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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL WILL HONOR SIDS VICTIMS

Chairman Cox, Parents, Health Officials to Raise Awareness of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

- WHAT:** Parents and County Officials will hold a candlelight vigil to honor children who have died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and raise public awareness of ways to decrease the risk. Parents of children who died from SIDS will speak about their tragic loss.
- WHO:** Chairman Greg Cox, San Diego County Board of Supervisors
Nick Macchione, Director, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency
Dr. Henry Kraus, Rady Children's Hospital, Director of Pathology Research and Director of the San Diego SIDS/SUDC Research Project
Parents of SIDS victims
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, October 29, 2008 6:30 p.m.**
- WHERE:** San Diego County Administration Center
West Plaza (bayside)
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92107
- WHY:** Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the sudden, unexpected death of an apparently healthy infant under one year of age that remains unexplained after thorough review of the death. SIDS claims the lives of more than 2,100 babies nationwide each year. There were 31 SIDS cases in San Diego County in 2007. SIDS occurs in all socio-economic, racial and ethnic groups. At this time there is no known way to prevent SIDS in all cases, but there are steps parents and caregivers can take to reduce the risk of sudden infant death.

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