



September 14, 2015

Mr. Chuck Matthews
Deputy Director, HHS
County of San Diego

Dear Mr. Matthews,

It is with great enthusiasm that Solana Center for Environmental Innovation endorses the County of San Diego's Live Well, San Diego initiative. Solana Center has worked for over 30 years to promote changes in attitudes and behaviors that result in improvements in our environment. This dedication to ecology and sustainability promote better health for all and shares Live Well's vision of improving the health and wellness of all San Diegans. We also promote legislative and policy change by working with local cities and state agencies. Solana Center is a nonprofit that provides community-based environmental education programs that serve all of San Diego County.

Since 1983, Solana Center has been a catalyst for grassroots environmental action in San Diego. We pioneered the first comprehensive curbside recycling program in San Diego County and one of the first community-based recycling programs in the State of California. Our classes, workshops, and interactions at community events provide an impetus for individual and collective participation in the protection of our soil, air, and water. Through outreach and education initiatives, Solana Center works as a critical community resource in composting, pollution prevention, water conservation, organic gardening, school waste diversion, and used oil and oil filter recycling. Residents and businesses look to us for help in achieving their Zero Waste goals through resource recovery and composting.

To that end, we have successfully kept millions of pounds of recyclables, electronics, used oil filters, motor oil, and organic waste out of our landfills and waterways. Cumulatively, over the years, we have diverted from the landfill more than 1,500 gallons of used motor oil, 4,200 used oil filters, 300,000 pounds of electronic waste, and 32 million pounds of organic waste. We have educated over 650 Master Composters and sold 7,400+ compost and worm bins.

We are committed to improving the health and wellness of San Diegans and honored to partner with the County of San Diego to accomplish much more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Toth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
Board Resolution

Live Well, San Diego! Initiative
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WHEREAS, the mission of Solana Center for Environmental Innovation is to empower students and adults through education and action to become environmental stewards in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Solana Center's environmental education and outreach initiatives are closely aligned with the *Live Well, San Diego!* Initiative, encouraging healthy and sustainable lifestyles for all San Diegans. Our educational programs in composting, gardening, watershed protection, pollution prevention, recycling and sustainable living and interactions at community events provide an impetus for individual and collective participation in the health of our soil, air, and water; and

WHEREAS, Solana Center works at the grass roots level to encourage the community to change the way they think about their environment; and

WHEREAS, Solana Center serves as a critical community resource in composting, pollution prevention, water conservation, organic gardening, school waste diversion, and used oil and oil filter recycling; and contributes to building a healthy, economically thriving region; and

WHEREAS, Solana Center's leadership recognizes the vital role of collaboration and partnership and is actively engaged with community partners throughout the County educating students, residents, businesses, and local government staff about environmental and wellness issues; and

WHEREAS, Solana Center has a long-term commitment to promote changes in attitudes and behaviors that result in improvements in our environment. This dedication to ecology and sustainability promote better health for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that through these programs Solana Center supports the County of San Diego's *Live Well, San Diego!* Initiative and joins as a partner organization on the path to improve health and wellness in the region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 15th day of September 2015 by the Board President on behalf of the Board of Directors of Solana Center for Environmental Innovation.

By: Joel Rabasco Attested: [Signature]

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