

Janet63 wrote on July 13, 2006 4:16 PM:"I'm sorry, but the illegal immigrants have ruined Escondido. Everywhere you go, they are marching to a welfare or wic office to get more free stuff. Have they no self respect? I guess when every baby the illegal mamacita throws is an American, then they think that makes them entitled to our tax funded services? The nerve. It's shameful. I've never seen such deplorable conduct from people who openly break the law. "

Katie wrote on July 13, 2006 4:25 PM:"You are so correct no one will change anyone's position or mind especially not on this blog. This blog is designed for angry, stupid people to vent. Do really think this is for healthy dialogue? I don't have any venom to spew and I certainly do not wish to keep you or anyone else from spewing theirs after all this is America!!!! The name calling is going both ways from both sides it is really seems pointless. I am surprised that you call American a emocracy...because in a democracy the majority rules maybe that is the reason the Mexicans are not wanted here because they are now the majority. Does that frighten you? I also want to say God Bless America because we are in real trouble here. "

Guido wrote on July 13, 2006 6:11 PM:"Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler, like this paper, the NCT's is a big PART OF THE PROBLEM! This paper should be called, and it, The North Commie Times. You can absolutely count on them everytime to be for any and all things illegal, same w/the worthless Mayor Pfeiler (she needs to GO!). Her new police chief, Jim Mahler, is about to embark on the ride of his life as this issue goes from RED HOT to WHITE HOT. Watch as illegal alien/Latino crime, violence, terrorism, communicable diseases, drugs completely EXPLODE! And watch as Latino vigilantes, emboldened by the politically correct rhetoric from this paper and other outlets, get more aggressive in their attacks against Americans. Oh, you ain't seen nothin yet, baby. Thank you, No. Commie X's! Not!"

ChadVista wrote on July 13, 2006 6:18 PM:"Just got back from work. Heard about Blog. Right on NCT! This is freedom of speech at its finest. My other comment is: I support the councilwoman's idea. It's about time someone, and how funny is it a woman stands up---takes action. Don't back down Ms. Waldron. You have a brigade of supporters!!!! You are right. Anyone who would be against you is not rational. What you are saying makes total sense. Uh, duh. Illegal immigrants using fake names leads to buring home owners....illegal immigrants piling 20

people into homes leads to code and health violations. Wouldn't it be nice if the illegals just came legally so we could welcome them? And no, instant amnesty isn't what I'm talking about. I'm talking about, you broke the law, get out and either stay or come back right way. Time for happy hour. "

Actual Invasion wrote on July 13, 2006 10:53 PM:"This is a local matter, not just a Federal matter. The Federal power over illegal immigration is in Article. I, Section. 8. 'The Congress shall have Power . . . To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization . . . To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;' Border enforcement is a war power included under 'repel invasions'. If the Federal government is unable to 'repel invasions' then the state's war powers kick in. Under Article 1, Section. 10. 'No State shall, without the Consent of Congress . . . engage in War, unless actually invaded . . .' Thus, once a state has been invaded it has full war powers to deal with the invasion. No permission from the Federal government is needed. If the Escondido City Council finds that it has been 'actually invaded', and the state has no pre-empting legislation, then Waldron proposal has a sound Constitutional basis."

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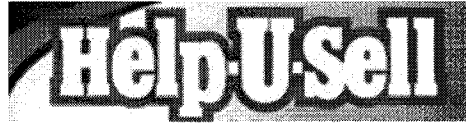
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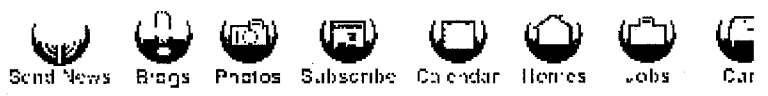
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Escondido councilwoman proposes banning rentals to illegal immigrants

By: DAVID FRIED - Staff Writer

ESCONDIDO ---- Taking her cue from similar efforts in other cities around the nation, Councilwoman Marie Waldron is proposing that Escondido adopt a city ordinance that would prohibit landlords from renting to illegal immigrants.

Waldron said last week that she wants the city to look into drafting a law that would fine landlords \$1,000 for renting or leasing property to undocumented immigrants, and possibly include arrest for extreme violators.

"I don't want it (the ordinance) to be a slap on the wrist," Waldron said.

Waldron, who has regularly pushed for cracking down on illegal immigration, said that prohibiting undocumented immigrants from renting in the city was a response to federal border control efforts, which she believes have failed.

"It's something every city needs to consider," Waldron said of her proposal, which would follow a Pennsylvania city's tentative approval of a similar measure. "It's just a matter of having the political will."

A rental ordinance would place Escondido square in the middle of an ongoing national debate over illegal immigration, and potentially put the city and landlords in a costly position.

City Manager Clay Phillips said he is not sure the city can legally restrict rental agreements.



A 'For Rent' sign hangs at a apartment buildings in central Escondido on Friday.

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But even if it can, any resulting ordinance would require additional spending and employee time to enforce it for each of the 20,500 rental units in the city.

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"Certainly, we're not geared up for that," Phillips said. "We don't have the resources to try to monitor every single rental agreement in the city at this point."

Landlord and fair-housing advocates, meanwhile, said such an ordinance would unfairly burden property owners, and would never pass legal muster.

State and federal fair housing laws prohibit landlords from refusing to rent to anyone based on several categories, including race, religion and national origin.

Requiring a landlord to verify an applicant's legal status would be in violation of those laws, said Robert Pinnegar, executive director of the San Diego County Apartment Association, a trade group representing 2,800 property owners and managers throughout the county.

"If you have a local ordinance that flies in the face of state and federal fair housing laws, that's an issue," Pinnegar said. "Anything of this status that ties our hand would really concern us from the standpoint of not being able to do our job, or worse, putting us at risk (of lawsuits)."

Public housing agencies regularly ---- and legally ---- demand proof of citizenship or legal residency from applicants for government-subsidized housing programs, according to officials with the Fair Housing Council of San Diego.

Private landlords, however, would be in violation of the law if they did the same, especially if they required information about residency status only from those applicants they suspected of possibly not being citizens or legal residents, according to David Kline, an attorney with the council.



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"If housing providers, based on this ordinance, were to check Social Security numbers or verify the immigration status of applicants from one country and not another, it wouldn't be a very difficult argument to prove that is national origin discrimination," Kline said. "And that is the likely outcome of an ordinance like that."

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Some cities, however, are determined to test the waters, and Waldron said she has carefully watched their efforts.

Last month, Hazleton, Pa., passed its own ordinance aimed at cracking down on illegal immigration in the town of 31,000 residents. In addition to fining landlords who rent to undocumented immigrants, the law also would deny business licenses to companies that hire illegal immigrants and establishes English as the city's official language.

Hazleton's council is scheduled to vote on the measure for its second, and final, reading, this week.

Some residents in San Bernardino have proposed a similar voter initiative for their city. But their efforts were put on hold last month, after a Superior Court judge said supporters needed to gather more signatures in order to place the proposed law on the November ballot.

Other cities have passed measures taking on different issues related to illegal immigration.

Just down the road from Escondido, Vista's City Council unanimously passed an ordinance last month requiring employers who hire day laborers to register with the city.

Waldron said she sees the rental ordinance as the first piece of a patchwork of potential local immigration laws, that could include making English the official city language, among other elements.

The councilwoman, who is up for re-election this fall, said she plans to bring the rental ordinance idea to the full council later this summer to gauge her colleagues' support.

Previously, Waldron won votes from two other council members in her efforts to back a proposed ballot initiative that would have created a state border police to supplement federal immigration enforcement. The initiative failed to garner enough signatures to make it onto the June ballot.

Councilman Sam Abed said he would be "very supportive" of a ban on renting to illegal immigrants, so long as it doesn't violate the rights of property owners. Such an ordinance, he said, would allow the city to focus on providing language classes and other services that aid the city's poorest legal residents.

"When we say stop illegal immigration, it has to be part of a system," Abed said. "At the same time, you have to be able to help the existing, legal residents in our city."

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Al wrote on July 08, 2006 10:15 PM: "Ya baby, let's do it! We need this, NOW!"

Tom wrote on July 08, 2006 10:19 PM: "Now's the time for all good citizens to come to aid of their city. Support Marie Waldron on this issue."

Way to Go! wrote on July 08, 2006 10:21 PM: "Marie! A woman after my own heart! Finally a person in the political arena with some SENSE and the intestinal fortitude to back it up!"

Cudos! wrote on July 08, 2006 10:32 PM: "This is NOT a law refusing to rent based on RACE: it is a law refusing to rent based on LEGAL/ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS! Landlords already charge prospective renters a fee to run a credit report - charge one to run a Social Security check, too - turnaround time usually 2-3 days. This is totally feasible! To stay within the non-discrimination parameters - run one on everybody."

Robert24 wrote on July 08, 2006 10:33 PM: "First of all, right on Councilwoman Waldron. You have had, and will have, my vote again this fall. For the life of me I cannot understand how anybody can find fault in this. An ordinance that flies in the face of state and federal fair housing, says Mr. Pinnegar. Sir, these are illegal aliens. There are no rights for illegal aliens. How hard is that to understand?! Again, thank you Ms. Waldron. Let's only hope that you are re-elected and can bring some sense and justice back to Escondido."

Daren wrote on July 08, 2006 10:46 PM: "Marie Waldron should run for State Assembly and Governor!!"

ugh wrote on July 08, 2006 10:52 PM:"Marie Waldron is a sham. If she really cared about cracking down on illegal immigration she would propose an ordinance to fine Escondido EMPLOYERS who hire illegal immigrants. Where is that ordinance, Marie? Do you think people come here illegally to rent cruddy apartments in Escondido? Nope. They come here to WORK. And until these so-called anti-illegal immigration folks push for a crackdown on illegal EMPLOYERS, they will just be showing themselves for what they really are -- shams who take the easy road of playing on voters' fears and beating up on people who are in no position to defend themselves. This kind of ordinance is way too easy. Waldron is exactly like Wyland, the guy she is trying to replace -- putting out easy, scratch-the-surface immigration proposals that win the votes of the shallow but don't do anything to address the real problem: BUSINESSES that EMPLOY illegal immigrants! Developers, farmers, the downtown restaurants -- create an ordinance that targets them if they hire illegal workers. Oops, I forgot, those are the people who are paying for Waldron's campaign. What a crock. Supporters of an immigration crackdown should force people like Waldron to take a stand against businesses that hire illegal workers. Add an amendment like that to this rent proposal and I'll support it. But any proposal that doesn't impose tougher fines on businesses is nothing but a sham to win votes. Support an immigration crackdown? Then demand more from people like Waldron. Don't let her play you for fools. "

North County wrote on July 08, 2006 10:57 PM:"Now if only the cities of Oceanside and Vista could do this! "

Ray wrote on July 08, 2006 11:29 PM:"In the article... "State and federal fair housing laws prohibit landlords from refusing to rent to anyone based on several categories, including race, religion and national origin". what they fail to mention is that the "national origin" means legal residents. If someone from Kenya here legally applied for a rental and was denied, that would be against the law. Landlords now can deny someone a rental if the person has a criminal record or violates the law while residing in the rental unit. Folks, read your leases and rental agreements. The City of Escondido is "well within" it's authority to restrict or set regulations on landlords through business licenses which ALL landlords must have. The key word here is "legal". Marie, good job!"

mac wrote on July 09, 2006 12:13 AM:"Bravo! I'll definitely vote for you in the next election Marie Waldron! Thanks!"

Larry wrote on July 09, 2006 1:22 AM:"The measure must also contain provisions for financing enforcement. And there needs to be a measure for reporting to immigration and border patrol those illegal and fraudulent applicants. Grrr. Put some teeth into it, baby! "

huh? wrote on July 09, 2006 1:33 AM:"How will this curb immigration? I don't get it. Yeah let's have these people living in the streets instead of paying rents. great idea. Lets make the landlords and local businesses suffer. Unless all of san diego county adops something similar this it won't stop the flow of immigrants. How will it help improve these neighborhoods? In most of these neighborhoods the career criminals, the gang-bangers and dealers, are born US citizens. (would mind being able to kick that trash out fo the country) But illegal immigrants risk getting deported when they are caught breaking the law. They have the most to loose, they are here to work as much as they can and stay under the radar. By the way whose is going to move into these neighborhoods where 'illegals' get evicted, just curious? Going to have to do better than that to find a solution. "

ughll wrote on July 09, 2006 2:30 AM:"This is political grandstanding at it's worst. I wouldn't vote for Marie for dog catcher. After being slapped down by the voters in the Assembly race, she needs to find another knee-jerk issue to keep her name in the news. Maybe another photo-op with the Minutemen? I'm steadfastly anti-illegal invasion but let's get real. How many illegals do you think apply for rentals on their own? "

ughll wrote on July 09, 2006 2:37 AM:"The analogy that first comes to mind is that of an underage kid looking to buy alcohol: you don't go into the store yourself; you send in a legal friend. It is a system that is way too easy to beat. All sound and fury, signifying nothing. Next great idea, anyone? To be clear, one legal resident can probably score an apartment for a multitude. "

Stinky Sanchez's wrote on July 09, 2006 6:34

AM:"Ssssswwwwweeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeett!!!God Bless Her! Marie for President "

Seems Obvious wrote on July 09, 2006 6:52 AM:"Seems obvious that this should have been a part of the law a LONG time ago. "Illegal" means just that... shouldn't be here! So, why do we create a safe haven for people who choose not to live by the laws of the land?! Seems obvious Marie Waldron is on the right track and that A LOT of people will support her endeavors! She's got my vote! Now, let's work to get past all this other red tape involved and staff it. If we can dedicate \$1million of City money to get rid of Graffiti we can dedicate some funds to clean up our Illegal problems! Seems obvious..."

Volunteer wrote on July 09, 2006 7:00 AM:"I can recruit a legion of community volunteers who would be willing to assist the City to monitor this program."

No Discrimination wrote on July 09, 2006 7:08 AM:"Every rental applicant would be asked to show proof of legal residency! Just like job applicants. There is no discrimination with that. David Kline is just making menacing legal arguments to scare the landlords into opposing the ordinance. "

Clay Bak2OC wrote on July 09, 2006 7:11 AM:"Apparently Clay Phillips is opposed to this measure. He should take his BMW back to the OC and stay there! Else, he should OPENLY run for Marie's City Council position."

Realist wrote on July 09, 2006 7:44 AM:"ugh is correct regarding the need to crackdown on employers that hire illegal aliens, but we need to be realistic and be receptive to any proposals that support anti-illegal immigration. We have so many liberal politicians that anti-illegal immigrant supports really don't have much choice but to support ANY anti-illegal aliens proposals, regardless of circumstance. Kudos to Marie Waldron for this one proposal. Let's support her on this and hope she follows through with further actions."

eureka wrote on July 09, 2006 7:48 AM:"Expanding the idea to business space rentals might eliminate half the tenants at the biggest blighted business and area of crime in Escondido. Hmmm. "

El Guero wrote on July 09, 2006 7:58 AM:"Hold your fire there, ugh. I agree that employers who hire illegals also should be punished, but as Waldron sees it, this could be 'the first piece of a patchwork of potential local immigration laws that could include making English the official city language, among other elements.' Deny illegals living space in the city and they'll be forced to move on and become someone else's problem (and that someone else will be pressured to propose the same kind of initiative). In the meantime, Escondido gets some relief from overcrowding and poverty. What's wrong with that? What's really objectionable is the resistance from shiftless city bureaucrats like city manager Clay Phillips who says, 'We don't have the resources to try to monitor every single rental agreement in the city at this point.' What nonsense. According to a recent NCT report on a study of the Mission Park area commissioned by the city, 'Improving living conditions in the central Escondido area has long been a priority for the city, which in recent years has spent roughly \$4 million on more social services in the neighborhood.' I'd say City Manager Clay Phillips is the 'sham,' not Waldron."

