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Councilmember Campillo Co-Hosts “Guns for Gift Cards” Exchange Resulting in Surrender of 418 Firearms

SAN DIEGO — Raul A. Campillo, District 7 Councilmember and Vice-Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, joined the San Diego Police Department and other City officials for today’s no-questions-asked “Guns for Gift Cards” exchange **which resulted in the surrender of 418 firearms.**

“We have a gun violence epidemic in our Country which is largely caused by the over-proliferation of firearms in our communities. We need to get as many guns out of our communities as we can. As a former member of the City’s Gun Violence Response Unit, I have seen first-hand the life-saving effects that efforts like this can have. Today’s exchange was a step in the right direction for gun violence prevention and for public safety in our region as a whole.” -Councilmember Raul Campillo

This event provided residents with the ability to turn in unwanted firearms to the Police Department, no questions asked. This anonymous exchange was made possible by the event’s sponsors who stepped up to contribute funds for the purchase of the gift cards the City used to incentivize residents to turn in their guns. The San Diego Police Department, the San Diego District Attorney’s Office, San Diego Gas and Electric and AT&T each contributed financially to this effort.

Residents lined up in their cars outside Police Plaza to surrender working firearms for a \$100 or \$200 Target Stores gift card, depending on the type of firearm. All weapons surrendered will be destroyed.

The final breakdown of firearms surrendered was as follows:

Handguns- 180
Shotguns- 86
Rifles- 132
Assault weapons- 13

About Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

Councilmember Raul A. Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego. District Seven includes the neighborhoods of Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, Linda Vista, Mission

Valley, Serra Mesa, San Carlos, and Tierrasanta. District Seven is home to the new San Diego State University Mission Valley campus, Mission Trails Regional Park and Cowles Mountain, the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, Lake Murray, the San Diego River, and Skateworld.