



## **MEDIA ADVISORY – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

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### **COMMUNITY INVITED TO HONOR LOCAL LEGEND AT FIRST ANNUAL BILL WALTON MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE**

**WHAT:** San Diego Blood Bank and Mission Valley YMCA are teaming up to honor the legacy of basketball legend and community service advocate, Bill Walton.

In the spirit of Bill's passion for community, and his love for Grateful Dead music, the public is invited to come together and save lives at this special blood drive at the Y – a place where Walton was an iconic member and friend. Just as Bill brought people together through his remarkable achievements and his unyielding joy for life, this blood drive offers the public a way to contribute to the community he loved so much.

All donors will receive an exclusive, limited-edition Bill Walton Memorial Blood Drive t-shirt.

**WHEN:** Monday, November 4, 2024, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. (the day before what would have been his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday).

**WHERE:** Mission Valley YMCA (Community Room), 5505 Friars Road, San Diego, CA 92110

**NOTES:** To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health. Appointments will be honored first, walk-ins welcome. More information about this drive and appointments available at [sandiegobloodbank.org/bill-walton](https://sandiegobloodbank.org/bill-walton) or call 619-400-8251.

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