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Alameda County MEDS Coalition Hosts Safe Drug Disposal Rally
Celebrating Drug Drop-off Sites

WHAT: A press conference will be held to honor and recognize drug drop-off take-back sites throughout Alameda County collecting unwanted and expired medication from residents. The event is hosted by the MEDS (Medication, Education, Disposal Safety) Coalition in partnership with Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley's office. The sites provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing unwanted prescription drugs. These volunteer take-back sites are assisting the general public by helping reduce the potential for drug abuse of medications. In addition, they help to prevent discarded drugs entering our waterways and landfills. Last year almost 7 tons of medication were collected, an average of 449 pounds per site. The most successful drug drop-off sites include Alameda County Sheriff's Office in San Leandro, Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, Ted's Drugs in Hayward and Washington Hospital in Fremont. The event will include a brief presentation of key findings from the Alameda County Safe Drug Disposal Assessment conducted by Teleosis.

WHEN: **Monday August 18, 10 a.m. Rally**

SCHEDULE:

10:00 am: **Supervisor Miley media availability**

10:10 am: **Supervisor Miley & MEDS member**
Welcome
Acknowledgements
Purpose

- 10:15 am: **Kelly Densmore**, Mothers with a Purpose
Parent Testimony
- 10:20 am: **Dr. Joel Kreisberg**
Presentation of key findings from the Alameda County Safe Medication Disposal Initiative Assessment by Teleosis
- 10:25 am: **Donna Ziegler, Esq**
Brief Update on Status of Legal Challenge to Alameda County Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance
- 10:35 am: **Supervisor Miley & Sergeant Bret Scheuller**
Presentation of Commendations to Drug Drop-Off Sites
- 10:40 am: **Supervisor Miley**
Closing Remarks

WHERE: Eden Hospital 20103 Lake Chabot Rd. Castro Valley, CA 94546 (patio area)

About the Alameda County MEDS Coalition

The Alameda County MEDS Coalition originated in 2008 from the Alameda County Senior Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) Workgroup by CommPre, a former program of Horizon Services, Inc. We are a diverse group of stakeholders including Alameda County older adult residents, Teleosis Institute, Castro Valley Community Action Network, United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County, Alameda County Senior Injury Prevention Partnership, Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Agency, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda Health Care Agency, Eden Township Healthcare District, Davis Street Resource Center, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Alameda County Sanitary Districts, Alameda County Water Districts, Eden Medical Center and Alameda County Board of Supervisor Nate Miley.

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