American Idiot wrote on July 09, 2006 8:05 AM:"Illegal immigration is a national problem that should be addressed at the national level. Escondido Councilwoman Marie Waldron is, simply put, a political opportunist. Perhaps if she spent more of her energy serving her hometown, Escondido would no longer earn its reputation as the armpit of North County."

Back at Ugh wrote on July 09, 2006 8:08 AM:"I bet that you are first to get all foamy in mouth yelling 'profiling' and 'racism' when the Feds crack down on employers and illegals with fake documents at the businesses. Perhaps you did not know it, but there are already laws against hiring illegal immigrants. But people like you get totally bent out of shape when those laws are enforced! Current laws make it a criminal misdemeanor for an alien to fail to register with the Federal Government, and to fail to notify the Federal Government with 10 days of a change of address. Let's enforce those laws. Oh no! You just want to enforce the laws you want enforced (against businesses), and to ignore the laws that you do not like (registration of all aliens in the US). You are the fool if you oppose enforcement of these existing laws on registration and change of address. Those are crimes, and each illegal immigrant living in Escondido without complying with these existing Federal laws are now criminals."

JayGee wrote on July 09, 2006 8:10 AM:"I find all of your views to be very simplistic. You treat people like dirt, hold no regard for people, and get overly excited on a topic that is already in place. Landlords run credit reports on their tenants using social security numbers. Cudos, don't you understand that a SS# is the only way to differentiate people with the same name? I'm sure I'll see some of you at the local Home Depot protesting day laborers while your children are at home being taken care of by an immigrant. I'm sure you'll join a protest after the work on your house is done and you've voted to "not rent to illegals." What hypocrites."

Ugh wrote on July 09, 2006 8:26 AM:"I would absolutely be supportive of ICE raids on businesses as long as they involve fines for businesses as well as penalties for the workers. Waldron is right that we have a terrible illegal immigration and illegal employment problem in this region. I'm just tired of politicians who treat their voters like idiots instead of dealing with the real problem. We pay Marie Waldron to come up with real solutions, and instead she throws us something that does nothing to address the root causes. There can be no meaningful immigration reform without employment restrictions that ARE ACTUALLY ENFORCED! Sure there are laws about employing illegal workers. You know how many businesses were fined under those laws last year? Less than 50 in the whole United States. You know why? Same reason Bush refuses to do anything about employers. Because they pay for pro-business conservatives like Waldron to get elected! Waldron depends on businesses to fund her campaign. The question is, if she is so against illegal immigration, is she going to have the backbone to propose extra enforcement of employment laws in the city? Maybe refuse to allow permits for any business that hasn't proven all of their employers are legal? We need to demand this of her. If she'll do it, and jeopardize her own campaign by putting pressure on the hands that feed her, more power to her. If not, well, she's just another opportunist pandering to the lowest common denominator for votes. "

Steve wrote on July 09, 2006 8:32 AM:"I find it interesting that Mr. Phillips, the City Manager is offering legal advice. My understanding is that he isn't an attorney and that in any case Escondido has a City Attorney. His "can't do" attitude may put him in the running for bureaucrat of the year. The typical bureaucratic stand that he gets paid for showing up for work and anything additional would require added funds, may cement the award. That he gets paid almost \$250,000 per year to have such a negative attitude only adds to his bureaucratic credentials. It is no wonder that that Escondido has so many problems when its top administrative official has such a negative attitude. "

FYI wrote on July 09, 2006 8:37 AM:"Properly named American Idiot, illegal immigration is a local problem because local citizens are adversely affected by it. Globalist Bush and the Feds aren't getting the job done, and never will. The reason: the North American Union, the open-borders merging of Canada, Mexico and your America, coming to you in 2010. See www.eagleforum.org for information on SPP and NAU. Marie Waldron has it right, keep chipping away at illegal immigration, one local law at a time. Next, like Vista, register employers hiring day workers. "

Harry wrote on July 09, 2006 8:40 AM:"Ugh: You indeed have it all figured out. You make perfect sense and cut through all the crap from Waldron and Bilbray and those who seek to capitalize on a real problem by pandering to xenophobia, ethnocentricity and thinly veiled racism. "

Mark wrote on July 09, 2006 8:43 AM:"My guess is that most landlords would love this law. Having ten to fifteen people from third world countries in each apartment must trash the place. The associated violence and drug use can only lower the value of the apartments. The Police are uncomfortable going into these projects due to the tenants. Imagine what it is like to collect the rent. In areas with lots of apartments the landlords are stuck renting to illegals because there is already a high illegal presence in other complexes. The landlords could get the same rent from a better set of tenants if all of them could reject illegals based on this law. The value of the apartment complexes would rise and the value of the surrounding houses would likely rise even more. Our children who are just starting out in life could live in Escondido in reasonably priced apartments in their hometown. Today they are driven to other areas since many of the local apartment complexes are so undesirable. It seems like, win, win, win. "

Drilldown wrote on July 09, 2006 8:53 AM:"Bravisimo Marie Waldron! It is

precisely because of your courage, integrity and honor that you are so favored by thousands of area residents. Here is a politician that shows true LEADERSHIP and is willing to go out on a plank for her principles. How refreshing is that! BTW, Mayor Baretta of Hazelton, PA has been on many TV/radio shows and is receiving virtually total and monolithic support for his common sense, anti illegal alien/rule of law proposals. Escondido's Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler, on the other hand, is part of the problem or disease. It is, for the most part, because of her pro illegal alien policies over the yrs that Escondido now has a countywide reputation for being a mini Tijuana replete w/viscious Latino gangs, frequent stabbings, murders, rapes, lowest per capita income in the county, gross overcrowding in apartments, lots of subsidized housing, and some of the worst schools in the state and nation. Mayor Pfeiler has made Escondido a sanctuary city for illegal aliens and their criminal activities, much to the dismay and horror of law abiding, tax paying citizens. Mayor Pfeiler is a cancer that is destroying our once safe and beautiful community. Mayor Baretta and Councilwoman Waldron are the cure. Vote Pfeiler out this November! She's done enough damage, and we citizens can no longer afford her dangerous ways."

loving it wrote on July 09, 2006 8:53 AM:"Marie Waldron, I wish you were on the city council in San Marcos. We need people like you to stand up for our city and to keep it clean and honest. I support you 100%!"

Heads up wrote on July 09, 2006 9:10 AM:"I wrote Home Depot about their connection with La Raza they told me they support diversification. *I* will not be shopping at Home Depot EVER again!!!!"

AlegalAlien wrote on July 09, 2006 9:17 AM:"Finally, someone in Escondido who sees that it is going to be a myriad of measures that will have to be taken to denigrate the city's status as a mecca for illegals! Yes, we need to prohibit 10 families from living in a rental designed for one. Yes, we need to fine employers who hire illegals. With no place to live and work, their children won't be overcrowding our schools. The EUHSD won't have to consider floating a huge bond measure to build more schools at property tax paying citizen expense. Yes, we can clean up the graffiti in the hopes that the guests will flock to our beautiful new hotel, but we have to do more. The city has to attack the problem at the roots, one local law at a time to slowly make Escondido an unwelcome place for illegal immigrants to both live and work. Instead of spending 4 million taxpayer dollars on social services in Mission Park that has done nothing to improve the neighborhood, allocate those funds toward setting up a method by which property managers and landlords can determine the legal status of those who apply for their rentals!"

Jeff wrote on July 09, 2006 9:33 AM:"This will be interesting. Council Member Newman appears to be far on the Left. His vote on the California Border Patrol initiative was NO and was accompanied by rhetoric which inferred that all the police, CHP's and sheriffs in San Diego County were, Keystone Kops. The Mayor said that even thinking about illegal immigration is not my job, and voted NO. Council Member Waldron is clearly taking the lead. Perhaps she should run for Mayor this time around – someone certainly should run whose goals and objectives are more clearly aligned with the voters than the Mayor's. Clearly the current Mayor is out of touch with the wishes of the legal citizens of Escondido on this and other issues. The two individuals who have to step-up on this issue are Council Member Abed and Mayor Pro Tem Gallo. The article makes it sound like Mr. Abed is a supporter. His criteria that existing, legal residents be helped are the chief reasons for implementing this proposal as well as future proposals. We can hope that Mr. Gallo will back this and other proposals. It is time to be decisive and not hide behind potential problems (those always exist). It is one of those times for leadership and bold action which don't occur very often – a real opportunity for those in public office to make the right decisions on key, tough issues which really affect the community."

ILLEGAL = ILLEGAL wrote on July 09, 2006 9:37 AM:"ILLEGAL immigrant is MUCH different than just plain old "immigrant". Seems like a lot of people are still not clear on that... so they say we 'hold no regard' for the immigrants. It's the ILLEGAL immigrants that need to follow the 'laws of the land'. We are all descendants of immigrants - that's not the issue at hand."

Harry wrote on July 09, 2006 10:23 AM:"Illegal = illegal, yes, we are descendants of immigrants, but after our families achieved the American dream they started

passing restrictive immigration laws to make sure others don't have the same access. Most of these new restrictions were passed after 1900 and were specifically designed to give Northern European immigrants preference. "

Proud of my background wrote on July 09, 2006 10:27 AM:"Marie Waldron is a racist and hypocrite. How would she feel if her Irish ancestors had been treated the same way she treats the Latino community?"

Proud of my background wrote on July 09, 2006 10:29 AM:"Marie Waldron is a racist and hypocrite. How would she feel if her Irish immigrant ancestors had been treated the same way she treats the Latino community?"

Dennis wrote on July 09, 2006 10:47 AM:"If landlords are forced to check the citizenship of ALL prospective renters, the argument of racial bias goes out the window. A density law that limits the number of persons that can reside in a dwelling based on bedroom count would also be helpful, as well as requiring that all inhabitants be listed on the lease. This problem didn't occur overnight, and it will take many small steps like this to remediate. "

mj wrote on July 09, 2006 10:55 AM:"i lived in a township where you had to register your drivers licenses and vehicle license numbers for each and every occupant, oakhurst, nj in the township of ocean "

mj wrote on July 09, 2006 10:56 AM:"these driver checks say it all, each time they arrest unlicensed drivers and tow unlicensed vehicles, i don't understand how come unlicensed vehicles get by day to day "

Robroy wrote on July 09, 2006 11:19 AM:"To Volunteer, I am willing to donate time to the legal work that may be needed to draft, revise, or evaluate a proposed ordinance. Also, I wonder how Attorney David Kline can form a legal opinion about a ordinance that the City has yet to draft."

To huh wrote on July 09, 2006 11:37 AM:" Illegals are overflowing are prisons dude. Check out the article where Arnold is looking to sign contracts to send 5,000 illegal immigrants who are over flowing are prison system's, and sending them to other states to house them because are prison system is overflowing with illegals. So your theory about illegals have to much to lose by committing crime is not true. What about the 1 who was shot and killed in Vista? Wake up!! Thats the problem with most that support illegals and think they are just hardworking individuals, but your wrong read your paper or go visit one of there many camps where most are involved in criminal activity. Why is it we deport so many back? Its not like the border patrol goes to day labor sites. For the most part illegals are left alone but the ones who commit crimes are deported and then come right back. Do you see the problem now!!!!!"

Bill wrote on July 09, 2006 11:42 AM:"Jeff, I expect Waldron, Gallo, and Abed to support a measure like this. Newman will vote whatever the police organizations recommend. The Mayor is expected to try to sabotage the measure. Since it is apparent that the Mayor already has the City Manager on board against this, it is likely just a matter of time before the City Attorney opines that this is illegal. The timing of this proposal is great. Waldron, Newman, and the Mayor are up for reelection this fall. Illegal immigration is a hot button political issue this year and Newman and the Mayor will need to take a side. The Mayor is a big supporter of Congressman Brian Bilbray and his key issue has been illegal immigration. He is also up for reelection this fall. It would be great for Congressman Bilbray to support a Federal law prohibiting renting to illegals. Now that would be comprehensive immigration reform! In the meantime, it is time for Congressman Bilbray to take a stand on this issue of renting homes to illegal aliens in his district!"

A wonderful place for illegals to live wrote on July 09, 2006 11:56 AM:"How about putting a moritorium on 99 cent stores and thrift shops? Maybe then the illegals won't have a place to shop too. Escondido is well known all over Mexico as one of the best places to hide out and take advantage of America's hospitality. The name alone of our city in Espanol means hidden as in hide out or hide away. In Escondido you can live, shop, send your kids to the public schools for free and they will even teach them Spanish. If you are a single mom you can even collect welfare and not have to work outside of your home. There are plenty of apartments with swimming pools and parks for your children. And your children can have a free lunch and breakfast at any public school. Just make sure you give labor on the U.S. side of the border. Escondido is a paradise for illegals. Wouldn't you agree?"

Perhaps things would be different if Escondido could attract legal Americans to live, shop and play in a beautiful city that just got a movie theater. Escondido use to be a place where people retired or came to raise a family. Unfortunately it is now known as the best place to be an illegal immigrant or raise a family if you are an illegal immigrant. Escondido is the Roswell, Texas for illegal aliens. Can the mayor and city council do a better job of attracting businesses and developments that do not take advantage of the illegals? Maybe then Escondido can become a desirable place to live for the those of that called it our home town. "

Escondido Local wrote on July 09, 2006 12:04 PM:"Is the City of Escondido going to create a document verification service for landlords? I rent a small house I own, I do not want to violate any laws, but I am not an expert on faked Social Security cards!"

Outstanding Work wrote on July 09, 2006 12:39 PM:"I applaud Waldron's courage too. Something has to be done, and you have to start somewhere. There are way too many apartment complexes in Esco, chocked full of multiple illegal immigrants crammed together. Poverty breeds crime, and it's evidenced by the tons of disgusting Hispanic graffiti all over Esco. While someone wrote that it's the U.S. born kids doing this, what they are missing is that there are many, many parents of these kids who are here illegally, and just haven't been caught yet. Take your blinders off, folks. I wonder how many illegals the INS and Border Patrol could collar in the vicinity of Washington Ave & Quince St, where the predominantly Mexican swap meet flurries with activity several days a week. You can't tell me that all of these folks who frequent that venue are legally documented. No way!! "

ok.. wrote on July 09, 2006 12:59 PM:"Go for it girl..! but there is also another problem that we have to discuss here why does some car dealers sell cars to people who doesnt have a California Driver's license or why some insurance companies give insurance to people who present a license from another country ?? i guess she needs to see that as well and do something to fine those companies too.."

