



**Councilmember David Alvarez**  
**City of San Diego-- District Eight**

## News Release

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### **Councilmember Alvarez hosts Holiday Tree Giveaway**

**San Diego, CA-** City Councilmember David Alvarez helped provide more than two hundred free Christmas trees today to Barrio Logan families at Chicano Park. All the trees were given away by mid-morning.

“I am pleased the City of San Diego and our partners were able to come together to repurpose excess Christmas trees headed to the landfill and make Christmas brighter for struggling families,” said Councilmember Alvarez.

Pinery Christmas Trees agreed to donate and deliver the trees. “These are good quality trees,” said Mike Osborne, co-owner of the family-owned business based in Del Mar. “The Pinery is pleased to help brighten the holidays for San Diego families who cannot afford a Christmas tree.”

The Urban Corps of San Diego provided staff to assist in organizing the tree giveaway, delivered flyers to notify Barrio Logan residents, and helped load trees into the cars and trucks at the event. The Urban Corps is a locally-based nonprofit that provides a high school education and green job training to at-risk young adults ages 18-25. Family Health Centers of San Diego also assisted with outreach throughout the community.

“We feel very fortunate to have been able to help facilitate a partnership between my office, ESD, The Pinery, Urban Corps and Family Health Centers in order to provide these families with Christmas trees,” concluded Alvarez.

The Environmental Services Department is responsible for overseeing and implementing the Christmas Tree Recycling program which is in its 40<sup>th</sup> year. Residents can recycle their trees at 16 drop off locations throughout the City from December 26 to January 23, 2014. For more information, please visit [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com)

*Alvarez is the Councilmember for the Eighth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Barrio Logan, Egger Highlands, Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, Nestor, Ocean View Hills, Otay Mesa, San Ysidro, Sherman Heights, Stockton and the Tijuana River Valley. He is currently the chair of the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture Committee on the Environment.*

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