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San Carlos Partners With Cities and County in Successful Gun Buyback Program

San Carlos, CA – On May 5, the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office held a successful Gun Buyback event to enhance public safety by removing guns from the community. 427 guns were turned in at the event.

Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Assembly member Kevin Mullin, Supervisor David Pine and San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos were all present at the event. There was a large public turn out. Of the 427 guns turned in, many were assault rifles. Several of the attendees also made monetary donations to the Gun Buyback Program.

The Sheriff’s Office manages the program, which is funded by contributions from private donations, cities and the County. The fundraising effort was spearheaded by the Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buyback. The San Carlos City Council approved a contribution of $50,000 to help fund the program.

The event provided a safe, no-questions-asked opportunity for any individual to surrender firearms in exchange for a cash payment of $100 for each handgun or long gun and $200 for each assault-type weapon. The Sheriff’s Office will now destroy all of the surrendered firearms.

Mark Duri, Sheriff Captain and Chief for San Carlos said, “This is a great example of citizens coming together with a common vision of safer streets, and executing that vision to a
successful completion. Thank you to the Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buyback, led by Becky Dodson, Nilu Jenks and Danielle Lacampagne, for reminding us what we can do when we all unite with a common goal of increasing public safety.”

Mayor Bob Grassilli stated, “The City of San Carlos was pleased to provide the financial foundation for other cities and the County to contribute funding in support of this effort. The City believes that these types of programs lead to a safer community.”