Scarlet Letter wrote on July 09, 2006 2:00 PM:"Hey Marie, why not ask Tom Metzger to move to Escondido. Start passing out jack boots and black shirts. How about wearing symbols on our shirts indicating our ethnic or religious preferences? Go ahead Marie, and get some more free press while you still can. "

Harry wrote on July 09, 2006 2:20 PM:"The rampant racism takes on biblical proportions, "....for there was no room for them in the inn..." it is clear that if Jesus came into Escondido and even looked Mexican... there are many, including Marie Waldron, who would turn him away. I just hope that He might get lucky and run into a Samaritan. It is odd that in a community that is so incensed over the Soledad Cross, you can't get an amen for "even as you did it unto the least of these you did it unto me". Christianity could be a beautiful thing if it weren't for the damn Christians. "

Times are changin wrote on July 09, 2006 3:29 PM:"The center of Escondido is the illegal alien mecca of North County... I wonder why Miss Waldron did not think there was a problem before the illegal immigration debate became the flavor of the month? The city has had no problem supporting social services that cater to the illegals... offering English classes??? They already exist through adult education. Escondido needs to improve the quality of life for the legal citizens by assuring the K-12 schools are the best. Keeping our streets safe and clean. Escondido has become a illegal mecca thanks to our city council. It is time for new blood and ideas to lead our city out of this hole. "

DrilldownDeeper wrote on July 09, 2006 3:58 PM:"Thank you for the reminder on ultra liberal Esc Councilman, Ron Neuman. We've seen him in action at many Council mtgs and he is a danger to the welfare of our community and our citizenry just as Esc Mayor Pfeiler is. You can frequently count on these two corrupt politicians to do the wrong thing for the legal, tax paying citizens of Escondido. Pfeiler and Neuman represent all that is wrong with the tragedy of the illegal alien invasion. They are, in point of fact, sponsors, sympathizers and facilitators of this viral like miasma that has taken root in Esc and the rest of No. County. They have to go out this November! These blogs reveal the great anger, frustration and rage many citizens feel towards this alien invasion and those politicians, like Neuman and Pfeiler, who, through omission or comission, aid and abett it. Enough is Enough!!! We need more people like Waldron. Please!"

Oh, I'm just wild about Harry wrote on July 09, 2006 3:58 PM:"hey Harry, the quality of life you enjoy was made possible by EUROPEAN immigrants (aka 'settlers'), not mezoamericans. Sorry to disappoint! We are children of the Enlightenment. Ever heard of that? That's OK, I don't expect you would. But please feel free to pay my share of the social costs for all the 'cheap labor' that's contributing so much to our economy."

Back at Scarlet Letter wrote on July 09, 2006 4:03 PM:"Why not give California back to the Mexicans and La Raza? The US stole it from them in 1848 after an unjust war of conquest. The Brown Berets are ready to start the cleansing of the white Europeans. Scalet Letter is afraid of civil discussion on a difficult topic. Mexican racism by the ruling elite IN MEXICO! The United States has become a safety valve for the failure of Mexico to educate and care for its people. By crossing the border, an illegal immigrant magically becomes ten times more productive in economic terms. However, the safety valve is now broken, the compassionate care for a disadvantage people has become an invasion because preachers of hate in the Chicango community are teaching lies and fables to these new immigrants. The re-mexicanization of California is based on fables of past wrongdoings. California does not belong to illegal immigrants. The US President is not secretly paying rent to the Mexican President for the unjust occupation of Aztlan! Connecting Marie to Tom Metzger is like tying you to Armando Narvarro and his group's attack in San Bernardino!"

Back at Harry wrote on July 09, 2006 4:04 PM:"So the Federal laws against illegal immigration are unchristian?"

To proud of my background wrote on July 09, 2006 5:24 PM:"The Irish were treated like crap when they tried to enter here."

To Harry wrote on July 09, 2006 5:26 PM:"You wouldn't by any chance be an illegal and an atheist would you?"

Armpit!! wrote on July 09, 2006 5:31 PM:"I thought Vista was the armpit of North County. "

American woman wrote on July 09, 2006 5:37 PM:"I'm so sick of all these whining PC men in our local (and Federal) government! God forbid that an intelligent woman jump into the fray with a viable concept. "Oh meeee, oh myyyyyy ... Whatever will we do without our illeeeegals? I neeeeeeed my slave. You can't take him/her away from meeeeee!" Pardon me while I lose my lunch. Why is it so difficult to grasp the concept of I-L-L-E-G-A-L????????? Go Marie."

American Woman wrote on July 09, 2006 5:44 PM:"obviusly your not a wealthy American. If you lived in Rancho Santa Fe you would understand. But since your middle class, you care. "

Jim wrote on July 09, 2006 5:52 PM:"The police are in these apartments with multiple illegals almost everyday. Make a system where they could report such conditions to whoever is going to enforce it. Sounds like a great idea!"

Harry wrote on July 09, 2006 5:58 PM:"To Harry: You wondered if I were an illegal and an atheist. No. My family arrived in this country in the early 1700's and since the mid 1800's the primary professions have been ministers and seminarians and educators. "

Encinitas Native wrote on July 09, 2006 6:18 PM:"Way to go! Let's support Marie ... I knew it was going to happen to ban illegals to rent apartments in the North County area. I'm looking forward to this November election. "

to Jay Gee wrote on July 09, 2006 6:21 PM:" SHUT UP! Are you an illegal? Do you pay taxes? Do you have medical insurance? Or how about you go to any of are social services. Why are there idiots like you even commenting here. If your so smart why don't you come up with a plan that best supports us LEGAL AMERICANS. Why does are govenor have to send 5,000 illegal immigrants who are planted in our prison system to other states to make room for our overcrowded prisons? Oh thats right only hard hittin workers that are illegals are here. B.S. they are not only desperate, they are thugs as well. Get rid of illegals and there supporters because you are worthless to this beautiful country. SO GET OUT!!!!!!!!!"

Encinitas girl wrote on July 09, 2006 6:34 PM:"Let's give a 30-day notice to the illegal immigrant tenants. BRAVO!"

Scarlett Letter wrote on July 09, 2006 6:53 PM:"Heck, let's bring back

bannishment. It worked so well in the 1600s. If one doesn't agree with the ruling figures/church, then simply bannish them. There would be less dissent, and fewer of these troubling comments. Then Escondido would be free to hate with impunity any who disagreed or were the wrong color. Let's change the name of the city while we're at it. Isn't Escondido Spanish for something? Maybe Savannah would work. Cut down all the avacado trees, they came from Mexico. "

Dear Landlord wrote on July 09, 2006 7:12 PM:"I'm sure the taxpayers in Escondido will ante up more money to pay for the rental police. Figure a couple hundred per parcel, they can put that to a vote, and spend thousands defending it in court. While they're at it, have code enforcement check every parcel for illegal units, unreported incomes from those units, and then turn them in to the IRS. What a wonderful community to come home to: safe, but with much smaller profit margins."

The Found Valley wrote on July 09, 2006 7:41 PM:"Next agenda item on Miss Waldron's list is to change the name of Escondido since it Spanish and English will now be the official language of the city to Found by Illegals and Those who Take Advantage of Them or Hate Them. It is long but so are all the streets with Spanish names. And the next law should be to fine any person eating at all those little Mexican taco shops or fast food joint that employees all the illegals too. Stick to bringing real jobs and improving the quality of life for legal citizens Miss Waldron. You would have more credibility. Demand the federal government do its job too. As city officials the council needs to be breathing down the federal governments back to enforce laws that are not being enforced like penalizing businesses that employ illegals. Hold the federal government accountable as elected city officials. The illegals are here because of the social services the city and federal provide on a silver platter. Life is good for the illegals in Escondido and the rest of America. No need to learn English or take care of yourself or your children if taxpayers are so willing to elect politicians who continue to give handouts and false promises instead of enforcing the laws. "

To Encinitas Native and Encinitas Girl wrote on July 09, 2006 7:56 PM:"Why don't you ask Christie Guerin to do the same in Encinitas? She works for Bilbray now, and certainly will want to clean up Encinitas. Perhaps they could change the name of that town too. Bilbray's so far voted a pay raise for himself and supported off-shore drilling. Not much flag waving about immigration now that he's in office."

El Jefe wrote on July 09, 2006 8:33 PM:"It's about time! Let's pass this now! Illegal immigration contributes significantly to the fact that Escondido leads the County as one of the most impoverished areas of San Diego. Too bad the Fed's don't jump in with some support & guidelines nationwide. Maybe a National I.D. Card & Driver License isn't so far fetched."

Re-Mexicanize CA? wrote on July 09, 2006 8:35 PM:"Change the name of Grant Middle School to Escuela La Mision. Change the name of Washington Avenue to Avenida Chavez. Everyone opposed to these changes is a racist! All silly positions. Illegal immigrants are forcing our children out of the community to Riverside County or out of state. This has got to stop! Do we hate them? No. Do we want the law enforced? Yes! Do we want more effective laws created? Yes! Are immigration laws immoral? No! Thank you Marie Waldron for your courage and leadership!"

Pat wrote on July 09, 2006 8:58 PM:"Trying to control illegal immigration by employer sanctions has not worked. Stiff employer sanctions were implemented in 1986 and the problem is worse than ever. Why have employer sanctions failed? First, the pay of an illegal immigrant is low. A small employer can afford to forgo expensing the pay of the illegal immigrant. Much employment is off the books. Since there is an inadequate paper trail, law enforcement would need implement 24 hour surveillance of a known illegal immigrant to prove employment. Since most illegal immigrants work a job for just a short time period, effective enforcement is virtually impossible. Housing is a different matter. Right now, just about every canyon and pepper tree in the County has an illegal immigrant encampment. Those here for several years finally find housing in an apartment by sharing expenses with several other illegal immigrants. The apartment requires a relatively long commitment—at least a month—often 6 months or more. Effective enforcement can take place anytime during that time period. Having enforcement related to housing may be much more effective in enforcing policies against illegal immigration. Every new program will have unforeseen issues that may need to be addressed in the

future. The program to prevent renting to illegal immigrants will be no different. A sub-optimal program is better than the current totally ineffective program. "

I'm with Pat wrote on July 09, 2006 10:07 PM:"I agree with Pat. I would like to see the law imposed for all renters. How about a national photo i.d. card for all legal citizens and residents to be used for jobs, buying and renting homes, getting a drivers license, applying for credit, electric bill, water bill,...? There would be no way around this law unless your where slumlord which many of the owners of apartments on Mission and Washington have become over the years. "

El Jefe wrote on July 09, 2006 11:01 PM:"Wake-up friends & lets try & do something we can all be proud of & support! All I hear are the negatives about how difficult & impossible it is to do anything & the fear of being branded racist,etc. Let's try & appeal to reason to both sides of this issue. Both the citizens & the illegals are expecting our communities to continue to do nothing as we have in the past. We have chosen to ignore this deteriorating situation for too many years. If we continue to sit on our hands this problem will explode beyond repair & ultimately our neighborhoods & property values will suffer & then the race riots will come as they have in other cities in the USA. The word is out all across the county, state & nation about Escondido's problems, & soon, if we're not careful, we will resemble San Ysidro. Who wants that? Whether Waldron is grandstanding or not, the fact is that few politicians are stepping up to the plate with any ideas in this regard. It seems everytime this subject of "illegal immigration" comes up all politicians run for cover or try to please both sides. I'm still angry about Busby being allowed to suggest its ok for "illegals" to help her get elected. Where's the outcry? We try to sugar coat these tough issues, we try to be civil, but so far I don't see any positive change in Escondido or the rest of the beautiful North County except negative change. Reality is that Escondido, Vista, Oceanside, etc are being allowed to get uglier by the second. Maybe the Spanish name (Hidden Valley) is more appropriate than first thought & it should stay "hidden". Unless we the citizens make our feelings known nothing will ever get done & we will get what we deserve. The local politicians are in hiding & the national politicians are in continuing do-nothing discussions hoping to compromise themselves out of difficulty. Do something!! Can you imagine our early pioneers coming back to life & seeing what a mess we have allowed this to become?"

To Brown Berets and La Raza wrote on July 10, 2006 8:04 AM:"Get over it California does not belong to Mexico. Find something else to complain about. Why not go back to Mexico since you are so proud and clean Mexico up. Am I a racist or prejudice of course not...I am American of Mexican descent and brown, but I owe nothing to Mexico. The only thing I have from there was my grandparents and they were smart enough to leave in the early 1900's. They worked hard and went by the laws of the country. Your hatred for the white is what keeps prejudice alive and the young American Mexicans down with their hatred. "

escoresident wrote on July 10, 2006 8:35 AM:"GO BACK TO MEXICO!!!!"

Peter Pan wrote on July 10, 2006 9:02 AM:"Reform, reform, reform! Everything the gov't is involved in is in a constant state of breakdown and reform. Hear this. We don't need immigration reform. We don't need any more laws. What we need is enforcement of existing laws. That's all. The fine for landlords is a good idea, but we have countless laws, statutes and ordinances that are not being currently enforced. Marie Waldron is a leader in our community. We need more politicians like her. Marie should be Mayor of Escondido because the current one, Lori Pfeiler, is corrupt and inept and has done great harm to Escondido because of her support of illegal aliens and public housing; she's also soft on crime and has allowed illegal aliens to ruin our schools. Pfeiler and councilmember, Ron Newman are part of the problem."

Vista John wrote on July 10, 2006 9:09 AM:"Every Apartment I have rented in San Diego County, since I moved here in 1997, asked me for my divers license and copies of my last three pay stubs. Were they breaking the law for asking me for this information? Should I have contacted the ACLU and turned them in? Just what are the laws for renting in California?"

To: To HuH wrote on July 10, 2006 9:25 AM:"Its not like the border patrol goes to day labor sites. For the most part illegals are left alone but the ones who commit crimes are deported and then come right back. Do you see the problem now!!!!!"
Please the day laborers are NOT left alone they are verbally abused and harassed

by the neo-nazi group aka the minutemen. I am all for deporting criminals who are here illegally but I am against causing people to suffer just because they are presumed to be here illegally. I do hire the day laborers and I will continue to hire them. They are trustworthy, hardworking, honest men. I don't think there is a minuteman out there who can do or will do the work these day laborers do. They did a beautiful job on my yard. All my friends were impressed with the amazing detail they put into their work and they are also going to hire them. I have seen the question "What part of illegal do you not understand". Here is one for you "What part of Human being do you not understand. I personally believe the abuse these "people" are subjecting the day laborers to is "cruel and unusual punishment" My God how awful it is to see that making a persons live so miserable that they leave is a tactic designed by Americans. Sad, Sad, Sad. Oh and for those who will immediately call me a treehugging, bleeding heart liberal, not true, I am a God Fearing human being who is afraid of what God will do when he gets fed up with us."

In response To Brown Berets and La Raza wrote on July 10, 2006 9:57

AM:"You are a traitor to your heritage, who is a wannabe Anglo. What if your grandparents had faced the same treatment that immigratnts do today? Oh, wait, the border patrol wasn't formed until the 1920s."

