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Welcome



Transporting California towards a clean air future.

Dear Friends of the Coalition for Clean Air,

Welcome to the annual California Air Quality Awards! This event is a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when policymakers, businesses, and advocates come together to tackle California's air quality challenges with innovation, determination, and a shared commitment to environmental justice.

As a California native and someone who has spent my career at the intersection of environmental law, sustainability, and energy, I am deeply honored to serve as Board Chair of the Coalition for Clean Air. I've seen firsthand how thoughtful policy, community engagement, and bold leadership can drive meaningful change—and tonight's honorees exemplify that spirit.

We are proud to recognize:

- **California State Senator Caroline Menjivar**, a dedicated public servant whose advocacy for environmental justice, public health, and equity is helping to shape a cleaner, more inclusive California.
- **Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath**, whose leadership on sustainable transportation, clean energy, and community resilience is making a tangible difference in the lives of Angelenos.
- **Hyundai**, a global innovator in clean mobility, whose investments in zero-emission vehicle technology and sustainability initiatives are accelerating the transition to a healthier, low-carbon future.

These honorees are not only leaders in their fields—they are partners in our mission to ensure clean air for every Californian, regardless of zip code. Their work inspires us to keep pushing for policies and solutions that are both effective and equitable.

This evening would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors, advertisers, and guests, and the tireless efforts of our board, staff, and volunteers. Thank you for standing with us and for being part of this vital movement.

With gratitude,

Estela de Llanos

Board Chair, Coalition for Clean Air

Building a Greener Los Angeles, Together

We celebrate Angelenos for being the driving force behind a cleaner, more sustainable Los Angeles.



Our Sustainability Accomplishments:

- Reduced water use by 33% over the past 15 years, with average daily use of 101 gallons per capita per day
- Replaced over 55.4 million square feet of turf
- Achieved 15% cumulative energy savings from 2010-2020, totaling 3,408 gigawatt-hours (GWh)
- Cut greenhouse gas emissions to 60% below 1990 emissions levels



PROGRAM

VIP Reception

- **Nicole Roberts**, Development Director, *Coalition for Clean Air*
- **Platinum Level Sponsor: Rosalie Barcinas**, Electrification & Customer Services Policy Director, *Southern California Edison*
- **Platinum Level Sponsor: Nurit Katz**, Commissioner, *Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP)*

Awards Program: Opening Remarks

- **Dr. Joseph K. Lyou**, President & CEO, *Coalition for Clean Air*
- **Alex Marquez**, Deputy Director, *Coalition for a Safe Environment (CFASE)*

Awards Presentation

Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
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OPENING REMARKS



**JOSEPH K.
LYOU, Ph.D.**

Dr. Joseph K. Lyou believes everyone has the right to breathe clean air. He serves as President and CEO of the Coalition for Clean Air, a state-wide organization dedicated to protecting public health, improving air quality, and preventing climate change.

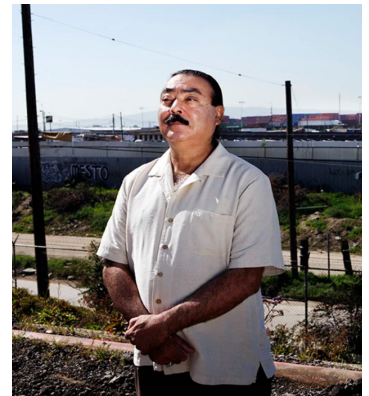
From January 2020 to January 2024, Dr. Lyou served as the Speaker of the Assembly appointee to the California Transportation Commission, an independent public agency that programs and allocates more than \$5 billion annually for the construction and maintenance of highway, passenger rail, transit, and active transportation projects throughout California.

From 2007 to 2019, Dr. Lyou served as the Governor of California appointee to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board, the public agency responsible for improving air quality for more than 17 million people living in Southern California.

Remarks Presented by Alex Marquez, Deputy Director, Coalition For A Safe Environment (CFASE).

Alex Marquez will be offering opening remarks on behalf of his father, Jesse Marquez, the founder and Executive Director of the Coalition For A Safe Environment (CFASE). Jesse, a lifelong advocate for environmental justice and community health in Wilmington and surrounding port communities, has been on life support since being hit by a car while crossing a street in January. In his absence, Alex has stepped into the role of Deputy Director, working to continue his father's legacy and keep CFASE's mission alive.

Founded in 2001, CFASE is a nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to protecting our environment and promoting public health, safety, and sustainability in communities impacted by international trade, ports, and the energy industry. Under Jesse's leadership, CFASE has been a powerful voice for environmental justice, conducting research, advocating for clean technologies, and empowering residents to shape the future of their neighborhoods.



