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THINK GREEN THIS HALLOWEEN; COMPOST YOUR PUMPKINS AND GOURDS
Councilmember Cate and Environmental Services Department Host 2nd Annual Pumpkin Recycling Event

San Diego, CA: According to the US Department of Agriculture, over 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins are produced annually, with California ranking as one of the top pumpkin-producing states. Nearly half of American households carve pumpkins for Halloween. An average-sized pumpkin weighs thirteen pounds.

The City of San Diego's Zero Waste Plan lays out a strategy to divert 75 percent of all trash by 2020, for 90 percent diversion by 2035, and a goal of zero waste by 2040. Each year, the City's Miramar Greenery processes over 100,000 tons of wood, yard waste, and food scraps into mulch, compost, and wood chips.

Benefits of composting include: saving money by reducing the need to purchase fertilizer; improving the health of soil and conserving water; and it helps the environment by recycling organic material.

"Last year, we collected thousands of pounds of pumpkins from hundreds of families. I am pleased that we will again be offering District 6 families in Clairemont and Mira Mesa the opportunity to recycle their pumpkins the proper way," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

San Diegans are highly encouraged to dispose of their pumpkins in yard waste containers after Halloween if they are unable to attend the event. Pumpkins must be clean and unpainted. No candles, trash, or décor.

WHAT: Pumpkin Composting Event

WHEN: Friday, November 1, 2019
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: North Clairemont Recreation Center
<http://bit.ly/30NzEEU>
4421 Bannock Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117

Mira Mesa Senior Center
<http://bit.ly/2AONCLY>
8460 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92126