



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

## North County San Diego

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Members of the City Council, City of Escondido  
201 North Broadway  
Escondido, CA 92025

Dear Mayor Abed and City Council Members:

The League of Women Voters of North County San Diego believes that a public library system is part of the essential nature of a democratic society. Public libraries contribute to the common good by providing a wide range of educational resources, access to current technologies, and committed professional staff, free and open to all residents.

*The League of Women Voters believes that when governmental entities consider the transfer of governmental services, assets and/or functions to the private sector, the community impact and goals of such transfers must be identified and considered. Further, the League believes that transparency, accountability, and preservation of the common good must be ensured. – from the 2012 LWVUS position on Privatization*

The League of Women Voters believes that a public library, as an essential governmental service, should remain directly accountable to the public they serve. Putting the library under the control of a for-profit company would undermine the transparency and accountability that is necessary to public services.

We urge the City Council of Escondido to honor your primary role of providing essential and necessary services to your community by remaining committed to full operational and financial support of the Escondido Public Library.

Sincerely,

Anne Omsted, President  
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