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Welcome



What an incredible 50 years

You could argue that 2020 was the “year of the mask.” Those of us who grew up in 1960s and 1970s Los Angeles, however, know that masks are nothing new. In fact, it was not terribly uncommon to see someone looking like they just walked off the set of Star Wars during moments of particularly poor air quality back in the day when smog alerts were a common occurrence.

We’re proud to say the days of regularly experiencing those extremely unhealthy air quality days with regularity are, indeed, a thing of the past. We have, for example, slashed smog levels in the South Coast Air Basin more than 70% since 1980 alone. We have not had a Stage 3 smog alert since 1974. Our last Stage 2 smog alert was 1988. We experienced our last Stage 1 smog alert in 2003.

So, what changed?

In 1970 a powerful new law would be passed in Congress. The Clean Air Act of 1970 gave advocates who wanted to clean the air in their communities a legal mechanism to sue and a framework to move forward. It is not surprising then that a passionate group of concerned residents from the smoggiest place in the country came together shortly thereafter to form the Coalition for Clean Air. Little did they know at the time, but this would set in motion an incredible record of 50 years of success cleaning California’s air.

From pushing for the adoption of technological innovations like the catalytic converter and electric vehicles to successful groundbreaking lawsuits enforcing the Clean Air Act to broader awareness campaigns to get diesel out of school busses, we’ve used every available tactic to move the State of California and local government agencies in the right direction. Those emission reductions have resulted in thousands of avoided deaths, green jobs, and California leading the nation in addressing climate change.

So, why is the Coalition for Clean Air still here?

The more we learn about the health effects of air pollution, the more we know we have more work to do. Even though we’ve done a lot, we know poor air quality causes more deaths in California than car crashes. Our greenhouse gas emissions have contributed to California’s now never-ending fire season. Today we also have much better data to track and address the disproportionately poor air quality in California’s low-income communities and communities of color.

We know that some of you wished us another successful 50 years (thank you) but our hope is that we put ourselves out of business long before that. We look forward to the day where we can declare victory and fade into the sunset; the day we’ve truly achieved our mission and that every Californian, no matter their race, income, or zip code, has clean air to breathe and lives in a world devoid of the threat of climate change.

Thank you to everyone joining us here today as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary along with Mary Nichols and Dr. Bill Burke – two people who had tremendously outsized roles in making our 50 years of progress happen. Tonight, we celebrate their contributions and our collective legacy and look forward to the day every breath you take will be a breath of clean air.

Dr. Joseph K. Lyou
President & CEO



PROGRAM

June 17, 2020 | 5pm - 7pm

Awards Presentation

Mary D. Nichols
Chair (ret.), California Air Resources Board

Dr. William A. Burke
Chair (ret.) South Coast Air Quality Management Governing Board

History Roundtable

Time flies when your saving lungs - 50 years of fighting for clean air
Moderated by Dr. Joseph K. Lyou

Breakout Rooms

Informal opportunity to reconnect with other CCA supporter

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Dr. Joseph K. Lyou serves as President & CEO of the Coalition for Clean Air. In January 2020 he was appointed to serve on the California Transportation Commission by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. Dr. Lyou also served as the governor's appointee to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board from June 2007 to March 2019.

Prior to his work at CCA, he founded the California Environmental Rights Alliance, a public interest group dedicated to working on environmental justice issues. Dr. Lyou has spent 30 years helping community groups and concerned individuals with environmental protection issues, including air and water pollution, the clean-up of contaminated sites, and environmental justice. He previously held management positions with the California League of Conservation Voters Education Fund and Committee to Bridge the Gap. Dr. Lyou received his Ph.D. from UC Santa Cruz in 1990.

Bill Magavern joined CCA in 2012 and serves as Policy Director, based in Sacramento. He has authored numerous reports and articles on energy and environmental issues, and testifies frequently before the State Legislature, Air Resources Board, and other agencies. An environmental advocate since 1988, Magavern worked as Staff Attorney for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Director of Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project, Sacramento Director of the Committee to Bridge the Gap, and Director of Sierra Club California. Bill received his A.B in American Civilization, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Brown University and his J.D. magna cum laude, from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.



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MARY NICHOLS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mary Nichols is the former Chair of the California Air Resources Board, where she occupied the attorney seat. She has served on the Board under Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. (1975–82 and 2010–18), Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (2007–2010) and Governor Gavin Newsom (2019–present). She also served as California’s Secretary for Natural Resources (1999–2003), appointed by Gov. Gray Davis.

When not working for the State of California, Mary was a senior staff attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council; Assistant Administrator for U.S. EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation, in the administration of President William Jefferson Clinton; and headed the Institute of Environment and Sustainability at UCLA.

Over a career as an environmental lawyer spanning over 45 years, Mary Nichols has played a key role in California and the nation’s progress toward healthy air. She has also led the Board in crafting California’s internationally recognized climate action plan.



DR. WILLIAM A. BURKE

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

William Arthur 'Bill' Burke is an accomplished business and political leader in Southern California. He is best known as the founder and former long-time president of the City of Los Angeles Marathon. Since 1993, Dr. Burke has served on the Board of the South Coast AQMD as the representative of the Speaker of the Assembly.

