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## SAN MARCOS VICE MAYOR RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN PREVENTION ADVOCACY AWARD Vice-Mayor Rebecca Jones has been instrumental in passing various polices related to alcohol and drugs prevention

San Marcos – Vice-Mayor Rebecca Jones was recognized with the Excellence in Prevention Advocacy Award for championing and supporting drug and alcohol prevention efforts at the San Diego County Red Ribbon Luncheon on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Mission Valley. Vice-Mayor Jones has been instrumental in alcohol and drug prevention causes in the city of San Marcos - including championing a ban on selling and possessing synthetic drugs and passing a Tobacco Retail License, among several other environmental prevention policies. Vice-Mayor is passionate about keeping San Marcos' youth and neighborhoods healthy and drug free.

The annual Red Ribbon Luncheon is a celebration and award presentation in honor of Enrique "Kiki" Camerena, DEA agent who was abducted, tortured and killed by drug traffickers. The event featured keynote speaker Kevin Sabet, President of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM). Other awards presented included lifetime achievement, prevention program, law enforcement and education.

Vice-Mayor Jones was nominated by the San Marcos Prevention Coalition, whose mission is to reduce youth alcohol and drug use and advocate for safe and healthy neighborhoods by improving environmental norms and community policies and enhancing efforts to promote and deliver effective substance abuse prevention.

The San Marcos Prevention Coalition will meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup>Thursday at 8am at the North County Regional Education Center. For more information call Leticia Robles at 619-392-6963 or email at sanmarcospreventioncoalition@gmail.com.

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