Kerry wrote on July 10, 2006 11:16 AM:"Good going Waldron! I love to read how all the open border crowds scream "you can't use "national origin," as a basis for denying a rental application. They will never see the difference between illegal and legal; maybe it's because English isn't their first language? I am sure these same people loved that the Supreme Court ruled you could use race as one of the conditions for acceptance into college; but don't want it to be used in profiling criminals. Too funny. I don't want race used as a factor for anything; but now this ridiculous "race card" will now be thrown in the faces of all who cling to it. So be it."

Amigo wrote on July 10, 2006 12:18 PM:"You go, Girl."

Tired wrote on July 10, 2006 12:56 PM:"Good going Waldron! I just emailed the City Council and Mayor and Code Enforcement asking for help on our street. We have many 2 bedroom apartments being used by 10 -15 illegals each paying \$450.00 on a \$900.00 a month apartment. What a bunch of theives, if its not the illegals charging everybody, then the City better get on the problem real fast because it means lots of dishonest apartment owners. How tacky stealing from your own countrymen! I also informed them of the continuing urination in front of children, the fact we don't know who is living next door molesters, murders, nobody knows! The weapons hidden on mop poles, yes mop poles, they tie the bricks and knives and guns and walk down your streets with mops on their shoulders. I also explained to the City that if anybody is seriously hurt when the law suits come flying they won't be able to say they didn't know! "

Wondering wrote on July 10, 2006 1:08 PM:"Hey can anybody tell me why I can't find an article on the illegals in Los Angeles attacking the Police and the Minute Men over the weekend Its all over the country but here no news. It seems the illegals had their faces covered with masks, if anybody knows why the NTC, San Diego Union and LA Times didn't cover the story can you let me know? "

Wondering wrote on July 10, 2006 1:13 PM:"Never mind found the story on the Drudge Report, LA News carried the story on television, its sad when you can't get the information from your own newspapers. "

Flanders wrote on July 10, 2006 3:53 PM:"Mark is right on with his comment. If illegals were banned from renting then the per capita income of Escondido would increase and the central neighborhoods would not be so ghetto. Middle class families would choose to live here rather than in Temecula if the town were safe and clean. This proposal is a great first step in ending the cycle of poverty and crime that plagues Escondido."

n response To Brown Berets and La Raza wrote on July 10, 2006 4:16 PM:"No not a traitor, my grandparents were treated the same way. They were reprimanded for speaking Spanish in school and had to sit on different sides in the movie theater. You need to know the history of the Mexican in Southern California. They had their green cards and worked the fields but what they had and what I see these "illegals" and "activist" not have was pride in themselves. They taught us to be walk proud of who we were not of what race we are. They taught us how to work and not

ask for handouts. If being American is being a wanna be Anglo then I must be. My father, uncles and cousins fought in WWII, Korean War, Vietnam and Iraq. What is an "Anglo"? Americans are all a mixture of different races bringing in all cultures to make a better America. Seems as though you have a lot of anger towards Anglos. Are you playing the victim of Anglos? Signed a Proud American! "

Marie Waldron the foolish dreamer wrote on July 10, 2006 4:26 PM:"Why not come up with a resonable and helpful way to not create a huge homeless problem. Why not try to build the community up? Why take extreme measures. I also think that this has to be against fair housing laws. After all illegal immigrants are entitled to equal protection under the Constitution maybe our girl Marie should read it before making such a ridiculous suggestion. "

Flanders wrote on July 10, 2006 4:49 PM:"The effect won't be a homeless problem. If illegals are not allowed to live here they will go away to where they are allowed to live (preferably their own country). Cutting off the jobs is one method to eliminate illegal immigration, and this is an additional tool that local governments should use if they are serious about improving the quality of life for their constituents. The United States, and Escondido in particular, can no longer to afford to abosrb the world's "troubled masses" without a serious degradation to our quality of life."

Impressed wrote on July 10, 2006 4:54 PM:"I had wrote of my concerns early this morning to the City Council, Mayor, and Code Enforcement regarding the problems we are having with illegal immigrants urinating in front of our children and other problems that need to be addressed. City Council member Mr. Abed has responded, yes, so far the only one to address my concerns but enough to impress me that we do have members on the council that do care. Thank you Mr. Abed. "

El Guero wrote on July 10, 2006 5:26 PM:"Well said, El Jefe. Everyone should read your last entry."

Good Times wrote on July 10, 2006 6:45 PM:"Lotta good blogs here, but one thing seems missing. That is, to personally hold the corrupt politicians, in this case, Escondido Mayor Holt Pfeiler, directly and personally responsible for the degradation caused by the tidal waves of illegals flooding our communities from Mexico. Most area residents know Mayor Pfeiler as the one who goes out of her way to pander and cater to the illegal alien criminals. Escondido was once a wonderful place, but is now rapidly turning into a third world cesspool of raging crime, gangs, grafitti and violence. Blame the Mayor and her leftist cronies on the city council. Afterall, they're the ones who've literally betrayed the law abiding, tax paying citizens of Esc. Waldron is one of the few sane and honest voices. It's time to clean house!"

To huh back to you wrote on July 10, 2006 7:08 PM:" Please as I don't fear god in a way that he is going to punish me for trying to regulate the laws. And I promise that if you are in fear that god will pass judgement for not hiring ilegal day laborers on you you can take the money your saving on day laborers and take it to mexico and help there depleted country out. You are our nations #1 problem right now and I pray laws will be changed and they come down on you. Illegals are illegal because they want the american dream. (nicebig trucks, grand houses, and other materialistic things) but truth be told there are plenty of resources to stay in there country and feed, house, and take care of there family's. Maybe not all are trying to buy bigger trucks. That being said it is when they decide to have 10 children that they have to figure something else out. And taxpayers like myself are burden with contributing to border patrol, housing the many 1,000s in are prison system, putting up new fences, repairing old ones, as well as many other things. My point my fellow americans truth be told if you can't afford to pay an american then do it yourself because your spending your money in mexico, and dodging are laws which is ungod like. Dan (temecula)"

Dale wrote on July 10, 2006 7:54 PM:"Well lets see how much honesty this paper is willing to print. First you must understand the word "ILLEGAL". Not authorized by LAW,unlawfull,illicit in short a criminal! No ifs, an's or but's. If you harbor or rent to Illegals than your harboring a,in this case many, criminals, which makes you one! Is it ok to have a thief, robber or how about a murderer living next to you? Can you assure us that their not? Can you? You can't because there's no legal proof! Thats the way us legal residents feel. Where's our legal right for a safe environment? What gives anyone the right to take that away from us LEGAL RESIDENTS? I

believe, probably for most Legal residents you can't answer that simple question. Remember the word ILLEGALS = CRIMINALS "

Frida wrote on July 10, 2006 7:56 PM:"Down with minuteklanwoman Waldron. She has go to go. Let's start the impeachment process to kick this racist outta our city government! I think we are going backwards here with Waldron in office, she seems to think we are in the times of South during the Jim Crow era. "

I can't find affordable housing wrote on July 11, 2006 12:24 AM:"I am disabled, and I qualify for housing assistance, yet I cannot get into an affordable apartment because I am a single white male with no dependents. Preferential treatment is being given to people with children.... isn't that discrimination? My family size is one--myself. I cannot help but notice that many of the affordable apartments I qualify for have a high percentage of Hispanics living there, as well as a community area which "assists" in English classes, free food for children, etc... I've paid my taxes, why can't I get the affordable housing I need? Five families living in a one family unit... don't tell me that isn't a bunch of illegals living there. I hope this new proposal in Escodndio goes through, then maybe AMERICANS with disabilities such as myself will be able to find decent, affordable housing again, and not be placed on a waiting list that is brimming with Hispanic last names; and whose current occupants stay in their apartments for years and years with plenty of people (illegals?) moving in in complete and utter disregard of zoning laws."

Shauni wrote on July 11, 2006 6:28 AM:"The reason that politicians treat people like idiots (in response to ugh's comment) is self-evident in the support blogs for Marie Waldron..."

FYI wrote on July 11, 2006 7:23 AM:"Frida, you are swimming upstream, and the current is getting stronger, soon to be a flood. Take your Mexican reconquista flag and go back to the homeland and try to fix it. The you-are-a-racist lies, rather than facts, is old, old, old. Americans are fed up with the invasion and are fighting back, one law at a time."

what do they not understand wrote on July 11, 2006 8:40 AM:"Why is it that people do not understand the difference between "illegal" and a legal immigrant. If against "illegal" you become a racist. Why not eliminate all laws...if I break a law it is okay. Don't say I committed an illegal act or then you are a racist against whatever race I am. "

To Dale wrote on July 11, 2006 8:46 AM:"So if I make an ILLEGAL U-turn, does that make me a criminal?"

To Flanders wrote on July 11, 2006 8:49 AM:"You are a heartless individual. How can you make that comment and sleep at night. Most of you are all cruel and heartless well I began to say human beings but I don't think most of you are part of the human race any longer. Not sure what your condition is called but it is along the lines of pure evil. So is the plan to ask every Mexican or brown skinned person who wants to rent a home or an apt. in Escondido for documents proving they are allowed to live in the U.S.? That sounds a lot like racial profiling and housing discrimination. Is Marie Waldron going to pay the attorney's fees the landlords incur because you know there will be lawsuits. It's discrimination wrapped up in a pretty package called concern. It is the Federal governments job to enforce the laws not our little city's to make new ones. "

To Dan in Temecula wrote on July 11, 2006 9:02 AM:"You must be huh or Duh not sure. First of all when I speak of my God I capitalize his name because he is a person. As far as the American Dream that is a fallacy. There is no such thing, I did really believe there was such a thing but I found there is only an American Nightmare. The American people although they are materialistic and money lovers were generally kind people. I have seen and read the worst things possible done by "Americans". Please believe me that I can certainly afford to hire contractors to redesign my yard, but they are not only over priced they work slow and the quality and detail of the work is not to my liking. The day laborers are men of integrity who work hard for there earnings because they take pride in a job well done. On the other had we have the American Dream people who believe any job will do and who cares if it correct just pay us. The American way now what was that?"

To Dan in Temecula wrote on July 11, 2006 10:07 AM:"Hey Dan why don't you start cleaning up your city of it's pedophile and pervert problem. I guess it's they are alright because they are American Citizens. I read that 22 pervs have been

arrested in Temecula. Maybe you are just interested in redirecting the pervert problem to the illegal immigration problem to protect yourself. Huh?"

To: to JayGee from Jaygee wrote on July 11, 2006 10:21 AM:"To answer your first question: Yes, I am an American Citizen. I hate to disappoint you. In fact, I am an educated Latino man which is probably your worst nightmare. I have medical insurance and I pay taxes, lots of taxes. Now let me ask you, did you know that Arnold wanted to move 5,000 prisoners or did you read that here on one of the many stupid comments? Be true to yourself and answer the question. Maybe not EVERY SINGLE person that comes here is a hard worker but neither IS EVERY SINGLE American Citizen. What concerns me is that you don't accept people but yet I'm sure you would like to be treated equal because of your inalienable rights. Sorry, I'll never leave. I love this country and the beauty that we can speak our mind."

Sean wrote on July 11, 2006 10:39 AM:"Councilwoman Waldron is simply starting her campaign for the council early. Wake up! She is up for re-election in November. Waldron ran for Assembly and lost so I guess we in Escondido are her second choice. What better way to get attention than to propose something that is popular with her conservative base. Marie Waldron would campaign against her grandmother if it got her votes. When she was a City employee, she dated a council man and hung out with the Jerry Harmon crowd. She was president of the Ecology Committee and espoused liberal causes. She is simply a political groupie and has no real philosophy except to get elected. It does not matter to her that her proposal is not constitutional. It does not matter to her that her proposal is anti-business and transfers the Federal Government's burden to landlords. It doesn't matter as long as it is popular and will get her elected. Shame on Waldron and shame on those who fall for her trick."

To Brown Berets and La Raza wrote on July 11, 2006 10:40 AM:"FYI, I do the history of racism and discrimination Mexican-Americans faced in the southwest, which continues to this day with the help of traitors "White" wannabes like you. I do not play the victim of Anglos, but am simply proud of my roots and angry at all the racism I see in these posts, especially from people like you. "

Annah M wrote on July 11, 2006 10:46 AM:"Way to go, Marie Waldron, I encourage the City Council of Escondido to support her proposal against renting housing to illegal aliens. We are watching you! You are shining light carriers for other communities in California. The law needs to support the legal citizens of this country, not tie our hands from preventing over burdening our taxes, schools, hospitals, environmental resources, culture, etc. We do not need to relax our laws for people who break them. It is time for communities to do what our Federal Government is failing to do. No to illegal aliens, they must all go home and get into line as legal immigrants have done. It is time to put an end to the exploitation of the citizens of the United States."

Hey Proud.... wrote on July 11, 2006 2:14 PM:"Marie's Irish ancestors, as mine entered the US LEGALLY, I know that it is impossible for you to understand, but we are talking about ILLEGAL immigrants who have come into our country without legal status, steal id's and lower our living standards. Most are from a culture of corruption however THAT is NOT the way we live in America. To protect our country from ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS is NOT racist. Keep playing the race card... it only hurts the ILLEGAL immigrants and makes the rest of us MORE determined to rid our country of this vermin that sucks the life's blood out of hard working Americans."

Liz wrote on July 11, 2006 2:18 PM:"You can't check credit without a SSN. It's that simple. Greedy landlords who are renting to illegals and allowing 3 or four families under the same roof deserve whatever they get."

Beautiful wrote on July 11, 2006 2:41 PM:"I propose we switch gears and ban ugly people - then Marie will have to move away. "

NOT ILLEGAL wrote on July 11, 2006 3:51 PM:"I just looked it up, and no...its not illegal to tar and feather politicians and toss them out of town! But you better hurry they are probably writing a new law so fast right now!"

To Beautiful wrote on July 11, 2006 4:42 PM:"You are so funny. Thanks for making me laugh out loud. But for real I think we should do that I mean ban ugly people, and then we should ban mean people....What a wonderful world this would

be. "

Shari K. wrote on July 11, 2006 4:48 PM:"my comment is to the person who made this comment at 2:14 today...."makes the rest of us MORE determined to rid our country of this vermin that sucks the life's blood out of hard working Americans."" Wow you almost had this Hard working American convinced that this is not a race issue and then you stoop to the name calling of human beings. Once again hate was victorious and I again am trying to figure out which side is right and which side is wrong. All I read on this blog is alot hate, name calling, accusations, allegations of wrong doing by people who I preceive are more evil than all the illegal immigrants put together. I will continue to ponder this issue before I decide who is right and who is wrong. So far I think your agenda and rhetoric is in error. I will wait and see before I choose a side."

