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## **“Great American Pick Up” in San José Neighborhoods on Saturday**

*Mayor Gonzales expects hundreds of neighborhood  
volunteers to join second annual anti-litter event*



***San Jose*** ---- San José Mayor Ron Gonzales joined young students at Stonegate Elementary School today to help them prepare for the city’s second annual community-wide litter pick up this Saturday, May 10.

Hundreds neighborhood volunteers will meet on Saturday at ten locations throughout the city to help pick up trash. Last year more than 750 volunteers picked up 960 bags of litter during the first Great American Pick Up in San José. For information on how to volunteer, call the San

## “Great American Pick Up” Scheduled Saturday for Volunteers to Clean up San Jose Neighborhoods

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José Customer Service Call Center at (408) 277-4000, or check the city’s website at [www.ci.san-jose.ca.us](http://www.ci.san-jose.ca.us).



“Keeping our community clean is a responsibility that must be learned, starting with our youngest residents,” said Gonzales today as he worked with a class of Stonegate kindergarten students to teach them how to use litter sticks.

“It’s never too early to start training our next generation on the importance of keeping our city and our environment clean.”

The San José Anti-Litter Program has partnered with the Franklin-McKinley, Alum Rock and San José Unified school districts to help teachers reach schoolchildren about community pride and responsibility.

On Friday, May 9, Stonegate and some 80 other schools throughout San José also will be participating in “Clean Campus” events as part of this year’s campaign.

Gonzales launched the city’s anti-litter efforts last year to build on the success of the anti-graffiti program that has wiped out graffiti by 95 % over the past four years through aggressive cleanup, law enforcement, interagency cooperation, and 2700 neighborhood volunteers. Graffiti tags found in San Jose have fallen from 71,000 in found in 1999 to fewer than 4000 this year.

San José has anti-litter partnerships with Caltrans, VTA, Santa Clara County, Santa Clara Valley Water District, GreenTeam, Norcal, San José Conservation Corps, Comcast, Outback

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Steakhouse, Albertsons, California Department of Conservation, City of Campbell, along with many San Jose neighborhood associations, schools, community organizations, and businesses.

San José’s Great American Pick-up Day will begin with volunteers meeting at one of the ten sites listed below starting at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own pick up stick and work gloves. All youth under the age of 18 need supervision and transportation to get to clean-up sites.



Following a morning of neighborhood litter pick-up activities, volunteers are invited to a free celebration lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Faith Church, 2315 Canoas Garden Avenue. The lunch is sponsored by Outback Steakhouse Restaurant.

**District One**

Westmont High School  
4805 Westmont Ave.  
Between Quito Rd. and San Tomas Aquino Rd.

**District Two**

Davis Intermediate School  
5035 Edenvue Dr.  
Between Branham Ln. and Monterey Highway

**District Three**

Selma Olinder Park  
848 E. Williams Street  
Located at E. Williams and S. 19th Street

**District Six**

Sherman Oaks Elementary School  
1800 Fruitdale Avenue  
Between Bascom Avenue & Leigh Ave.

**District Seven**

Los Arboles Elementray School  
455 Los Arboles School  
Between Senter Road and Capitol Expwy

**District Eight**

Ley Va Middle School  
1865 Monrovia Drive  
Off King Road, North of Aborn Road

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**District Four**

Berryessa Community Center  
3050 Berryessa Road  
Between Morrill Ave. and Piedmont Road

**District Five**

Capitol Park  
Bambi Lane & Peter Pan Avenue

**District Nine**

Branham Park  
Branham Lane & Ross Avenue

**District Ten**

Almaden Winery  
5731 Chambertin Drive  
Between Camden Ave. and Meridian Ave.