Since his initial appointment to the South Coast AQMD Board, Dr. Burke has been elected by his peers to serve as both Vice-Chairman and Chairman. As Chairman, he has set in motion a more than decade-long series of precedent-setting policy initiatives, including: South Coast AQMD's evolving Environmental Justice program; Asthma and Outdoor Air Quality Consortium; Health Effects of Air Pollution Foundation (formerly known as the Brain & Lung Tumor and Air Pollution Foundation); and in 2009 the 'Helping Hand Initiative' to protect both health and jobs during the current economic downturn.



Dr. Burke has a diverse blend of professional experience in several fields: He founded the American Health Care Delivery Corporation, supervised mining concessions in Liberia, West Africa and conceived of the Los Angeles Vintage Grand Prix Race in Downtown Los Angeles.

In the political arena, Dr. Burke has served in many different capacities: As Consul General to the Republic of Mali, as the President of the State of California Fish and Game Commission, as President of the Wildlife Conservation Board, as Commissioner on the California Coastal Commission and as a board member of the California Air Resources Board.

Dr. Burke is married to retired Los Angeles County Supervisor and former Congresswoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. They live in the Los Angeles area and have two daughters, Christine and Autumn.

What We Do

The Coalition for Clean Air protects public health, improves air quality and prevents climate change.

Our unique collaborative model brings all interested parties together to find cooperative solutions to California's most pressing air quality issues.

Despite our many victories, our work is not done. Nine out of ten Californians breathe air that violates federal health standards. We look forward to the day no one has to breathe dirty, polluted air.



"I have supported CCA for more than 20 years, simply because they achieve clean air for our state through fast and effective solutions."

— Ed Begley Jr., environmental activist, actor and CCA board member

Recent Accomplishments

Your support makes our work possible. Together we recently accomplished the following clean air goals:

- Sponsored and led a campaign to pass SB 210 (Leyva, 2019), which will reduce toxic diesel exhaust by establishing inspection and maintenance requirements for trucks, similar to the smog check for cars.
- Conceived and led a campaign to pass AB 1550 (Gomez, 2016) and SB 535 (De León, 2012), which ensure climate investments go to disadvantaged communities.
- Established CLEAR, a network of air quality monitors that make air quality personal by showing it at the neighborhood scale in real time.
- Successfully advocated for new standards to reduce toxic diesel pollution from heavy-duty engines used in trucks, buses, ships, and warehouses.
- Co-sponsored SB 1275 (De León, 2014) which established the Charge Ahead California Initiative to put one million electric vehicles on California roads and ensure that low-income Californians benefit equally from the transition to a clean transportation sector.
- Founded and coordinated California Clean Air Day.

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Areas of Work



California's Climate Crisis

Combating climate change and its effects on those who suffer from air pollution



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Cleaning up the ships, trucks and trains that bring goods to California and the nation



Driving Clean Transportation

Advancing clean cars, trucks, trains, planes and buses Californians use every day, and supporting public transit, walking and bicycling.



Community Air Protection

Regulating air toxics and other pollution sources that disproportionately harm low-income communities of color



Outreach & Education

Informing and educating the public about the need for clean air and climate protection

Looking Forward



Put 1.5 million zero-emission cars on California roads within the next 5 years



Assure that California makes climate investments that benefit disadvantaged communities



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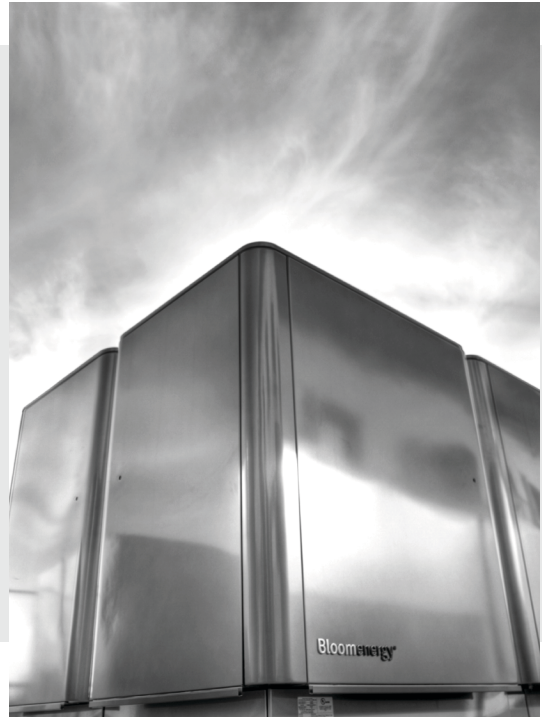


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SCAG has partnered with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee to establish the Last Mile Freight Program. The Phase 1 Call for Projects, with \$10 million in funding available, will seek to fund projects that focus on the commercial deployment of zero emission or near-zero emission last mile delivery vehicles (and associated equipment and supporting infrastructure).

The Last Mile Freight Program serves as an initial step towards implementing freight-related clean vehicles/equipment and infrastructure to support cleaner air goals as outlined in Connect SoCal, our region's long-range transportation plan.

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Congratulations to this year's honorees **Mary Nichols**, retired Chair of California Air Resources Board and **Dr. William Burke** Chair of the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

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Ms. Mary Nichols
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