**JESSE
MARQUEZ**

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**ROSALIE
BARCINAS**
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Director, Electrification & Customer Services Policy Southern California Edison

Rosalie Barcinas has over twenty years of experience that span across multiple areas of Southern California Edison (SCE) and include policy development and advocacy, operations, external engagement, permitting for major infrastructure projects and land rights management. Previously Rosalie oversaw operations of the electric, water, and gas systems, special projects, and overall strategy for the long-term sustainability of Catalina Island operations.

She recently transitioned to her current position serving as the Director of Electrification & Customer Services Policy. In this position she leads the strategy and oversight of policy development and regulatory case management regarding decarbonization through electrification and for customer programs and services. Rosalie also supports multiple Employee Resource Groups and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts across the company. Rosalie has a B.S. in mathematics from the California State University of Long Beach.

LADWP Commissioner

Nurit Katz is UCLA's Chief Sustainability Officer and a passionate advocate for a healthier, more resilient Los Angeles. A lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley, she has led the development of UCLA's first comprehensive sustainability plan and fosters collaboration across the university to advance environmental goals through education, research, and community partnerships. Nurit has served in numerous advisory roles, including with the LA 100 Advisory Group, the City of LA's Biodiversity Expert Council, and the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee.

With over 15 years of teaching experience, she is an instructor in UCLA Extension's Sustainability Certificate Program and is currently pursuing a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Nurit also supports community science as Outreach Coordinator for the Los Angeles Raptor Study, a project of Friends of Griffith Park.



NURIT KATZ
LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath is the first millennial and only renter currently serving on the all-women Board of Supervisors, bringing a much-needed perspective to solve the region's most pressing challenges. In 2024, she served as Board's youngest-ever Chair.

For 2025, she is focused on leading the nation's fastest disaster response following the devastating Palisades Fire and overhauling the homeless services system.

Since coming to the Board, she has led the County's homelessness emergency response, helping drive the first decrease in homelessness in nearly a decade. She has taken bold action on the climate by launching the Blue Ribbon Commission on Climate Action & Fire-Safe Recovery and advanced the LA County Water Plan. She has worked to protect reproductive freedom through the Abortion Safe Haven Program and centering the LGBTQ+ and marginalized communities in the work of the County.

A reformer at her core, she championed Measure G to transform how LA County governs—expanding representation, strengthening ethics, and creating an elected County Executive.

She previously served as Councilmember and the longest consecutively serving Mayor of West Hollywood.



CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

Hyundai is driving the future of clean transportation with a bold commitment to electrification and emissions reduction. As part of its vision for a sustainable future for humanity, Hyundai is rapidly transitioning its global lineup to all-electric vehicles—from passenger cars to commercial fleets—while earning acclaim for cutting-edge design, performance, and platform innovation. The company is also investing heavily in EV infrastructure, partnering across sectors to expand charging networks and improve access for all drivers.

Hyundai's leadership extends to next-generation battery development, with a focus on increasing range, lowering costs, and streamlining production. Through these efforts, Hyundai is making zero-emission mobility more accessible and accelerating the shift toward a cleaner, healthier planet. The Coalition for Clean Air proudly recognizes Hyundai's role in advancing environmental progress and supporting California's clean air goals.



AWARD RECIPIENT

KRISTIN GOMEZ

SENIOR GROUP MANAGER

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.

SEN. CAROLINE MENJIVAR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT



Senator Caroline Menjivar (she/her/ella) represents California's 20th Senate District, including Burbank and the San Fernando Valley. A first-generation American and daughter of Salvadoran immigrants, she was born and raised in the communities she now serves. Senator Menjivar brings a public health and environmental justice lens to her work in the State Senate.

She is committed to advancing policies that improve air quality, expand access to clean water, and create climate-resilient communities—especially in underserved and working-class neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by pollution and extreme heat.

Her lived experiences—as a Marine Corps veteran, EMT, and domestic violence therapist—inform her understanding of the health impacts of environmental injustice and the urgent need for community-centered solutions. She has also worked as a Field Deputy for the City of L.A. and as a nonprofit director focused on basic needs access and dignity. Senator Menjivar continues to fight for a sustainable and just future for all Californians. She lives in Panorama City with her wife, a licensed therapist, and their two dogs.

What We Do

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

CCA advocates for innovative policies and engages in outreach, training, and educational 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. Our recent accomplishments include:

- 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 the 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).
- 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.
- Hosted a Port and Freight Solutions Tour of the San Pedro Bay ports, giving policy-makers and business leaders a chance to witness firsthand zero-emission terminal operations, a zero-emission short-haul locomotive, and other clean technologies.
- Working with Los Angeles Unified School District and Clarity Movement to establish the largest school-based air quality sensor network in the country.
- Managing California Clean Air Day, an annual event that gives everyone the opportunity to take action to fight air pollution.
- Hosted intensive 2.5-day All About Air Quality Bootcamp training programs for community members in Los Angeles, Oakland, Fresno, and Ontario.

