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Councilmember Lightner joins San Diego Police Department in bringing prescription drug drop box to Carmel Valley

SAN DIEGO --- Councilmember Sherri Lightner was joined by Police Chief William Lansdowne and Deputy Public Utilities Director Steve Meyer at a press conference on Wednesday, September 22 at 11:30 am to announce the opening of a new permanent prescription drug drop box at the Northwestern Division Police Substation in Carmel Valley.

“Unfortunately, many prescription drugs get into the hands of victims and abusers through family medicine cabinets and improper disposal. That’s why I am proud to join the San Diego Police Department as they open a second location for the City’s “Safe Prescription Drug Drop-Off Program” here at Northwestern Division,” Lightner stated.

“Our local residents will now have a safe, discreet way to dispose of unwanted and expired medications. They can visit this Police substation 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and simply place these medications into the drop-box, no questions asked,” Lightner continued.

SDPD Officers will check the box daily, impound the contents and arrange for disposal that is safe, in accordance with State and Federal laws, and protects local water quality.

“Not only does the drop box provide protection for our environment, it reduces the opportunities for misuse and abuse of prescription drugs that may cause serious illness or death,” Lightner added.

“I am pleased to partner with our Police Department in providing such an important service to the community. I encourage anyone with unneeded and expired medications to dispose of them right away at this new drop box,” Lightner concluded.

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