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### **City of San Diego Helps Residents Give Old Goods a Second Chance** *Goodwill donation bin set up at the entrance to the Miramar Landfill during October*

**SAN DIEGO, CA-** Household items and clothes that just take up space in closets and garages will now get a second chance at the Miramar Landfill. Beginning October 1 through October 31, the City of San Diego, Goodwill Industries of San Diego County and the Allen Company will join together in celebrating the nationally recognized Second Chance Month by setting up a donation bin at the entrance to the Miramar Landfill.

“We encourage people to reuse old items to help reduce the amount of trash buried at the landfill and prevent people from dumping these items illegally,” said Richard L. Hays, director of the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department. “By donating your household items or clothes that you just don’t use, you are indirectly practicing reusing old items and helping someone in need. Plus, you clear out space in your home and everything you contribute that meets the Goodwill donation criteria is tax deductible.”

Household items including furniture, clothing, jewelry, household goods and small appliances will be accepted. All items must be in good condition and appliances must be operable. Goodwill is unable to repair or use items with missing pieces.

Items **not** accepted by Goodwill include household hazardous waste, computer equipment (monitors, key boards and CPUs), large household appliances such as water heaters, refrigerators, washers and dryers and broken items. To learn about locations that recycle unaccepted donation items or how to dispose of these items, please call the Environmental Services Department’s Customer Service at (858) 694-7000, or visit our website at <http://www.sandiego/environmental-services/>.

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Drop off hours will be the same as the Miramar Landfill hours of operation which are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information about donated items to Goodwill, please contact Goodwill Industries of San Diego County at (619) 225-2200 or (888) 446-6394.

All acceptable donations go directly to benefit the Goodwill Industries of San Diego County, Inc. These items will be resold to help provide job training and paid work experience to San Diegans with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Goodwill Industries of San Diego County, Inc., a private, not-for-profit charitable corporation, was established in 1930 by a group of community leaders. GISD's purpose is "to assure the employability of people with disabilities and other barriers to employment." Through donations of clothing and household goods from the community and purchases in Goodwill stores, Goodwill is able to offer practical training and work experience to those in the community who need it the most.

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. The Department also oversees the City's management of energy use and explores innovative options for energy independence.

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