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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, trains, and equipment that move freight in California and throughout the nation.



Driving Clean Transportation

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



Outreach and Education

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



Air Quality Advocacy

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

Looking Forward



Reach 8 million electric vehicles on California roads by 2030.



Assure that California makes climate investments that directly benefit and empower our most polluted communities.



Usher in a new clean freight future at our ports and throughout the supply chain industry by supporting new rules and the development of new technologies that result in cleaner ships, trains, trucks, and equipment.



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



Support new South Coast AQMD regulations securing diesel emission reductions at rail yards and the San Pedro Bay ports.



Inspire millions of Californians to take action for clean air as part of the 8th annual California Clean Air Day.

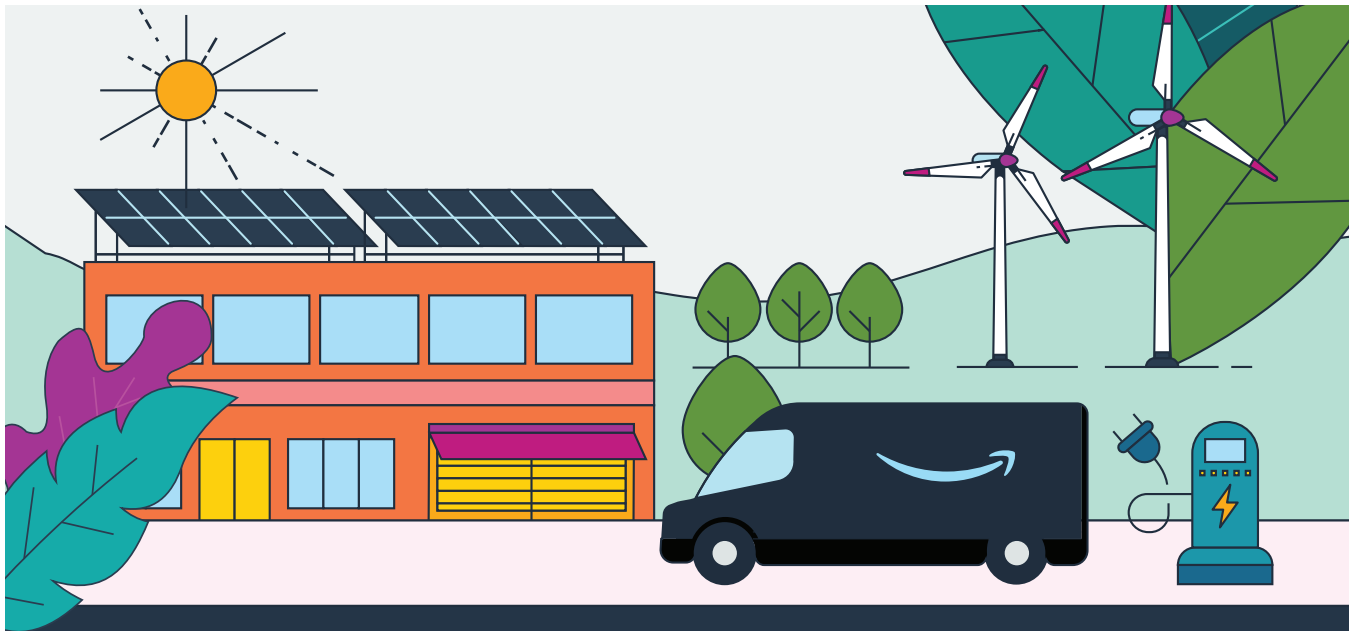


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GENERATING A CLEANER FUTURE

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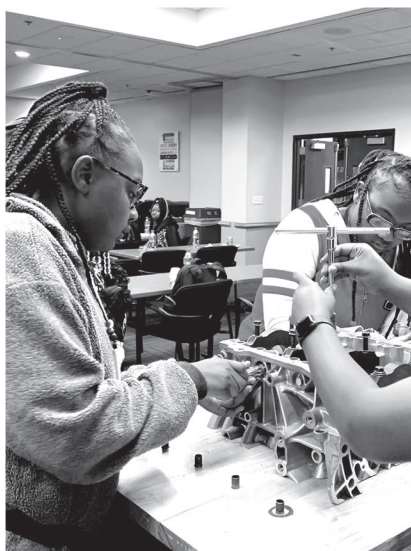
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Supervisor Lindsey Horvath**

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Date:
Saturday, June 28, 2025

Time:
8:30am - 12:30pm

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 **28**
Transit Agencies

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