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**THINK GREEN THIS HALLOWEEN; COMPOST YOUR PUMPKINS AND GOURDS**  
*Councilmember Cate and Environmental Services Department Host 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pumpkin Recycling Event*

San Diego, CA: According to the US Department of Agriculture, over 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins are produced annually, with California ranking as one of the top pumpkin-producing states. Prior to the pandemic, nearly half of American households carve pumpkins for Halloween. This year, that number is expected to double. An average-sized pumpkin weighs thirteen pounds.

The City of San Diego's [Zero Waste Plan](#) lays out a strategy to divert 100 percent of trash collected in the City by 2040. Each year, the City's Miramar Greenery processes over 100,000 tons of wood, yard waste, and food scraps into mulch, compost, and wood chips. Benefits of composting include saving money by reducing the need to purchase fertilizer, improving the health of soil and conserving water, and it helps the environment by recycling organic material.

"I am proud that District 6 is doing our part to help our environment. I am pleased that we will again be offering District 6 families in Clairemont and Mira Mesa the opportunity to recycle their pumpkins the proper way," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

San Diegans are highly encouraged to dispose of their pumpkins in yard waste containers after Halloween if they are unable to attend the event. Pumpkins must be clean and unpainted. No candles, trash, or décor.

**WHAT:** [3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pumpkin Composting Event](#)

**WHEN:** Monday, November 2, 2020  
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** [North Clairemont Recreation Center](#)  
4421 Bannock Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117

[Mira Mesa Senior Center](#)

8460 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92126

(Councilmember Cate Media Availability Location: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.)

