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## COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

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**\*\* UPDATED LOCATION\*\***  
**LOCAL LEADERS COOK THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**FOR FAMILY LIVING ON MINIMUM WAGE**

*San Diego, CA – November 21, 2014* – On Monday, City Councilmember Marti Emerald and Rabbi Laurie Coskey will cook and deliver a Thanksgiving meal to fast-food worker Nicolas Cervantes and his family.

**WHAT:** Councilwoman Delivers Thanksgiving Dinner to Low-Wage Earner

**WHEN:** Monday, November 24, 2014 @ 10 AM

**WHERE:** 3717 Ward Rd, San Diego, CA 92116

**4079 42nd St , San Diego, CA 92105**

“Receiving this Thanksgiving meal from Councilwoman Emerald and Rabbi Coskey will be a blessing for my family,” said Cervantes.

The Burger King employee earns \$9 per hour and helps provide for his younger siblings. When his father was deported last year, the family couldn’t afford rent and had to move into the living room of a family friend.

“This is the least we can do for people who work so hard for so little,” Emerald said. “We think that everybody should be able to celebrate holidays with their families. It takes courage to live in a world that is so expensive with so little money in your pocket and such difficult decisions to make every day, especially during the holidays.”

Rabbi Laurie Coskey, of the Interfaith Center for Worker Justice, said “At Thanksgiving, it’s unconscionable that people who prepare and serve food for others cannot afford a holiday meal for themselves and their families! That’s what the fight for \$15 is all about!”

Cervantes is among thousands of fast-food workers nationally who are advocating for \$15 an hour and the right to collectively bargain. “When we win a higher wage and the right to a union, we will be in a better position to pay our bills and provide for our families,” he said

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