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COUNCILMEMBER CATE TO DONATE ONE TON OF RICE TO FAMILIES IN NEED
2,000 Pounds of Rice Will Feed Thousands of San Diegans for the Thanksgiving Holiday

San Diego, CA: On Saturday, November 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m., families in need will fill the San Diego Police Department Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office for the 9th Annual Thanksgiving Rice Drive.

The annual rice drive is hosted by the San Diego Asian Youth Organization (SDAYO), Pan Pacific Law Enforcement Association (PANPAC), and San Diego Police Department's Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office.

While most organizations provide turkeys for families in need, rice is given because it feeds a family for several weeks, versus just one day. Last year, 36,000 pounds of rice was distributed to thousands of San Diegans in need.

According to the San Diego Hunger Coalition, 486,000 people face food insecurity every day, with 163,000 being children. Currently, 1 in 8 adults and 1 in 5 children face food insecurity in San Diego County.

"Rice is a staple food for Asian Americans. With more than one-third of my Sixth Council District being of Asian-American descent, I am honored to personally donate one ton (2,000 pounds) of rice to support families for the Thanksgiving holiday season," stated Councilmember Cate, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee Chair.

WHAT: 9th Annual Thanksgiving Rice Drive – Distribution Event

WHERE: San Diego Police Department - Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office
5348 University Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92105

WHEN: Saturday, November 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
(Media Availability beginning at 7:00 a.m.)

INFO: Rice will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