To I can't find affordable housing wrote on July 11, 2006 4:54

PM:"WWWWWWWWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!! My Broken and bleeding heart. Get a grip since when does the United States owe you a free ride. this is America and you need to earn your living around here. You are not better than those whinning Mexicans you are talking about. Yes, next group that will be attacked will be the disabled and handicapped people. Wise up America history proves that someone is always a scapegoat. "

To huh and others (Dan Temecula) wrote on July 11, 2006 6:39 PM:" Come on pedophiles should burn instanly and never return to society. But in every communitie there are sex offenders idiot. Just like illegals they have some of there own pedophiles only when they are ready to disapear they do. To huh you seem like a good hearted person and I mean not to pick on you. But if you believe there is a better place than america hit me up as I will pay for you to leave. Your comments are unamerican, and I am racist against unamericans. Get it! Be proud because this is the greatest country in the world, and you must not pay attention to whats going on in the world because there is far worse than what transpires here. But your comment on that is dually noted as this country needs some cleaning up and we should start by with are borders and illegal immigrants. I know you have hired some good people from mexico but not all are good and we must as a nation that people are jeolous of protect the well being of are citizens and know who you are before you enter. GODBLESS!"

to Waaaaa wrote on July 11, 2006 6:56 PM:"If you were disabled you would be singing a different tune. What the issue is here is are illegals able to rent? Is prefferential treatment being given over AMERICANS (disabled or able-bodied)? THAT is the issue here. Since you don't have a broken and blleding heart, you should have no problem with rounding up ILLEGALS of all races and deporting them. Correct? "

Shauni wrote on July 11, 2006 7:02 PM:"To Dan in Temecula wrote on July 11, 2006 9:02 AM: "You must be huh or Duh not sure. First of all when I speak of my God I capitalize his name because he is a person.... Huh? God is a person? That is pretty nervy of you to compare God to yourself. The Divine is much more than a mere mortal; what are you thinking?"

LO wrote on July 11, 2006 9:07 PM:"Right On Marie!! Try to get the folks in Oceanside to do the same!!! "

Registered Voter wrote on July 11, 2006 9:13 PM:"Marie, Read over the comments of those who support your view. Look at the hateful souls you've aligned yourself with. You are an embarrassment to the open-minded, educated residents of Escondido. "

Reasonable wrote on July 11, 2006 9:36 PM:"I agree with Marie. The idea of America being a bilingual country offends me. Let's make English the offical language and ban other languages all together. While we're out it, let's outlaw annoying East-coast accents. Sarcasm. I am ashamed as a resident of San Diego to associate myself with some of the people on this blog. How ridiculous of Marie Waldron to be so close-minded and cold-hearted enough to be willing to turn some of the most hard-working people in Escondido away from their homes. People seem to be forgetting that all of American residents were immigrants at one point in history. This country is supposed to be the land of opportunity. Give people that opportunity. "

Skeptical wrote on July 11, 2006 10:34 PM:"Has anyone verified this woman's

educational background? She says she graduated from St. John's University, yet she does not embody any of the principles of compassion and global harmony found in the school's mission statement."

Pat wrote on July 11, 2006 11:35 PM:"The late posts belittling Marie are unfortunate. This debate will be emotional, but necessary. Thank you Marie for having the courage to address this highly charged political issue."

Resident Voter wrote on July 12, 2006 4:50 AM:"Will the real Marie please stand up? You wanted the spotlight, now you've got it. How does it feel? It will be interesting to see if your fair-weather friends will continue to follow the conservatives' answer to Busby. Or maybe Howard Dean would be a better example. Keep it up; it's an amusing distraction from reality."

To Pat wrote on July 12, 2006 6:16 AM:"Belittling Marie? This is a woman who is proposing an idea that would displace thousands of innocent children. She belittles herself."

Jack wrote on July 12, 2006 7:20 AM:"It's a great idea but what is needed as much is not allowing more than 8 people to live in a 4 bedroom home and 6 people in a 3 bedroom home."

To Pat wrote on July 12, 2006 7:29 AM:"Pat: Are you serious? The light jabs at Marie are the ones that you call unfortunate? Have you read the dozens and dozens of postings that are nothing short of racist hate mail? Forget about Marie. I'm worried about you."

To Marie Waldron wrote on July 12, 2006 10:36 AM:"Go Away!"

To Jack wrote on July 12, 2006 10:59 AM:"How many people do you think should live in a one bedroom Apt.? How many people do you think should live in a 2 bedroom house or apartment?"

Peter wrote on July 12, 2006 11:17 AM:"Strange how issues dealing with illegal activity are made to sound racist. People of every color and background are racist...who cares...the issue is illegal activity. If you support illegal activity; you are aiding the criminal, supporting the criminal activity and are guilty of an accessory to the crime. If you support illegal immigration you are guilty of violating Title 10 and our immigration laws. Employers that hire illegal immigrants are guilty, landlords that rent to illegal immigrants are guilty, and people that hid and support illegal immigrants are guilty... so my liberal friends, if being against illegal activity makes me a racist, I say, I'm proud of the title bestowed on my by law breakers whom need to be put in jail themselves for their criminal activity!"

Either for or against wrote on July 12, 2006 11:50 AM:"Neither party is going to have to wait long, look around downtown Escondido, the Border Patrol is cruising the streets."

ILLEGAL wrote on July 12, 2006 12:03 PM:"what part of that word do some of you people not understand? I am a college graduate, and I don't understand how some of these "educated" people can be so willing to give MY tax money to FELONS. When you enter a country illegally and buy a fake social security card at the check cashing store, that is a FELONY and it is Identity theft. If you people want to give all these poor ILLEGAL people help... give them YOUR social security number to use!"

Rockbiter wrote on July 12, 2006 1:26 PM:"Divide and conquer is getting you. Name calling. Affiliations and ideological dogmatism. Listen to all the self righteous blogging: you're a racist; not you're a bigot! You're intolerant. No, you're insensitive. Gimme a break from this self righteous, stupid baloney! Wake the hell up and realize that we are ALL facing, due to this insanely out of control illegal alien invasion from Mexico, the single greatest threat to our people, culture and nation. Ever!!! The real problem is with corrupt politicians like Mayor Vance of Vista and Mayor Holt Pfeiler of Escondido. This is where you should vent your righteous anger and outrage over the rapidly deteriorating quality of life in those communities (crime, gangs, tons of graffiti). At least Waldron is trying to do something positive and courageous. So, give us all a break and stop with the stupid and impotent name calling!"

Union Trib Article wrote on July 12, 2006 2:31 PM:"Just read a related article in SD Union where Ed Gallo and Sam Abed support Marie's proposal. The three were nuts about Palomar Hospital a few months back, now this? Ed and Marie are dumb

anyway, but Sam? He's supposed to be the smart one. That's two strikes for him. He won't be getting my vote ever again. "

To illegal wrote on July 12, 2006 3:28 PM:"What part of the words Human Beings do you not understand? It seems that compassion not education is what you lack. It matters not if you are a college graduate or a high school dropout if we as Americans have lost our ability to extent help to those who are in need than we are no better than any other third world country. America is great because we are the land of Opportunity or perhaps it is better to say were the Land of Opportunity. We must get back on course because the hate, and evil being written on this forum is very disheartening. We really can't desire that these people become homeless? We really can't desire that these people go without food? If you think your tax dollars pay for services for them now the worst is yet to come if ordinances such as this one are passed. Oh and by the way I am a victim of identity theft. Someone used my social security number to buy a car, rent an apartment, get several loans. After all was said and done it was a young woman (an American Citizen) who damaged my credit and ruined my life. I am still trying to work things out. Should I hate her? Should I hate all young Caucasian women? Of course not!!! What would that accomplish? I ask the same question about this ordinance....What will this accomplish?"

To Rockbiter wrote on July 12, 2006 3:39 PM:"It seems that you are guilty of the stupid and impotent name calling. The illegal immigration problem MUST be dealt with at the Federal level. Our City officials Mayor Vance and Mayor Pfeiler can not order ICE to "get rid of the illegal immigrants". This has been a problem that has grown over many years. It will not be resolved with the type of ridiculous ordiances proposed by Marie Waldron. Good effort but this is not the answer. Have any of you ever asked yourselves why ICE does not go round up all the illegal immigrants? They know exactly where they are, right? Why don't they go get them and deport them? I would tell you but you won't like the answer. Oh yes just to let you know Mexicans are not the only illegals in the United States, and not all Mexicans are illegal. "

People_please wrote on July 12, 2006 3:56 PM:"A lot you ask the question: Do you know what ILLEGAL means? I hope everyone reading these comments does. Now, do you know that not driving the speed limit is ILLEGAL? If you add up the times that all of us have driven in excess of the speed limit it would add up to a lot of money. So who is cheating the country out of more money, undocumented people or fast drivers?"

Truly a sad day. wrote on July 12, 2006 4:08 PM:"Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler said it's a sad day when a local elected official has to propose a law that deals with federal and state matters." Again these are not issues that should be dealt with at the City level. Good call Mayor Pfeiler. "

To the one who posted the above comment at 3:39 pm wrote on July 12, 2006 4:18 PM:"You are so right!!!!!! About time someone asked the question? I am Mexican and frankly I am tired of being treated with prejudice and racism. Your point regarding the fact that not all "illegals in the United States are Mexican and not all Mexicans are illegal is so right on. Please people show some respect. "

Marie is Brown wrote on July 12, 2006 7:15 PM:"Anybody ever see Marie in person? She looks Mexican. I wonder if anyone has ever told her the whole "look", make-up and all is kinda gangster."

Peter wrote on July 12, 2006 7:24 PM:"Re 4:18 post - you are correct, not all illegals are mexican.. however, that doesn't excuse the fact that more then 12 million mexicans in this country are here illegally! Control the border, stop the employment of illegals and this problem becomes manageable... if you're a mexican and feel you are treated with prejudice and racism, then you need to look at your own actions... it's your behavior... become an american and you won't feel that way!"

This is GREAT!!! wrote on July 12, 2006 9:17 PM:"The fact that this issue has come to the surface and people are actually angry about it is GREAT!! People arguing about this issue and the broader illegal immigration issues with such passion is exactly what we need prior to enacting any meaningful change. These are the first steps towards a better tomorrow. I hope the illegal activists stay fired up and stay in the media as well. The rest of middle America is not nearly as tolerant

as we are in this region or the east coast, and even here, there is a clear majority of legal citizens that want illegals GONE. It's just the beginning of the end of the free ride. No amnesty! From chaos comes order "

legal i be wrote on July 12, 2006 10:17 PM:" You get what you vote for. Illegal is illegal. Enforce the law. Waldren did this to get votes for the upcoming election. Throw her out next time around. Throw them all out! Look what a mess this city is in. It didn't just happen overnight. Clean house so we can clean up this city. I am ashamed to say I live here."

ryan wrote on July 12, 2006 11:02 PM:"Don't re-elect mayor Pfeiler, she has been pushing for more and more low income rental units in Escondido for years. Escondido has 10 times the low income rentals as Carlsbad. I say bulldoze them all and make Carlsbad and other cities share the burden, why we are at it get rid of the Escondido swap meet and turn it into a park. People you need to get involved this election, don't just sit at home doing nothing, get out and spread the word make fliers stand at street corners. Send a strong message to the establishment that Escondido is no longer a sanctuary city for illegals and do not re-elect Pfeiler"

Rockbiter wrote on July 13, 2006 12:28 AM:"You say not all illegals are Mexicans, which technically is true, however, it is a fact that well over 90% of illegals are indeed Mexicans. Also, the true number of illegals in our sinking nation, is, according to numerous, well informed sources, is well in excess of 20 million and more likely closer to 30 million illegals! Most of you have absolutely no idea what is about to befall you and your nation if this is not controlled quickly and substantively. Far more is at stake than you might ever imagine and holding onto your little floatie of 'racism' name calling will not make you immune from the extreme chaos that will befall many over this crisis. So yes, Mayors Pfeiler and Vance are very much part of the problem. Period! BTW & FYI...forget the decoy argument that it's a 'federal' issue. It's also a 'local' issue and there is indeed plenty that can be done locally and legally to combat this dangerous invasion."

escondido resident wrote on July 13, 2006 7:35 AM:"I agree illegal immigration is not just a federal issue. Individual cities have decided if they are going to enforce certain laws or not on their own. The local police department can check for legal identification when ever they come across a crime, even traffic stops. Some cities have day worker halls were the illegals gather for work. LA is about 50% illegal aliens because that city has chosen to look the other way more so than others. I don't want my tax dollars going to any illegal immigrant and don't want MY city to be a sanctuary any more. Out with Pfeiler."

Andrea wrote on July 13, 2006 8:58 AM:"WOW! This is ridiculous! The entire idea is simply absurd. I do not want a council member's personal agenda being sponsored by our taxes. She was elected to serve residents of this community – including the homeless. Mr. Waldron is just an opportunist who is clearly taking advantage of the current situation to work up the political ladder. If she really cares about the well being of the residents, and most importantly, the security, she wouldn't be supporting this type of propaganda. This proposal will only bring instability to the city of Escondido. And if you can't see past your ignorance, then you should read up on your history - maybe then you might recall how your ancestor got here. Shame on those who support this nonsense."

To Peter wrote on July 13, 2006 10:26 AM:"if you're a mexican and feel you are treated with prejudice and racism, then you need to look at your own actions... it's your behavior... become an american and you won't feel that way!" what a ridiculous statement. I am an American. I speak, read, and English fluently. I was born and raised right here in California. I completed my education. I have a great job. I own my home, and yes I pay taxes. But Peter unfortunately people such as yourself see me on the street or in a store and I see the prejudice attitude. The racist comments made because they assume I do not understand or speak English. One employee at Walgreens who was fired by the way found out that I do indeed speak and understand English. None the less you proved my point by your comment....Thank you."

