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National Conversation on Climate Action

April 22, 2009

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Los Angeles County will host 'National Conversation on Climate Action' event at Metro Headquarters on Earth Day, April 22

- "[Awareness. Action. Change. Uniting to Go Green](#)" event in Los Angeles is one of 10 Spotlight Conversations in the country as part of a nationwide initiative to engage communities in dialogue about climate action opportunities at the local level.

(April 16, 2009) Los Angeles County residents will commemorate Earth Day at Metro by participating in the Los Angeles segment of the National Conversation on Climate Change on April 22.

Los Angeles County was selected to host one of 10 Spotlight Conversations around the country as part of a nationwide initiative to engage communities in dialogue about climate action opportunities at the local level.

Metro CEO Art Leahy will deliver welcoming remarks at 8 a.m., followed by introductions from Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

Metro employees will participate in several of the group discussions and host displays in the third floor lobby, including an 11-easel "[Champions of Change](#)" showcase on Metro's sustainability efforts, the popular sustainable cities model-building activity presented by planner James Rojas and a General Services display on Metro's new "[reduce, reuse and recycle](#)" program, which will officially launch on Earth Day.

The event is open to the public and will feature several keynote addresses, roundtable discussions and breakout sessions designed to engage members of Los Angeles County's communities in the County's climate and energy plans. Seating is limited, so those attending are asked to register in advance. Employees are asked to register, even if attending just one or two sessions. [Register here](#) to reserve a space.

Keynote remarks will be delivered by three climate change experts: Michael Crooke, PhD, a strategic consultant and former CEO of *Patagonia*, a company widely known for its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility, and *Revolution Living*, a group of companies working to change the way consumers and brands interact; Commissioner Michael Peevey, President, California Public Utilities Commission, and Alberto Mendoza, CEO and President of Coalition for Clean Air.

Other speakers include Anne Shen Smith, Semptra Energy, Senior Vice

President of Customer Services; Los Angeles County Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas, Gloria Molina and Zev Yaroslavsky, and Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti.

The National Conversation on Climate Action is supported by the American Planning Association, National League of Cities, Sierra Club, the US Green Building Council and many other organizations.

Additional information is available at www.climateconversation.org.

--from Gayle Anderson