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Drug Take-Back Ordinance To Be Introduced At Marin County Board of Supervisors Meeting

Alcohol Justice, Youth for Justice and San Rafael Alcohol & Drug Coalition Will Offer Support

SAN RAFAEL, CA (July 27, 2015) – Alcohol Justice, Youth for Justice, and the San Rafael Alcohol and Drug Coalition, will offer support at the Marin County Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow for the introduction of a new drug take-back program.

The ordinance calls for pharmaceutical companies to bear financial responsibility for the safe collection and destruction of unwanted medications. The ordinance will also require the pharmaceutical companies do outreach and education about the program, and reimburse the County for any program-associated administrative and operational costs.

The ordinance is a significant step forward in addressing the tragedy of prescription drug use, abuse and misuse, and environmental harm caused by improper disposal of these items. Similar ordinances have already been passed in Alameda, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and King County, and being considered in other counties across the state.

Read the ordinance on the Board's website, item 7, here: http://bit.ly/1MvSZAO

What: Marin County Board of Supervisors Meeting

When: Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 9:30 A.M.

Where: Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 330, Civic Center, San Rafael, CA 94903

Who:

- Alcohol Justice
- Alcopop-Free Zone® Marin Coalition
- Bay Area Community Resources
- Canal Community Businesses, Parents & Residents
- Canal Welcome Center
- Consejo Restaurativo de Marin
- La Plaza Market
- Ministerios de Dios Internacional
- Project Avary Peacemakers
- San Rafael Alcohol and Drug Coalition
- The Recovery Station TV Series
- Trips for Kids
- University of San Francisco School of Nursing
- Youth Court of Marin
- Youth for Justice