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A lively evening of conversations on strengthening California's air quality and climate protection policies.

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## Welcome

to the Coalition for Clean Air's 16th annual Toast to Clearing the Air! So much has changed since last year. I can't think of a better time to see and talk with the many friends and colleagues here tonight. Perhaps now more than ever we need the support, the sharing of important information, and the commitment to action that inevitably result from our Toast to Clearing the Air event.

Tonight, we have the honor of hearing from California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Yana Garcia, California Energy Commission Chair David Hochschild, and Sacramento Mayor pro Tem and California Air Resources Board Member Eric Guerra. I am glad that you have joined us to hear from these important policy leaders.

The chaos and turbulence created by the Trump Administration brings with it many challenges for those of us who support the Coalition for Clean Air's mission of protecting public health, improving air quality, and preventing climate change. If we're smart, hard-working, nimble, and strategic, we should rise above these challenges and find more than a few opportunities. In California, the public still cares about air pollution and climate change. We have a strong foundation. We have decades of investment in laws, regulations, infrastructure, and technology development upon which to build. Because this is California, we can and will do more. We don't give up.

Tonight, let's celebrate what brings us together, our common commitment to the right to breathe clean air and to protect the world from climate change. Let's celebrate the foundation we've built and the accomplishments that lie ahead. Let's celebrate our speakers, VIPs, sponsors, and guests who join us by showing up and not giving up. So, once again, please raise a glass and join me in a Toast to Clearing the Air!

Cheers.

Joseph K. Lyou, Ph.D. President & CFO

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## Speakers



#### Secretary Yana Garcia

California Environmental Protection Agency Yana Garcia was appointed California Secretary for Environmental Protection by Governor Gavin Newsom in August 2022, becoming the first Latina to lead CalEPA. She oversees 8,000 employees and a \$5.6 billion budget, focusing on emissions reduction, ecosystem restoration, safe drinking water, and a circular economy.

Garcia, a nationally recognized environmental leader, has uplifted marginalized communities throughout her career. She previously advised California Attorney General Rob Bonta on environmental, housing, energy, and natural resources issues. She has also held leadership roles within CalEPA, emphasizing environmental justice and international partnerships.

Before state service, Garcia litigated environmental cases for national non-profits and community organizations. Her legal practice focused on environmental justice, civil rights, land use, toxics, and energy. She has supported environmental and civil rights projects in several states.

Garcia holds a bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz and a law degree from Northeastern University.

Sacramento Mayor Pro Tem Eric Guerra serves on the California Air Resources Board, the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and is unwavering in his commitment to improving air quality and protecting public health for the hard-working individuals and families of California and the Sacramento region. Eric is uniquely positioned to integrate key local, regional, and state level policies to accomplish goals such as developing alternatives to agricultural burning, reducing transportation sector emissions, and drawing down overall carbon emissions. His policies are informed from a diverse array of perspectives, including growing up as a farmworker living in an agricultural community, earning both a Bachelor's degree in Electronic and Electrical Engineering and a Master's degree in Public Policy and Administration from Sacramento State University, over 20 years of legislative experience in the State Capitol, ten years representing District 6 in City Hall, and as a father and active community member.

Eric encourages active transportation and can often be seen dropping his kids off at school and riding to work on his e-bike.



Mayor Pro Tem Eric Guerra City of Sacramento



David Hochschild Chair, California Energy Commission

David Hochschild, appointed chair of the California Energy Commission by Governor Gavin Newsom in February 2019, brings a wealth of experience spanning public service, environmental advocacy, and the private sector to his role. Chair Hochschild played a pivotal role in the solar energy field, initiating a \$100 million citywide solar panel initiative while serving as a special assistant to Mayor Willie Brown in 2001. He co-founded the Vote Solar Initiative, served as executive director of a national consortium of solar manufacturers, and contributed significantly during his tenure at Solaria, a Silicon Valley solar company.

Chair Hochschild's commitment to advancing clean energy has garnered prestigious awards, including the Sierra Club's Trailblazer Award and the U.S. Department of Energy's Million Solar Roof True Champion Award. His educational background includes a bachelor of arts from Swarthmore College and a master of public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and he was a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs.

#### Platinum Sponsor Speakers

Adam is the Director of Regulatory Relations, and leads the company's team of policy advocates before the CPUC, CEC and CARB. Adam has previously served as the Principal Manager of State Public Policy where he was the lead policy advocate on legislation and with the Governor's Office. In his 13 years at the company, he has also worked as an expert on energy and climate policy.

Before coming to Edison, Adam held positions with the United Nations Environment Programme, UC Berkeley's Transportation Sustainability Research Center, and the Pew Charitable Trusts. Adam was selected as an Emerging Leader in Energy and Environmental Policy by the Atlantic Council and the Ecologic Institute. Adam did his undergraduate work at UC Berkeley and received a Master's of Science in Environmental Policy from the University of Oxford.

Adam and his wife Shelby have two young children, Luke and Evelyn.



Adam R. Smith Regulatory Relations Director, Southern California Edison (SCE)



Kristin Gomez
Senior Group Manager,
Hyundai Motor North

Kristin Gomez, Esq. is the Senior Group Manager of Regulatory Strategy and Eco-mobility at Hyundai Motor North America, overseeing regulatory analysis, strategy development, and advocacy for Hyundai's zero-emission vehicle goals. She also manages Hyundai's Evolve+ EV subscription service.

