

ECID Board Meeting Talking Points

Key talking points for ECID staff to reference during the board meeting when discussing constituent concerns.

Common Themes Across All Districts

Business & Commercial Development:

- Multiple districts (1, 2, 3, 4) express concerns about support for small/local businesses
- Requests for startup funding, low-rent storefronts, and incentives for cultural businesses
- District 4 specifically mentions lack of grocery store access

Housing & Neighborhood Issues:

- District 4 has significant concerns about vacant/abandoned properties
- Affordable housing is a major concern across multiple districts
- Requests for neighborhood cleanup and maintenance

Infrastructure Public Works:

- District 2 requests sidewalk repairs and better lighting/crosswalks near schools

Planning & Development Concerns:

- Healthcare access issues in District 1 (lack of medical specialists)
- Questions about affordable housing in new developments (District 3)
- Code violations and squatting concerns in District 4

Equity & Representation:

- District 1 requests bilingual signage to support Latino businesses

General Community Concerns:

- Cancellation of Fall Fair (Districts 1 and 4)
- Requests for more summer kids' events

Recommended Discussion Points

1. How can ECID better support small and minority-owned businesses across all districts?
2. What strategies can address vacant properties and neighborhood maintenance in District 4?
3. How should ECID balance development incentives between national chains and local entrepreneurs?
4. What infrastructure improvements are most urgent for public safety?
5. How can community events like the Fall Fair be revitalized or replaced?