

Good evening councilpersons. I'm still Keith Shillington. I still live on Leucadia Scenic Court on the very north edge of our fair city. And I still own and operate that little coffeehouse at the Northeast corner of E and 2nd Streets.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my concerns about our great city. I have several things to point out this evening.

Waste. Toxic waste. I recently received a flyer from EDCO. Aside from the annoying fact that there isn't a coordinated recycling program for merchants downtown; EDCO needs to be serving the entire need, not sending out flyers telling us to visit some website to figure out on our own what to do with: Cell phones, MP3 players, TV's, Computers, Printers, Fax machines, Batteries, Light bulbs, thermostats and thermometers. The real problem is that most people aren't going to pay ANY ATTENTION to the flyer; and the AA batteries are going into the landfill. And shouldn't we be ashamed of ourselves as a city for NOT having a citywide comprehensive recycling program by now? I mean, last time I checked, we're nearing the end of the first decade of the new millenium.

Overhead Utilities. I recently had a guest from England make a comment about my neighborhood. "It looks so third world with all the wires overhead." I'd never really thought much about it; they've always just been there. I recall how stunning the change was when Vulcan lost it's wild snare of overhead wires; and find myself wondering, what about the rest of the city?

Drainage. We've had a blessedly wet year so far; and all those natives that the fire chief mentioned last week are thriving beautifully in my Wildlife Federation Registered Wildlife Habitat garden. I've also notice that many of the little micro lakes that form on both sides of the tracks have shifted one way or another, and annoyingly, it seems that they've mostly move more onto the roadways than off. I know it's an issue that really only plagues us here in Encinitas a few days a year; but I get nervous driving a 400Volt hybrid through some of these. Shocking.

Parking Enforcement. I praise it. However, it would be good if the enforcement, and signage were all consistent. There are sections of streets that get enforcement that are lacking signs; and enforcement seems to be somewhat sporadic. Has anyone done an analysis to see if metered parking would match, exceed, or fall short of the citation revenue? Personally, I'm a fan of metering the parking, and having full five day a week enforcement. Electric metermaid cart please!

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to sharing additional thoughts with you throughout the year.