Joe wrote on July 13, 2006 11:12 AM:"It has been said that cities and countries deserve the leaders they elect. People of Escondido, you don't deserve Ms. Waldron. "

Rockbiter wrote on July 13, 2006 2:01 PM:"Here's another facet to Senor El

Presidente Jorge Boooooosh's Guest Workers. Have you been watching/listening to the news of late? All over So Cal, Minutemen volunteers, exercising their legal rights to assemble, speak and protest, have been viciously assaulted by pro illegal alien, Latino VIGILANTES. Pres. Bush had the audacity to call Minutemen vigilantes for merely using binoculars and cell phones to assist BP agents, but it turns out the REAL VIGILANTES, according to numerous arrest reports, are Latinos that have been assaulting and threatening w/bodily harm, Minutemen and other patriotic Americans trying to defend their communities from the ravages of the invasion from Mexico. In LA last weekend, SIX Latinos w/face masks, were arrested by LAPD for violently assaulting (as seen on KTLA/tv) Minutemen in a parade (Minutemen had a legal permit!). The Minutemen, Waldron, Congressman Tom Tancredo and other pro rule of law, anti illegal immigrant activists, are the real heroes. The NCT's and other media, through their sachrine sob stories, would have you believe the illegals are the victims, when in fact the NCT's, and other totally biased, pro illegal alien papers, never tell you the TRUTH about the massive amount of cost and harm done to legal Americans by illegals flooding up from Mexico. I wonder WHY? Don't you?"

darlamerika wrote on July 13, 2006 4:01 PM:"MARIE WALDRON FOR PRESIDENT. This woman has guts! How refreshing. My God it's a miracle anyone like her still exists. You go girl! Her idea is the most logical thing I've heard in months. She's a keeper. Good for Escondido. And let's face it folks: if something isn't done soon—you can KISS Escondido Adios. The place is crawling with illegal immigrants, and yes, they're mostly from Mexico. Duh. What should I say? They're from Russia? Well, they're not. They are mostly Mexicans who are coming here to take services intended for American citizens. We must block their every attempt. I say amend 14th amendment. You breaky into our country you no get to have baby who gets free stuff, and you get a nice cup of cafe and bocadillo and you get on a bus back to your country, where you ask your gobierno for help. "

To the rockbiter wrote on July 13, 2006 4:03 PM:"Funny how you spin the stories. Of course those Minutemen are on there best behavior peaceably assembling and that stuff, right. Perhaps you missed the KPBS special and also local news reports where the passive, sweet, kind, helpful minutemen were caught showing there true colors. I did not know a permit was necessary to peaceably assemble on public property. Oh I know the minutemen are law abiding, patriots, hhhhhuuuummmmm???? Not only the President of the United States called these "men and women" vigilantes so did our Governer. I believe these men and women are dissenters, traitors speaking against our leaders I believe they should be stripped of their citizenship if they are citizens and sent to Siberia. They should be treated as enemies of the State during this time of war and treated as such. "

To darlamerika wrote on July 13, 2006 4:23 PM:"Very nice where did you learn english sweetie. Oh don't tell me you were actually faining a spanish accent to poke fun at the "Mexicans". Grow up this is serious business and you seem to be very childish and immature. I hear Esther Sanchez is being recalled as councilwoman in Oceanside by some activist. I hope he starts the same proceedings on Ms. Waldron"

To Peter wrote on July 13, 2006 9:07 PM:"I have looked at my actions and I yes I see racism and prejudice. What is your ethnicity? I am an American of Mexican descent and am brown and proud. My actions are about as American as I can be. I have a college degree and my primary language is English and cannot get a job in a bilingual position as I don't write and speak Spanish. My family has had idiots show their true colors but don't get me wrong...we don't harp on it. My mom was in the Vista Post Office years ago and "gentleman" called her a "damn wetback", again some idiot. My family now a mixture of all races. I am brown as can be and my grandchildren are blonde and blue-eyed. Even my Anglo's family had prejudices. I have had people use sign language to get their point across...It is funny because there are alot of people out there that assume because you are brown they need to speak broken Spanish to you but the majority don't have any problems. And yes I am against "illegal" immigration. "

Stop The Invasion! wrote on July 13, 2006 10:32 PM:"I just paid \$25 for one square foot of a billboard with that message!"

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Local Latinos decry proposal to ban rentals to illegal immigrants

By: DAVID FRIED - Staff Writer

ESCONDIDO ---- Upset with a councilwoman's proposal to ban renting property to illegal immigrants, a small coalition of Latino activists urged the Escondido City Council on Wednesday to abandon the matter, or risk dividing the community.

"It's planting the seeds of hatred in our community," said Daniel Perez, one of three speakers to address the dais. "Let's pull it together."

Last week, in an interview with the North County Times, Councilwoman Marie Waldron said she would like the city to consider an ordinance that would prohibit landlords from renting to anyone who could not prove legal residence or citizenship. She proposes that violators would be fined \$1,000 for each illegal immigrant they rent to, and repeat offenders could face arrest.

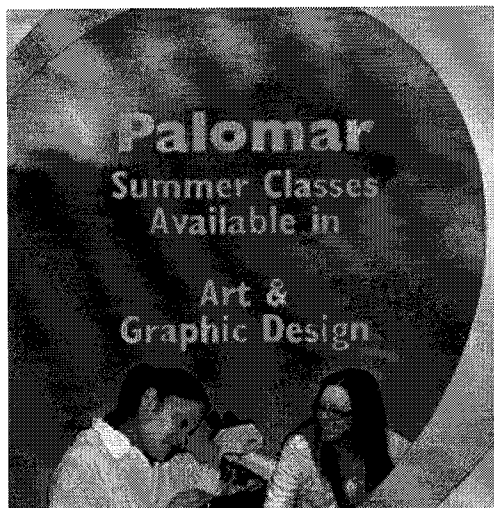
The councilwoman, who faces re-election this fall, said enacting local laws dealing with immigration was necessary because federal efforts have failed to stem the flow of illegal immigrants into the country.

Two of Waldron's colleagues, Sam Abed and Ed Gallo, have said they support the idea.

Perez, who organized the group of a half dozen Latino community members, said the proposal was divisive, and would penalize Latinos, as well as property owners.

"The idea of having property owners be penalized because they rent to illegal immigrants, that doesn't make sense to me," Perez said.

Landlord and fair housing groups have already said such an ordinance would likely violate state and federal laws, which prohibit property managers from refusing to rent to anyone



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based on several categories, including race, religion and national origin.

City officials have said that, if a council majority wants them to draft an ordinance, they would need to study the costs and ways to enforce such a measure. Meanwhile, they said, they are monitoring similar efforts in some other cities around the nation.

Waldron's idea is modeled on part by a law recently passed in Hazleton, Pa., whose council last month adopted what it calls an Illegal Immigration Relief Act. In addition to banning rentals to illegal immigrants and fining landlords who violate the law, the ordinance would revoke the license of any business that hires illegal workers and make English the city's official language.

Hazleton's council is scheduled to vote today on whether to enact the measure.

Other speakers Wednesday said Waldron's proposal would alienate Escondido's Latinos, who make up 42 percent of the city's population of 142,000.

"A basic human right is to be able to live in a secure home and have shelter," said Consuelo Martinez, who heads the Escondido Human Rights Committee. "And that (ordinance) would be a violation of human rights."

Joel Medina, a pastor at Monte de los Olivos, said he believed denying housing to illegal immigrants would go against Christian values.

"Even dogs, you're protecting them more," Medina said. "I'm sorry, but it's the truth."

Waldron could not be reached after the meeting for comment.

Last fall, throngs of Latinos filled council chambers to demonstrate when Waldron led a council majority to support a proposed ballot initiative that would have created a state border police to supplement federal immigration enforcement.

Perez said that, for now, it is too soon for such vocal demonstrations, and that he is simply trying to keep Waldron's proposal from gathering steam before it comes up for a formal council vote.

"We're just trying to tell them this is a bad idea and it's going to hurt the community," he said. "We didn't want to come out trying to attack them."

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Watchdog Esco wrote on July 12, 2006 10:56 PM:"Good..Waldron needs to know she is dividing the community. She is a waste of our tax payer money and if Escondidians know what's good for them, they will have her impeached!"

Ray wrote on July 13, 2006 1:58 AM:"Here we go again... they cry of the illegal

alien. It's really simple, if your here legally, you have a green card, drivers license and social security card. If your illegal, you have none of this and are in VIOLATION OF THE LAW, simple concept really. Seems though that most latinos can't grasp it. The ordinance is sound, will cost little, does not violate federal or state laws and will clean up Escondido housing which resembles a "barrio" now. If your illegal and want to live somewhere, I suggest a short 50 mile ride south. I do agree everyone has human rights and mine is not to have to live next to one of these diseased, filthy, flop houses called an apartment complexes."

Over-sight Committee of one wrote on July 13, 2006 3:59 AM:"The issue is valid; the approach is textbook sophomoric. We only hope that sharper minds will prevail. But give Marie a hand; she's taking one for the team. "

El Guero wrote on July 13, 2006 4:36 AM:"'Latinos' is such a nice euphemism because it covers Mexican immigrants newly arrived—legal and illegal—and their Mexican-American handlers who have hit the amnesty lottery and are guiding others of their 'gente' through the process. "Planting the seeds of hatred in our coummunity' isn't what Marie Waldron or a rental ordinance is doing; Mexicans are doing that. And just because our immigration laws aren't enforced doesn't mean these 'Latinos' have a 'community'. Oh, and by the way, the family of that idiot who died throwing dumbbells at deputies are now back at home in beautiful Oaxaca. Gee, I wonder why they didn't stick around to insist on their rights. Could it be that they were in the country illegally? Ouch, I just walked into another shopping cart."

Kudos to Waldron wrote on July 13, 2006 4:38 AM:"I back Waldron's proposal 100%!!! ILLEGAL = ILLEGAL. We should not shelter them - no matter if they are latino ILLEGAL, italian ILLEGAL, Canadian ILLEGAL. Immigrants need to do what the rest of the LEGAL immigrants have done to be respectfully accepted into this country. And to pastor Joel Medina - what kind of pastor are you? Please show me in the Bible where it says that we should support, defend and shelter people who are breaking the law. We can help others without helping them break the law. They need TOUGH LOVE. Jesus Christ loved sinners - but He didn't condone what they did. He showed them the right way to live - but He didn't let them have the run of the land. You might want to go back to your Bible and read it again."

TJ wrote on July 13, 2006 5:35 AM:"Now is the time for all good legal citizens to come to the aid of their city and country. Council Members Waldron, Abed and Gallo are following the lead of other cities who are fed up with the overcrowding and degradation of their cities due to illegal immigration. Pass the proposed law and let the courts sort it out. Next, a law like that of Vista's to control day laborer hiring. "

To Watchdog wrote on July 13, 2006 6:37 AM:"'Dividing the community'?! So you think we should allow TERRORISTS to move in? They're breaking laws too... but we should be nice to them simply because we should embrace ALL people?! "

Go Waldron! wrote on July 13, 2006 6:53 AM:"Sorry Watchdog but I disagree with your remarks that Waldron is dividing the community. This community is being divided because there are half that are tired of being taken advantage of by illegals and the other half made up of either illegals or those with a soft spot for them. I, for one will surely vote for Waldron again. At least someone is finally taking a stand against illegal immigration in Escondido instead of rolling out the red carpet for them like the mayor is doing in Mission Park. It's all been said before in the "Comments" of what comes with having a bunch of illegals gathering so I won't bother to rehash it. I now need to end here so I can get a letter off to Waldron, Abed and Gallo to let them know I support them 100 percent. "

Daren wrote on July 13, 2006 6:54 AM:"I would be in favor of dividing our country in the manner Waldron suggests. Legal citizens inside the country, illegals outside the country. That kind of division would be fantastic. Besides, the state & federal laws mentioned don't apply to criminal illegals."

Robert24 wrote on July 13, 2006 7:09 AM:"Marie Waldron is not dividing the community, but illegal aliens are destroying this whole country. Folks like Watchdog Esco who kid themselves by supporting and encouraging this illegal activity are the ones who need to get educated to the real issue. As far as the burdon that is placed on landlords, they should not have to be in this position, and would not be if the illegal's had done the right thing and come here legally. It isn't Marie Waldron, the landlords, racial profiling, or anything else. It is bold, in-your-face illegal activity that

has caused this, and we are fed up with it. Watchdog Esco, you and others that support this activity, and participants of the May 1 "Anti American Rally", can thank yourselves for showing us all how out of control this problem really has become. Thank you Marie Waldron for have the courage to stand up and speak out. You will have my vote again at the next election. "

John Q wrote on July 13, 2006 7:09 AM:"There is a simple truth here...we are talking about illegals (i.e. people who are breaking the laws of the US). If we still give landlords the option of renting property to illegals, then I think we should allow them to rent to rapists, murderers, robbers, etc without any penalties or legal actions...yeah right!"

Poll Watcher wrote on July 13, 2006 7:24 AM:"I took part in a poll on another newspaper's website. The result was 85% in favor of the Waldron proposal. Isn't it interesting that, according to Pastor Joel Mdeina, Escondido is a community of infidels. The members of Perez's half-dozen Latino group are unwilling to recognize that Congress made illegal immigration a crime years ago. At that time, Congress set up the framework for a divided community. Those that try to comply with laws of this country, and foreigners who ignore the laws of this country. "

Moral Police wrote on July 13, 2006 7:31 AM:"Committing a crime is un-Christian. Aliens present in the US who fail to register with the Federal government are committing a crime. Aliens in the US who fail to notify the Federal government of a change of address within 10 days of a move, have committed a crime. Even aliens having a green card who fail to file the change of address notice are committing a crime! Aliens in the US who traffic and use falsified documents are committing a crime."

Conservative wrote on July 13, 2006 7:36 AM:"Illegal immigrants want to create two America's. The main group representing illegals is La Raza which is a racist group similar to the German Nazi Party or the KKK. La Raza advocates control of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas by one race from Mexico. Spanish speaking illegals listen to Spanish speaking radio and TV. These stations have ratings in the millions. Illegals don't want to, and don't work to, fit into America. They want to be separate. Illegals from Mexico are racists. A recent study by the University of North Carolina and Duke University found that, "A majority of Latino immigrants, 58.9 percent, said few or almost no blacks are hardworking. Nearly one-third said few if any blacks are easy to get along with. And nearly 57 percent said few if any blacks could be trusted." Less than 10% of whites held these attitudes of Blacks. The bottom-line is that America is being invaded by illegals who essentially want a separate nation which speaks Spanish and which is hostile to the rest of America."

PC wrote on July 13, 2006 7:37 AM:"They let registered sex offenders rent properties, even gangbangers and ex-cons..so why not illegals. This is a good concept, but it will never fly. Besides, whatever illegals don't rent in Esco, they will go to Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos...get my drift?"

US Citizenship wrote on July 13, 2006 7:43 AM:"The N-400 Application for Naturalization includes these questions: Have you ever claimed to be a U.S. citizen (in writing or in any other way)? Do you owe any Federal, state or local taxes that are overdue? Have you EVER committed a crime or offense for which you were NOT arrested? Have you EVER lied to any U.S. government official to gain entry or admission into the United States? Your Signature: I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application, and the evidence submitted with it, are all true and correct. The Oath of Allegiance includes: I hereby declare, on oath, that . . . I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic!"

Steamed Up American! wrote on July 13, 2006 8:04 AM:"Dear Mr. Perez, when Mexican Flags were marched through American communities with Aztlan banners held by the Brown Berets, and Reconquista posters were paraded by Mecha students, the fire was lit, and the American community is boiling. There is enough steam on this issue to blast a similar proposal into Congress as part of comprehensive immigration reform. Your vocal demonstrations will just fuel the fire so that the steam of the enraged American community will have the force to solve the problem of Mexican illegal immigration. The reconquest, or re-mexicanization, or whatever you want to call it, of California is now the issue of the day in the

American community. The steam to bring the proposal to a formal council vote is already there. If the Latino community disturbs the peace of the American community to the point that a vote cannot be taken, it will be akin to shutting off the pressure relief valve of a boiler. Not a very civilized thing to do."

Rockbiter wrote on July 13, 2006 8:09 AM:"Senor Perez (pls put the violin down) say the fine is 'planting the seeds of hatred.' News flash. The seeds of hatred, abuse, conquest, crime, etc. are already planted, germinating and thriving because of the illegal alien hordes taking over and destroying our communities and cities nationwide. Perez says it will 'hurt the community.' Oh really? You mean hurt the community the way the illegals and their gangs, drugs, sex slavery, stabbings, murders, hit and runs, tax evading and law breaking are HURTING THE COMMUNITY? Is that what Perez means. You mean the way Officere Zappatella was HURT/EXECUTED by a Mexican illegal alien??? Is that what you mean. We Americans are sick and tired, no, we're outraged, fed up and not gonna take it any more 'mad' over this disgusting crisis. We're taking back our country, one community at a time. Also, this is going to get much worse before it gets better. The recent and violent attacks by pro illegal alien insurgents, radicals, against innocent, unarmed Minutemen and other American citizens shows the desperation of these criminals. PS...the MEDIA is a large part of this problem and bare some responsibility for the current state of affairs."

