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OCTOBER 16, 2021: CITY OF GONZALES LITTER ABATEMENT EVENT REPORT

The four-hour downtown Gonzales litter abatement event took place as planned and was staffed by a total of



22 volunteers supporting the Gonzales High School ASB class. This event resulted in a total of 88 volunteer hours for the event work period.

The team met at Central Park to focus on removing litter from streets, alleyways, planter, and rain gutter areas covering the entire downtown area from streets A through 10, Alta through Elko, and all the way down Fifth Street into the highway commercial shopping district. The youth collected approximately 455 pounds of microtrash, litter, and illegal dumping left or blown to these locations. This

was the first time the event delivered two truckloads to the landfill.

Most of the items collected were found in street rain gutters, alleyways, and planting areas. The collection was composed of items such as cigarette butts, candy wrappers, drink pouch straws, coffee cup lids, paper napkins, chip bags, fast food catsup packets, plastic bottle caps, and the like. The illegal dumping spot at the end of Belden Street was heavily loaded with household items, including three kingsize mattresses, one tire, metal and wood items. Due to recent heavy winds, there was a large volume of windblown litter combined with dry leaves. I notified Gonzales Public Works of the issue as there is still work remaining at this site.





The ASB class volunteers should be commended for their community service completed with an attitude of enthusiasm and a glad heart. Tri-Cities Disposal & Recycling would like to thank Monterey County Environmental Health for providing the landfill voucher for disposal.

Tri-Cities Disposal & Recycling Service will donate \$500 to GHS ASB for this community service.

Respectfully submitted,

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