South Bay regional leaders and community residents celebrated the transformative power of inclusivity at the Civility Day festival hosted by the National Conflict Resolution Center on September 24, 2016. More than 100 people gathered at Chula Vista Bay Front Park to hear inspirational talks from NCRC partners in government, education, and law enforcement. The afternoon event featured musical and dance performances – the Chula Vista High School Mariachi Band was a crowd favorite – art displays, and special activities for children.

Civility Day participants were encouraged to learn more about effective ways of resolving conflicts and promoting cooperation in their community. Speakers included State Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, Port of San Diego Commissioner Rafael Castellanos, Victoria Barba representing the San Diego City Council, San Ysidro School Board Trustee Antonio Martinez, and Lieutenant Ernesto Servin from the San Diego Police Department’s Southern Division.

“Civility Day was created with the purpose of expanding, promoting, and to enhance collaboration with our community and stakeholders in the South Bay. The result was the opportunity to engage in dialogue and recognize our community’s strengths,” said Maria Reed Stacey of NCRC’s Community Justice Program South Bay Region Manager. “It helped us feel motivated and empowered to find creative solutions to the challenges we face.”

For more information about the National Conflict Resolution Center’s mission and how to get involved visit us at NCRConline.com

Supporting Partners of Civility Day who share NCRC’s commitment to preventing violence included:

**Service Agencies:**
- San Diego County Health & Human Services Community Health Action Team
- San Ysidro School District
- Chula Vista Collaborative Center for Social Advocacy CSA
- Kandmpa Meditation Center
- Silent Voices
- Heart & Hands Working Together
- South Bay Community Services
- Family Health Centers of San Diego Start Program
- Reiki
- Kids on the Block San Diego
- San Diego Babel
- San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce
- Cover California

**Government:**
- State Assembly Office Lorena Gonzalez
- Port of San Diego Commissioner Rafael Castellanos
- City Attorney’s office
- City Council District 8
- San Ysidro School Board
- Southern Division Police Department