Wayne wrote on July 13, 2006 8:15 AM:"I first lived in Escondido in the late 70's and then again in the mid-late 90's. WOW! What a difference! What a difference in the last seven years! There are still many beautiful communitis in Escondido, but not in the areas where I've lived. It looks like T.J. I understand there are people of all walks of life whether they're illegal or not that are just poor housekeepers, but c'mon. Entire neighborhoods? Look around. As you drive by, not only do you have to see such filth, you notice the homeboys eye balling you as you drive by. I no longer live in Escondido, but if I was, I'd be voting for Waldron. Hey El Guero, how many carts is that now?"

Citizen Initiative wrote on July 13, 2006 8:18 AM:"Bad news for Mr. Perez and his group. In Escondido, American citizens can petition to have a measure placed on the ballot. If the City Council does not approve the initiative measure, then it goes to a special election of the voters. These are expensive. The latest poll shows that 85% of the community supports the Waldron proposal. If the City Council fails to have a formal vote on the Waldron measure, then the American community of Escondido will get a chance to pass it through the signature and initiative process."

EscoResident wrote on July 13, 2006 8:18 AM:"Here we go again....IF YOU ARE ILLEGAL THEN YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHTS THAT US LEGAL CITIZENS HAVE...Is it that hard to understand. You hopped our border, obtained false identification, cant speak a lick of english, pile 10 people into a 1-2 bedroom apartment.....I mean comeon why would I want to continue to live next to you illegal people...Its not about compassion anymore, its not our fault that your native country is a complete disaster. Hey Perez why dont you go lead a coalition to turn mexico around and make it worth something so that your "latinos" dont want to continue to jump our fences and run our cities into the ground!!!! And to you LEGAL Latinos...I respect you for coming to this country the right way, the same way that my family did when they immigrated from Italy! The only people that are going to be divided in this are people that support ILLEGAL activity and people that wont stand for it!!!! GIVE US BACK OUR CITY!"

Question for Bilbray wrote on July 13, 2006 8:24 AM:"Does Congressman Brian Bilbray support the Waldron proposal? How about his challenger Francine Busby?"

Andrea wrote on July 13, 2006 8:44 AM:"WOW! This is ridiculous! The entire idea is simply absurd. I do not want a council member's personal agenda being sponsor by our taxes. She was elected to serve residents of this community – including the homeless. Mr. Woldran is just an opportunist who is clearly taking advantage of the current situation to work up the political latter. If she really cared about the well being of the residents, and most importantly, the security, she wouldn't be supporting this type of propaganda. This proposal will only bring instability to the city of Escondido. And if you can't see past your ignorance, then you should read up on your history - maybe then you might recall how your ancestor got here. Shame on those who support this nonsense."

Andrea wrote on July 13, 2006 8:46 AM:"WOW! This is ridiculous! The entire idea

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Tired wrote on July 13, 2006 8:51 AM:"The illegals and their followers are at it again. Why is it so hard to understand the concept of illegal? You should have no rights here because you are ILLEGAL! I am so tired of the churches coming to your aid. Go home and get in the back of the line, law breakers. Good luck Marie!"

To Conservative wrote on July 13, 2006 8:58 AM:"I have never heard such nonsense. You are making the same mistake you accuse pro-illegal immigration people of making when they call all the anti-illegal people racists. We both know there are plenty of people who are upset about illegal immigration who are not racists, but the loudest and most sensational ones ARE saying racist things, so people are branding all anti-illegal immigration people racist. On the same token, there are a lot of people who are illegal immigrants who are not pushing for "two Americas" or for a takeover of the southwest. It's just that the loudest and most extreme activists on that side are doing so. Don't fall into generalities, no matter what side of the debate you are on. "

robert218 wrote on July 13, 2006 9:26 AM:"Are you people really that dumb? That ordinance if it passes will not help at all. All illegals have to do is have someone that is legal put their name on the rental application. And all you people crying about how bad Escondido and other cities are looking due to the so-called "Mexican Invasion", why don't you move somewhere else? If you are not going to move stop your whining already!"

Grape Day Park wrote on July 13, 2006 9:36 AM:"To Conservative, why was a crowd with Mexican flags shouting about "La Raza" in Grape Day Park last May 1st. La Raza means 'The Race' in Spanish. Sounds like racism to me. Your allegedly 'moderate' illegal aliens are following and marching behind the 'loudest and most extreme activists' and may not have sufficient education to understand the evil of the La Raza extremists. Go back and read the banners that were at the front of the marchers to San Diego's Chicano Park last May 1st. There are plenty of Latinos pushing for a separate Aztlan nation for La Raza. To deny that fact is nonsense!"

kc wrote on July 13, 2006 9:46 AM:"Enforcement of a code that requires one family to a one family unit would be nice. Enforcement of a code that requires landlords to maintain their properties would be nice. A neighborhood does not have to be upper middle class to be nice. A little pride of ownership on the part of some of these slumlords would be nice. The city needs to have a little pride of ownership too. It's a shame that there are parts of Escondido that many will not approach for fear of their safety. I like the attention this proposal is drawing. Unfortunately, nothing will change. The slumming of Escondido is already upon us and moving at a rapid pace. Drive north on Centre City Parkway between Felicita and 2nd. Look to your right. Lovely isn't it."

The only division in our wrote on July 13, 2006 9:53 AM:"community is the People who are in our city and working in our town LEGALLY, be they Latino or any other nationality and the ILLEGAL immigrants who drain our tax paid for resources. I will not only vote for Marie Waldron, I will WORK for her re-election. We need MORE politicians who are willing to listen to the VOTERS not the MILITANT ILLEGAL ALIENS. btw... anyone else notice the MEXICAN flag hanging in Videos Rosa on Escondido Blvd? "

Vote wrote on July 13, 2006 9:58 AM:"If the illegal want a say, become legal and vote, pay taxes, spend some of that 5 billion dollars a year you send to your home country. The pop. in Escondido is 142,000 plus 40,000 illegal residents. That is 40,000 that don't pay taxes and take advantage of our medical. That is why our taxes become higher and higher every year. We should also fine those car dealers for accepting illegal documents to allow for drivers on the road who should not be on the road without insurance."

THE ONE wrote on July 13, 2006 10:10 AM:"Here we go again? Illegal mexicans? what about illegal germans,illegal italians,illegal swedes,illegal poles,illegal dutch,illegal europeans? c'mon this topic has been turned into a race issue hasn't it? those of you that favor illegal immigration reform should really stand behind what you believe in and stand by you word...let's start at the begining..hhhmmmmmm? o.k. how about all of those in favor get back in their boats at plymouth rock or ellis island and go back to your point of origin. it seems your family tree doesn't have all it's paperwork in order ha,ha,ha,. The real Americans Citizens are NOT the MINUTEMEN/MILISECOND boys or whatever they call themselves, but THE NATIVE AMERICANS. that's enough of that boys and girls.so try to get along while i go to lunch. I think I will eat a MEXICAN burrito and wash it down witha AMERICAN coca-cola OR maybe i'll just get CHINESE?"

Steamed Up American wrote on July 13, 2006 10:17 AM:"robert218, having the 'Europeans' move out of California is the exact goal of the Re-Mexicanization proponents. For me, complaining and advocating laws is much better than moving out of California. The illegal immigrant advocates are also whiners. I have not heard you tell them to move if they do not like our 'dumb' proposed ordinance. If you do not care about the illegal immigration issue, why are you wasting your time writing here. Your post sounds like a plant of the Re-Mexicanization crowd."

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE wrote on July 13, 2006 11:04 AM:"I am totally in favor of Marie Waldrons program and I am tired of all of you mouths out there who don't live in the "good" areas of Escondido, Fig, Washinton, Rose, etc. We do live there and we are tired! Move the latino gangs, graffiti, guns and prostitution, drugs and crime into the middle class area of Escondido and let them hang with your children, if not then keep your idiotic comments to yourselves!! Deport the illegals NOW!!!!"

Tired of Illegals wrote on July 13, 2006 11:20 AM:"THE ONE - try any one of the taco shops on Valley Parkway - hopefully, the worst thing that will happen to you is just having to sit on the can for the rest of the day. Watch out for Pancho Villa and his machete!!"

Pat wrote on July 13, 2006 11:24 AM:"Thank You Marie!!!!!!!"

Mexican/ American wrote on July 13, 2006 11:44 AM:" I was at first torn between both sides because my grand parents were here illegally. Last week my grand parents returned home and explained to me why. For the most part they were ashamed of what was happening here on the issue. But they explained they were ashmed of there own for the disrespect they have shown to a country that has done nothing but help Latino's and Mexico. They left because they would not want to be apart of the problem anymore. That hurt me at first because I am legal and I supported them. They are old with health problems and I may not see one of them again. I have not commented on this issue till today because I have been enlightned after talking to them were they seem very happy to be back home. Once again they have taught me a very valuable lesson. That is not to ever over step your boundries. Thats were I stand today. My grandparents were very good to America as it was right back to them. But it is time to rid of other countries bad apples and there is only one way to do that. Not all illegals are like my grandparents. And for all who have one ounce of respect for your country, you should have the same for the country your in and more. I hope this issue is handled without violence and I'm afraid of it turning into riots. Please lets not go there."

DMann wrote on July 13, 2006 11:44 AM:"There should be no homes, jobs or social services if you are illegal. I pay taxes to offer social services to AMERICANS. How long do we have to burden the billions of dollars illegal immigration is costing our coutry? Our government isnt going to stop illegal immigration & the Mexicans will keep coming over & leetching up all they can. And Im sure most illegals that are gr8 people but to sped BILLIONS of dollars just to get your crops picked is just like the government paying \$600 for a hammer. Dont believe the hype, we dont NEED Mexico or anything it has to offer, but Mexico would collapse without the United States."

Illegal Activity Should be Penalized wrote on July 13, 2006 11:50 AM:"Great job, Marie! I live in one of Escondido's neighborhoods that is in desperate need of this ordinance. If it passes and is enforced, maybe there will be room on the street for my guests to park their cars. Maybe I won't feel like I am living in a different country anymore. People who are breaking the law shouldn't expect the community

to ignore their illegal activities."

El Guero wrote on July 13, 2006 11:59 AM:"To THE ONE: Yes, 'what about the illegal germans, illegal italians, illegal swedes, illegal poles, illegal dutch, illegal europeans?' I didn't notice any in the streets during the mass demonstrations, did you? All I saw were Mexicans! Millions of them. It's really a NATIONAL question, not a racial one. But if you idiots prefer to see it in racial terms, so be it. All that matters is that American citizens regain control of immigration policy and tell the money-grubbing special interests (and ethnic interests) to take a hike. ...And make mine a hamburger, with lots of ketchup."

AlegalAlien wrote on July 13, 2006 11:59 AM:"As a resident of Escondido, I for one plan to support Marie Waldron's re-election. We need politicians who represent American taxpaying citizens who are tired to freeloading illegals. I don't see where verification of citizenship is racist, illegally entering the US is illegal whether you are Japanese, Canadian, German, Chinese, etc. Why is it that only Latinos see the proposal as racist? If you are here illegally from ANY other country, you will not be able to rent. As for others (citizens) filling out applications for illegals to rent, that should have a hefty fine for the first offense and jail time for the second. Let's get Code Enforcement some teeth, too. Single family residence means just that, many other cities in which I've lived limited the number of people that could occupy a residence based on the square footage. Now, watch Vista and San Marcos pass similar ordinances in defense of being flooded with rental applications from illegals. Go Waldron, citizen taxpayers are right behind you!"

This does not violate the law! wrote on July 13, 2006 12:07 PM:"The statement referencing how the "...landlord and fair housing groups have already said such an ordinance would likely violate state and federal laws, which prohibit property managers from refusing to rent to anyone based on several categories, including race, religion and national origin," does not apply. Refusing to rent to someone who is violating the law is legal. Any legal resident Latino, or Catholic or Mormon, etc., can rent. Even people from Mexico, if they are here legally. None of those categories are the issue. The legal status to be in America makes them a risk should they bug out on their lease! Mr. Perez is a racist with an agenda to promote his single minded ways, that Latinos have privileges because of race. That is insulting to me as a Mexican-American. The people coming here from Mexico illegally are not the people you want for neighbors. That is why El presidente Fox wanted to see them leave! He is also a racist and not concerned with the welfare of my country, the USA!"

Pete Nice wrote on July 13, 2006 12:33 PM:"Great, now when all the illegals leave, we will rent to vietnamese gangsters, russian crooks & turn the apartments into halfway homes, because nobody will be able to rent a place. Smart move, Waldron!!"

robert218 wrote on July 13, 2006 12:50 PM:"It's so funny how everyday there is a new idea on how to stop the illegal immigrant problem, and everyday you idiot bloggers respond on what a great idea it is. A few weeks ago all you were so happy on how the National Guard was going to protect the border, where are they? That idea along with Waldron's idea is just that a funny joke. Viva La Raza!"

For Change wrote on July 13, 2006 12:51 PM:"Mayor Pfeiler and Councilmember Newman appear to be pro-open border and pro-illegal. I hope some anti-illegal, pro-American politicians decide to run in the November election to replace them. We need to have people on the Council who support legal United States residents - not illegals. "

US Citizenship wrote on July 13, 2006 1:12 PM:"The N-400 Application for Naturalization includes this question: 'Where have you worked during the last five years? Begin with your current or latest employer and then list every place you have worked for the last five years. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.' An illegal immigrant who does not keep good records will need to commit perjury in order to submit an Application for Naturalization! And remember the question about back-taxes owed in my earlier post."

It's So Simple! wrote on July 13, 2006 1:16 PM:"If you help a criminal in the commission of a crime, you are aiding and abetting! Landlords who rent to ILLEGALS=CRIMINALS, are aiding and abetting, as are employers who hire them. Do the simple arithmetic: Zero homes + zero jobs = zero illegals. And as far as

dividing the community - we are not divided with the legal immigrants! We welcome and value them! As far as "planting seeds of hatred": La Raza has done that far more than the simple insistence on the law being followed could ever do. If a white-oriented organization put out such tripe, they would be labeled a hate organization. They have already planted the seeds - it's time to cut down the weeds!!"

TO CONSUELO MARTINEZ wrote on July 13, 2006 1:32 PM:"Consuelo - first of all, let me ask if you, yourself, are legal? Is all of your family here legally? Otherwise, why are you so in favor of coddling these CRIMINALS! (Criminal being defined as a lawbreaker, which an illegal alien certainly is) I have a right to earn a living - that doesn't give me the right to do it by stealing from what you have earned. I have a right to a roof over my head, providing I can pay for that roof, BECAUSE I AM HERE LEGALLY! If I seek to obtain housing, in the commission of a crime (ILLEGAL ENTRY) I lose that right! Denying a person, WHO DOESN'T BELONG HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE - WHO IS HERE ILLEGALLY, THEREFORE IS A CRIMINAL isn't the same as denying a home to somebody who is here legally, and therefore covered by human rights protections. THESE PEOPLE ARE CRIMINALS WHO NEED TO BE SENT BACK FROM WHENCE THEY CAME! YOU ARE LETTING YOUR HERITAGE GET IN THE WAY OF COMMON SENSE AND OF THE L-A-W!! Who are you pandering to?"