Previously, Kristin served as in-house counsel at Honda North America, advising on emissions, fuel economy, and vehicle safety regulations. With over fifteen years of experience in environmental law and policy, she has worked with the U.S. EPA, State of California, and in private practice.

Kristin holds a B.S. in Conservation and Resource Studies and a B.A. in Political Science from UC Berkeley, and a J.D. from UC Irvine. In 2022, she was named 'Woman of the Year' by the NHBWA for her contributions to Project Youth, where she now serves as Board Secretary and Co-Chair of the Higher Education Mentoring Committee.

Gillian Gillett manages the Division of Data & Digital Services at Caltrans. She works on modernizing transportation systems to meet changing consumer expectations – things like helping California's many transit agencies (253!) accept bank cards in addition to cash, getting transit on Google Maps and Apple Maps, and making sure transit agencies can educate their customers about how to get banked and how to get their travel benefits.

Previously she was a private sector consultant to the financial services sector, specializing in business process reengineering.

Gillian will be speaking on behalf of Platinum Sponsor, Valley CAN.



Gillian Gillett Chief - Division of Data & Digital Services Caltrans

#### **CCA Speakers**

Sherry Jackman is a Partner in Greenberg Glusker's Environmental Group. Her practice focuses on environmental litigation and compliance counseling. Sherry has been a dedicated member of the Coalition for Clean Air's Board since 2018, initially serving as Vice Chair and currently as Chair. Her leadership and commitment to environmental advocacy have been instrumental in advancing the Coalition's mission to improve air quality and protect public health. Sherry's knowledge and passion for environmental issues make her a valuable asset to our Board and organzaition.



**Sherry Jackman**Board Chair,
Coalition for Clean Air



**Dr. Joseph K. Lyou**President & CEO,
Coalition for Clean Air

Dr. Joseph K. Lyou has been the President & CEO of the Coalition for Clean Air since 2010. From 2020 to 2024, he served as the Speaker of the Assembly appointee to the California Transportation Commission. Dr. Lyou also served as the governor's appointee to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board from 2007 to 2019.

Dr. Lyou has spent 35 years leading nonprofit environmental organizations and helping community groups and concerned individuals with environmental protection issues, including air and water pollution, the clean-up of contaminated sites, and environmental justice.

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, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), 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. CARB honored him with a 2022 Haagen-Smit Clean Air Award for outstanding contributions in policy.



**Bill Magavern**Policy Director,
Coalition for Clean Air

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### What We Do

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

We pursue our mission by advocating for innovative policies and engaging in educational, training, and research activities.

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:

- Adoption by CARB of the Advanced Clean Trucks rule, the truck omnibus rule and the ships-at-berth rule. Together, these measures are expected to save more than 4,000 lives and \$40 billion in health costs.
- Enactment of SB 1193 (Menjivar, 2024), which will remove lead, a powerful neurotoxin, from aviation fuel sold in California.
- Enactment and implementation of SB 210 (Leyva, 2019), which reduces toxic diesel exhaust by establishing inspection and maintenance requirements for heavy-duty trucks, similar to Smog Check for cars.
- Renewal through 2035 of about \$170 million annually to put cleaner trucks, buses and
  cars on the road throughout California, primarily in disadvantaged and low-income
  communities (AB 126, Reyes, 2013).
- A requirement that all small off-road engines like lawnmowers and leaf-blowers sold new in California have zero emissions of air pollution (AB 1346, Berman, 2021/CARB SORE rule, 2021).
- Hosted a Port and Freight Solutions Tour of the San Pedro Bay ports, giving policymakers and business leaders a chance to witness firsthand zero-emission terminal operations, a zero-emission short-haul locomotive, and other clean technologies.
- Worked with Los Angeles Unified School District and Clarity Movement to establish the largest school-based air quality sensor network in the country.
- Iniated California Clean Air Day in 2018, a statewide campaign that gives everyone the
  opportunity to take action to fight air pollution.
- Hosted intensive 3-day All About Air Quality Bootcamp training programs for community members in Los Angeles, Oakland, Fresno and the Inland Empire.

#### CCA is California's only statewide nonprofit dedicated exclusively to advocating for healthy air.

#### **Areas of Work**



#### California's Climate Crisis

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



#### Ports & Freight Transport

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



#### **Driving Clean Transportation**

Advancing the cars, trucks, trains, planes and buses Californians use every day



#### **Air Quality Advocacy**

Advocating for policies to reduce air toxins and pollution at the local, state and federal levels



#### Community Outreach & Education

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

#### **Looking Forward**

Reach 8 million electric vehicles on California roads by 2030

Assure that California makes climate investments that directly benefit and empower disadvantaged communities

Usher in a new clean freight future at our ports and throughout the supply chain industry by supporting new rules to require cleaner ships, trains, trucks, and equipment

Train and educate the next generation about air quality through our All About Air Quality Bootcamp program

Inspire more than 2 million Californians to take action for clean air as part of the 8th California Clean Air Day



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CHAMPIONING SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR
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HEALTHIER AND STRONGER.





True happiness is knowing you have clean air to breathe.

Find out at ccair.org/clear

## Working together to make things happen

We can energize each other's efforts—and help reach those common goals faster. That's why PG&E applauds the important work Coalition for Clean Air is leading across California. Together, we can help make great things happen.



## They hug corners. And trees.



#### The Hyundai electrified lineup.

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