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GO GREEN THIS HALLOWEEN; COMPOST YOUR PUMPKINS AND GOURDS

Councilmember Cate and Environmental Services Department Host First-Ever Pumpkin Recycling Event

San Diego, CA: Nearly half of American households carve pumpkins for Halloween. 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.

The City of San Diego's Zero Waste Plan lays out a strategy to divert 75 percent of all trash by 2020, for 90 percent diversion by 2035, and a goal of zero waste by 2040. Each year, the City's Miramar Greenery processes over 105,000 tons of wood, yard waste, and food scraps into mulch, compost, and wood chips.

"Composting is nature's way of recycling. Placing large pumpkin collection receptacles in Clairemont and Mira Mesa will give District 6 families the opportunity to recycle their pumpkins the proper way," stated Councilmember Chris Cate, City of San Diego Environment Committee member.

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.

"San Diegans are highly encouraged to dispose of their pumpkins in yard waste containers after Halloween if they are unable to attend the event," said Environmental Services Director, Mario X. Sierra.

WHAT: Pumpkin Composting Event Kickoff

WHEN: Friday, November 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: North Clairemont Recreation Center
4421 Bannock Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117

INFO: Pumpkin Composting Collection Bins: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Two Locations:

- North Clairemont Recreation Center, 4421 Bannock Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117
- Mira Mesa Senior Center, 8460 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92126

Pumpkins must be clean and unpainted. No candles, trash, or décor.

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