To Daniel Perez wrote on July 13, 2006 1:40 PM:"Mr. Perez, Sir. With all due respect, I agree with you in that: I AM AND ALWAYS WILL BE DIVIDED AGAINST LAW BREAKERS!! I AM AND ALWAYS WILL BE DIVIDED AND AGAINST PEOPLE WHO HELP LAW BREAKERS TO BREAK OUR LAWS. YES THIS LAW IS DIVISIVE - IT DIVIDES THE RIGHT FROM THE WRONG, THE LEGAL FROM THE ILLEGAL!! IT'S TIME TO DECIDE WHICH SIDE YOU, I, WE ALL ARE ON! This law will no more penalize Latinos than it will any other group who is here illegally! It will have no effect on anybody here legally. As far as penalizing landlords - they already charge to run a credit check - they can run a Social Security check, too - they always pass the cost on to the rentor, anyway. YOUR ARGUMENT IS INVALID!! Your position suggests to me that you are covering up some hidden agenda."

Who's in Charge? wrote on July 13, 2006 1:42 PM:"Note that the "City Officials" say they would need to study costs and how to enforce the ordinance. NO, the "Officials" would need to do exactly what the City Council votes for them to do. Some city official's attitude is that the Council sort of provides advice and they determine if the action should really be taken. Note that the "Officials" didn't say they would enforce the ordinance if it passed. They only talk about studies. Given the Mayor's pro-illegal stance and close ties to the City Manager, the majority on the City Council will have to be very firm if anything is to actually be accomplished. "

TO ROCKBITER wrote on July 13, 2006 1:43 PM:"MAN! YOU DO ROCK! I COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER, MYSELF! THANK YOU!"

Rioting? wrote on July 13, 2006 1:51 PM:"I too am afraid this is getting totally out of hand. Its time our City, State and Federal Government start enforcing the laws they are paid to do. I too see rioting occuring if this isn't resolved soon. But instead of rioting and people getting hurt, maybe its time to tell the City, State and Feds, until you correct the problem you allowed to occur, we the tax payers will not pay one more penny toward any TAX!! See how far that will go, the public sector would go crazy!! "

THE ONE wrote on July 13, 2006 1:54 PM:"Hey EL GUAPO, I agree let's take control of the situation ..so money-grubbing special interest groups like THE MINUTEMEN and (ethnic interest a.k.a. the K.K.K.) can take a hike. and finally yes, hamburgers are good eat'n with a side of freedom fries!"

Vocal Demonstrations? wrote on July 13, 2006 1:56 PM:"After a similar measure was struck down by a judge in San Bernardino, the measure's proponent was slapped by a pro-illegal immigrant demonstrator. The demonstrator was arrested. On May 1st, according to an article in the NCTimes, after the protest gathering, there was a stabbing in Grape Day park and rocks were thrown at the Escondido police. Events in Vista were even worse."

Jackie wrote on July 13, 2006 2:04 PM:"I hope the city council is reading this! We are the taxpayers! We are the LEGAL VOTERS! And, we are FED UP!"

Harry wrote on July 13, 2006 2:25 PM:"El Guero enjoy your hamburger and

ketchup. Did you know that your hamburger was brought to America by immigrants and is named for the German city (it is beef not ham) and the history of your ketchup is also international. Ke-tsiap or Kecap was a spicy pickled-fish condiment popular in 17th-century China and is said to be the origin of the name "ketchup." English explorers brought Ke-tsiap back to England and english housewives modified it use up excess tomatoes, and then colonists brought it to America. If you want to eat "American", eat lots of corn and beans but be prepared to thank our Mexican neighbors. Bon Appetit! "

Pam wrote on July 13, 2006 2:31 PM:"ROBERT218 is SO RIGHT! These "illegals" will just have someone else sign the lease for them. It will be extremely hard to monitor all the rentals and the occupants of those rentals. With the market being the way it is, if a landlord is getting monthly rent from someone, do you think they give a care if the person is an illegal or not? I don't think so!"

El Guero wrote on July 13, 2006 2:55 PM:"why, thank you, THE ONE, for your gracious compliment. Who told you I was handsome? Are the Minutemen a 'money-grubbing special-interest group'? I was not aware of that. If you want to pretend that millions of uninvited poor people from Mexico and the rest of Latin America are not a problem, I won't stop you. But the least you can do is pitch in and return an abandoned shopping cart to El Tigre."

To Robert218 wrote on July 13, 2006 2:59 PM:"In case you don't know it, Robert, falsifying a rental application is also a crime - in which case both parties would FACE CONSEQUENCES. And as for moving someplace else? Don't even THINK I will be forced out of my LEGAL residence by some illegal! DON'T EVEN THINK IT!! It will never happen. That is what they are trying to do and it won't work. EVER!!"

TO MARIE WALDRON wrote on July 13, 2006 3:01 PM:"What area of Escondido do you represent? I'll move there just so I can vote for you!!"

one more thing... wrote on July 13, 2006 3:05 PM:"I think they could give a monetary award to anybody who turns in a landlord who is renting to illegal aliens - let's get this ball rolling!!!"

Kerry wrote on July 13, 2006 3:15 PM:"Just remember that "political correctness" is a Communist idea. It is taken up by LaRaza and other groups like them to divide Americans against each other. They want everyone divided into groups, and thus we have affirmative action, and every ethnicity divided by a hyphen next to American. Now they are trying to make illegals a protected group. This is insane. America is a nation of immigrants; regardless of race. Enough of groups like LaRaza. They can pack sand. They are nothing but racists who hide behind hate. Go Marie!!!!!!"

To Pam wrote on July 13, 2006 3:19 PM:"Pam YOU are SO WRONG (and so is Robert 218) If they are moved from Escondido, and go to Oceanside, then Oceanside will have to enact similar legislation. Then, when they move to San Marcos, say, then that city will have to follow suit or be overrun by them. (Like we aren't already) Eventually, they (the illegals) will decide that Southern California is really not the "Land of (welfare, free medical, no taxes easy drug-dealing) Opportunity" that it once was, and move, either back where they came from or to some other less progressive state. And, we, with less illegals to compete with for rent, will be afforded more reasonable rents (supply & demand), more access to medical facilities at more reasonable rates, lower taxes (due to less draining of the system) and lower crime rate. Please note: It is against the law to falsify a lease or to sign a lease under fraudulent circumstances (then have somebody else move in.) And, it is perfectly feasible. Post a reward for turning in non-compliant landlords - let the tenants do the policing. Similar to what they have now for anonymous reporting of crimes. I know more than one of my neighbors who would not hesitate! It's a good idea, based on sound reasoning - and it's fair to all concerned."

El Guero wrote on July 13, 2006 3:35 PM:"Sorry Harry, I don't know what your point is. Perhaps you want the Food blog. It's at <http://www.nctimes.com/food/>"

To Joel Medina wrote on July 13, 2006 3:41 PM:"Pastor Joel, read your Bible. In it Jesus said, himself, "Render unto Caesar, that which is Caesar's." Render unto Americans that which is American - (America!), unto LEGALS that which is LEGAL (the right to participate in legal activities in America even as Americans do - i.e. work, pay taxes, live an honest life). Illegals do not fall into this category!"

robert218 wrote on July 13, 2006 3:47 PM:"Looks like this is turning into another

session of bored racial typers. You know, I don't even care about the articles anymore- it's more fun to read the commentaries. So- the affordable housing is good for me- because I'm a poor white middle aged lousy credit boy. I can't afford to be racial- but I'm now in a minority. So I deserve the cheap rent more than you do. Sometimes I pretend to be a Mex-Am so I can get something for free. Other times, I bleach my hair and work. The point is, there is going to be major trouble south of the border soon- and let's not make it our problem here. Legal or illegal, if we take away the border- then we can all go down to party in Aztlan! Gracias! And stop pretending to be me..."

To Watchdog Esco wrote on July 13, 2006 3:47 PM:"I think the others read you wrong - seems your sense of wit was a little too subtle. Ya Gotta be right out there with it, kid!"

Roberto the Landlord wrote on July 13, 2006 3:55 PM:"This is stupidest most xenophobic most asinine idea. You can chalk up anoth hysterical idea to your minute men and their sucessful racist aganda."

Rockbiter wrote on July 13, 2006 4:09 PM:"THE ONE...Hellooooooooooooo. Earth to Mars, come in. Who are you kidding? You must mean La Raza (The Race), which IS the Mexican KKK. Their motto is, Everything for The Race, nothing for those outside The Race! Now that's racist! The Minutemen are the patriotic heroes in all this and the pro illegal alien anarchists are the villains, as witness the recent attacks by six mask wearing Latino vigilantes who were arrested last weekend in LA by the LAPD for attacking and assaulting innocent Minutemen. This was featured on KTLA/TV for the world to see. In San Diego, there are now a number of documented and video taped incidents of Minutemen and other Americans being brutally attacked by Latino vigilantes who've now been charged with assault w/deadly weapons. It's the Latino's and pro illegal alien insurgents, or terrorists, that are the real vigilantes as all the video footage reveals. Prediction: you're gonna see this alien crisis come so undone that many are not gonna believe what's going on. Time to go bite on some quartzite. Semper Peratus! Over and out!"

RACISTS wrote on July 13, 2006 4:14 PM:"So we are racists, so what? At least we are not as racist as the mexicans are, take a look at their demographics under blacks, less the .5% of their country has blacks, if thats not the height of racism I don't know what is!! Yes illegals we are racists, now that you are done calling the hand that feeds you racists, GO HOME!!!!!"

To the one wrote on July 13, 2006 4:18 PM:"You sound like you may be illegal?? Why don't you get off this site and hike it back to Mexico."

EARTH TO PETER NICE wrote on July 13, 2006 4:20 PM:"PETER, THIS LAW DOES NOT EXCLUDE VIETNAMESE, RUSSIANS, OR ANY OTHER GROUP THAT IS HERE ILLEGALLY - AN ILLEGAL IS AN ILLEGAL. GET A CLUE! COME BACK DOWN TO EARTH. TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND FACE REALITY!"

Harry wrote on July 13, 2006 4:23 PM:"El Guero You really do hate everyone and everything. I pity you. No sense of humor at all. "

Harry wrote on July 13, 2006 4:26 PM:"The "point" is that we are inescapably interconnected; not so hard to understand nor even profound but that was the point. I meant no insult or harm, just was playing off your hamburger and ketchup line. "

Robert24 wrote on July 13, 2006 4:34 PM:"You know what is sad? Several are talking about how it is illegal to falsify a rental document, like that means anything to these people. They are here illegally, they think the rules don't apply to them anyway. Why wouldn't they falsify anything? There is noe recourse as long as somebody calls racism/profiling/hatred/etc. And Harry and Pete Nice, have you ever seen a more disalluisioned pair than these two? Must be the free Prozac they're getting that is clouding their ability to reason. It would be comical if they weren't so sad and out there....."

To ANDREA (from Dan Temecula) wrote on July 13, 2006 4:57 PM:" Let me get this straight. For one you would rather spend your tax money on illegals? And as far as ancestors go drop it, as this nation needed people to start it. Otherwise America would be owned by either Canada, or Mexico. Now imagine if it was Mexico. Do you think Canada would be helping illegals,(for as long as we have)and Mexico. Just silly either its the race card, or remember way back when. MEXICO CANNOT HAVE ARE COUNTRY.SORRY! So if they need a place to live they should start saving now, as they will do fine when they go back to whatever country there from. I

would bet money you don't even pay taxes. So tell your illegal friends for me. They are no longer WELCOME. GET!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

El Guero wrote on July 13, 2006 5:41 PM:"Dear Harry, please accept my apologies. My humor only turns acerbic after repeated accusations of racism (not from you). I guess it goes with the territory. But hey, I try to be humorous. That's why I'm constantly bumping into shopping carts. But I'm afraid we have to disagree about being 'inescapably interconnected'. I don't think anyone likes the idea of being inescapably connected to a cancer cell. And that's what I consider illegal immigration to be: a cancer. And it must be removed. Not very humorous, I know. But it's only my opinion."

Roberto wrote on July 13, 2006 6:01 PM:"With a voter turnout of less than 20 percent... nobody really cares about anything but themselves. You can take your minutemen and shove them where the sun don't shine."

HermannK wrote on July 13, 2006 6:03 PM:"Joel Medina, a pastor at Monte de los Olivos, said he believed denying housing to illegal immigrants would go against Christian values. NOT. Denying temporary food, shelter or medical care would be, but not fixed housing. Gosh, these pastors don't even know their own faith. Christians aren't morons. Even scripture warns not to charm a snake after its bitten you. Illegals are constantly biting us in our a% % % % %". "Even dogs, you're protecting them more," Medina said. "I'm sorry, but it's the truth." NO, Pastor. If Jesus, as you believe, is the way, truth and life, then wouldn't it make sense to point the illegals in the RIGHT direction, which is telling the TRUTH about their citizenship and standing in line like I did? Quit hiding your LUKEWARM attitude behind your religious title. "

American-Irish Resident wrote on July 13, 2006 6:44 PM:"MECHA is screaming that their fantasy AZTLAN will be a reality. To you who have not read these putred, sickening, racist, Mexican words echoed by La Raza...the Mexican really believes that he/she will be stealing your properties in the near future. I only write these words because I submit that the Mexican cannot sit back, threaten us, and then get angry that we have a response that the Mexican does not like. It reminds me of the old Muslim swansong of "we can threaten your life, you cannot speak poorly of us...if you do, you are racist." The rhetoric describing the world of the Mexican citizen will improve if the Mexican citizenry will admonish MECHA and La Raza. If you think you will take my property, try it now. I am ready for MECHA and I will not lose. "

James wrote on July 13, 2006 7:18 PM:" These are the last few years of American life as we know it..When its a felony to be here illegally, you can citizens arrest people in the act or known to commit a felony.. send out the dogs..."

Skip wrote on July 13, 2006 7:37 PM:"American citizens are being displaced, and their housing costs are being driven up due to the uncontrolled influx of illegal aliens. This is not right. Illegal Aliens should not have any rights other than the right to a expedited deportation."

Washington wrote on July 13, 2006 8:00 PM:"I am ready for MECHA and I will not lose. ""

Maria wrote on July 13, 2006 9:22 PM:"My family came to this country from Mexico and I remember things like providing the school with paperwork to prove we were here legally, code enforcement regarding illegal structures, the amount of people living in a household, types of and amount of, animals living within city limits. Not being allowed to buy property unless you were legal. If someone parked on a lawn you would get a ticket. Stores were not allowed to sell Mexican candy because we know it contains lead. What has happened to my city? I don't want my kids growing up in little t.j. I don't really know if the laws were done away with a little at a time or maybe I just wasn't paying attention, til May 1st.....DON'T THINK FOR A SECOND THAT ALL MEXICANS ARE HAPPY ABOUT ALL THIS!"

Roberto wrote on July 13, 2006 11:31 PM:"Maria may think she's now Spanish and is afforded a better opinion by these low life xenophobes. It's not the illegal immigration that is the problem. It's the racist Nazi style campaign being waged against Hispanics in general under the guise of illegal immigration. Maria, wake up before it's too late."

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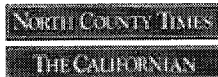
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