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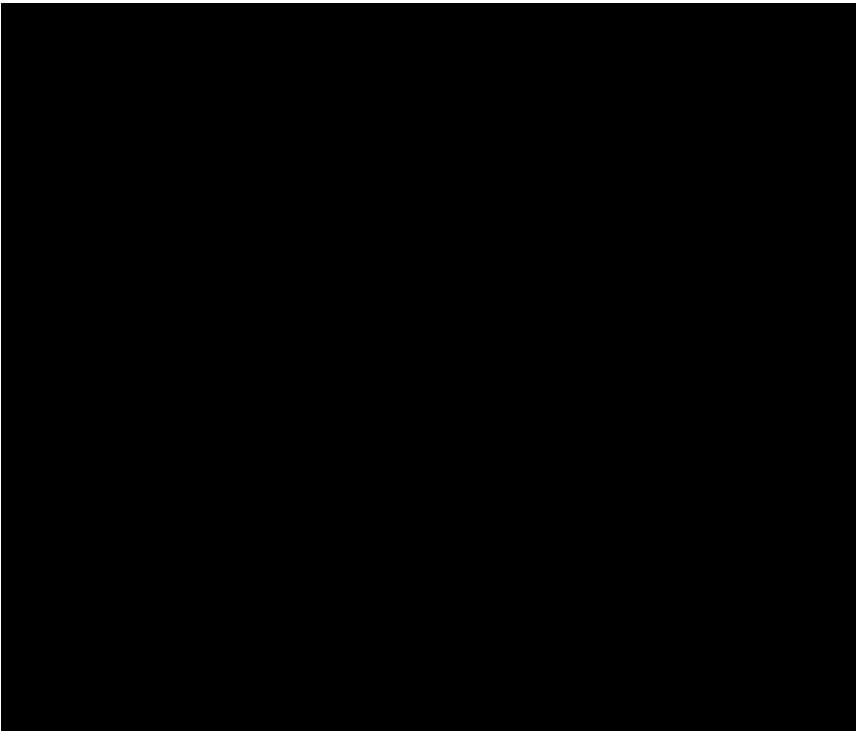
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Civic Leaders Tour Metro on ‘Supervisor Knabe's Day at the County’ Program

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(Jan. 12, 2010) After riding on the Metro Red Line Ashley Atkins walked out of the subway car exclaiming, "The ride was fantastic and I love the art work."

Atkins and other members of Leadership Redondo visited Metro on Friday as part of Supervisor Don Knabe's Day At The County program where civic managers visit Los Angeles community and government facilities. In its 10th year, Leadership Redondo identifies emerging leaders and develops them to help strengthen and transform the community.

The South Bay visitors toured the County Hall of Administration and the Disney Concert Hall before arriving at Metro, and taking a short round trip on the Red Line from Union Station to Civic Center. They saw the 80-foot mural of Los Angeles settlers and the river bench with Chinatown artifacts at Union Station, and gazed up at the fiberglass figures soaring over the platform at Civic Center.

During the walking tour of Union Station's east side portal and the

headquarters building, Leadership Redondo members asked about bringing bikes on buses and trains, the power source for the subway, current ridership on Metro Bus and Metro Rail, and an updates on the Westside Subway Extension.

Marina Mora, on her first visit to Metro, said she liked the "traffic-free" subway. Fellow Leadership Redondo member Sandy Marchese agreed, saying, "It's a great system and people don't have to deal with traffic or parking."

"Redondo Beach is proud to have a station," announced Michael Ude, referring to the west end of the Metro Green Line on Marine Avenue.

Over the past few years more than 300 South Bay civic leaders have participated in Supervisor Knabe's Day at the County and toured Metro facilities to learn how mass transit helps to reduce smog and traffic congestion.

Susie Grant also enjoyed the visit to Metro. "It was a pleasure," she said, "I went home and told several people about Metro and my experience on Friday. I may be taking a Metro Blue Line and Metro Red Line trip soon."