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**HUNDREDS OF MIRA MESA KIDS PREPARED TO “DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON”**  
*Councilmember Cate to participate in the world’s largest earthquake drill*

San Diego, CA: On Thursday, October 19, 2017 at exactly 10:19 a.m., Councilmember Chris Cate will drop, cover, and hold on with 435 students at Hickman Elementary School in Mira Mesa for the 2017 “Great California ShakeOut.”

In San Diego County, most residents live less than 15 miles from a fault, the main cause of damaging earthquakes. The Great California ShakeOut drill encourages everyone to come together to plan and rehearse what they will do in case of an earthquake. 857,930 individuals in San Diego County are registered to participate in the Great California ShakeOut.

"I commend Hickman Elementary School for making earthquake preparedness a priority, and not an afterthought. ShakeOut encourages conversation and action about earthquake preparedness," stated Councilmember Chris Cate, Chair of the City's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee.

Hickman Elementary School provides a balanced curriculum promoting academic excellence through high-quality instruction. They believe teamwork and collaboration are key elements of a successful school. Sharing the responsibility of education among school personnel, students, parents, and other community members is essential to maximize student achievement.

**WHAT:** 2017 Great California ShakeOut (#ShakeOut)

**WHERE:** Hickman Elementary School, 10850 Montongo Street, San Diego, CA 92126

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 10:19 a.m.



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