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Recognizing “California Rideshare Month” and “Clean Air Day” in the County of Los Angeles

The [American Lung Association’s 2022 State of the Air Report](#) gives Los Angeles a failing air quality grade based on its high ozone and particle pollution levels. This annual report serves as a reminder that Los Angeles County (County) communities are breathing some of the most polluted air in California and the United States, which is being exacerbated by our changing climate and extreme heat events.

For these reasons, each October, the County recognizes “Clean Air Day” and “California Rideshare Month” to raise awareness about air pollution and ridesharing as one solution to help clean the air. As part of this month’s events, the County hosts an annual Civic Center Clean Air/Rideshare Fair in Grand Park. This year we are hosting the third Countywide Virtual Clean Air/Rideshare Fair from October 1st to October 31st at [Rideshare.lacounty.gov](https://rideshare.lacounty.gov).

Ridesharing includes any alternative to driving alone to work, such as walking, bicycling, carpooling, vanpooling, riding public transit, and teleworking. The County promotes the use of rideshare options to help reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled and improve local air quality and public health. In each Department, there are Designated Employee Transportation Coordinators who are responsible for promoting awareness and assisting employees with their rideshare needs.

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This October, as we promote “Clean Air Day” and “Rideshare Month” we ask all County departments, employees, and residents to take a [pledge](#) to improve air quality and to consider ridesharing at least one day a week. In recognizing these events, we intend for our County employees to demonstrate leadership and inspire others to make a commitment to improving air quality for all.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Recognize “Clean Air Day” on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, and encourage employees and the public to take the clean air pledge to improve the environment at <https://www.cleanairday.org/pledge/>;
2. Recognize “California Rideshare Month” by promoting rideshare awareness and encouraging County employees and the public to attend the 2022 Annual Civic Center Clean Air/ Virtual Rideshare Fair from October 1st to October 31st at <https://rideshare.lacounty.gov/>
3. Encourage all County employees to “Take Pride, Share the Ride” by ridesharing at least one day a week; and
4. Recognize and thank all of the County’s Employee Transportation Coordinators who work hard to promote the County Rideshare Program.

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