

Contacts:

Cate	Rebecca Kelley	E: <a href="mailto:RKelley@sandiego.gov">RKelley@sandiego.gov</a>	C: (619) 384-5269
Cole	Paulene De Mesa	E: <a href="mailto:PDeMesa@sandiego.gov">PDeMesa@sandiego.gov</a>	P: (619) 236-7175
Gómez	Roberto Torres	E: <a href="mailto:RobertoT@sandiego.gov">RobertoT@sandiego.gov</a>	C: (619) 368-2315

## **SDPD'S ANNUAL RICE DRIVE EXPECTED TO TIP THE SCALES AT 18,000 POUNDS** *City Councilmembers to Distribute Bags of Rice to Hundreds of Families in Need*

San Diego, CA: On Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m., families in need will fill the San Diego Police Department Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Rice Drive. The annual rice drive is hosted by the San Diego Police Department's Asian Youth Organization (SDAYO), Pan Pacific Law Enforcement Association (PANPAC), and Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office.

"The season of giving is upon us, and this rice drive is one of the best ways to give back to a number of San Diego families and senior residents in need. I am thrilled to collaborate with Councilmembers Cate and Gómez and SDAYO to exceed last year's rice distribution," said Council President Myrtle Cole.

"District 6 is committed to securing 1,000 pounds of rice to support this endeavor. I thank the San Diego Police Officers Association headquarters for serving as a drop-off location for District 6 residents prior to the distribution event," stated Councilmember Cate, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee Chair.

Last year, 16,000 pounds of rice were distributed to more than 550 families in need.

"Thank you to SDAYO for putting together this rice drive and helping so many families in need. I encourage everyone to donate as much rice as possible to this great cause and reach over 18,000 pounds," said Councilmember Gómez.

Entities that have donated 100 pounds of rice or more include the San Diego Asian Americans for Equality, DeliSD, and Ichiban PB, to note a few.

**WHAT:** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Rice Drive – Distribution Event

**WHERE:** San Diego Police Department - Multi-Cultural Community Relations Office  
5348 University Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92105

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**WHO:** Council President Myrtle Cole, District 4  
Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6  
Councilmember Georgette Gómez, District 9

