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## **CHRIS CATE TO HOST 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS BREAKFAST IN MIRA MESA** The Holiday Season Will Be Brighter for Hundreds of Children in Need

San Diego, CA: On Saturday, December 1, 2018, Councilmember Chris Cate will again trade in his suit and tie for gloves and an apron to serve flapjacks at his <u>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Toys for Tots</u> <u>Pancake Breakfast</u>. All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will benefit the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

From 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., the Mira Mesa Senior Center will welcome children, families, senior citizens, and Santa for a free pancake breakfast. Each guest is encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy. To date, more than 1,000 toys have been collected from Councilmember Cate's annual pancake breakfast.

Toys for Tots was founded by Major Bill Hendricks, United States Marine Corps Reserve, and expanded into a nationwide community action project in 1948, with Marines at each Reserve Center conducting toy drives. Since 1947, Toys for Tots has distributed over 548 million toys to over 251 million underprivileged children.

"District 6 is incredibly philanthropic. Putting a smile on a child's face during the holiday season is just one small gesture to let children know that San Diego cares about them," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

Additional partners include the Black Mountain Masonic Lodge #845 and the Mira Mesa Senior Center.

- WHAT: Councilmember Chris Cate's Toys for Tots Pancake Breakfast
- WHERE: Mira Mesa Senior Center, 8460 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92126
- WHEN: Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

