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Recognizing “California Rideshare Week” in the County of Los Angeles

“California Rideshare Week” is an annual opportunity to raise awareness of ridesharing and the positive effect it has on the environment. Ridesharing includes anything other than driving alone to work, such as bicycling, carpooling, vanpooling, riding public transit, teleworking, and walking. It also includes driving an electric vehicle or a hybrid vehicle, if the entire trip to work uses electricity instead of gas. All of these modes of transportation help the State meet its mandatory clean air goals.

In Los Angeles County (County), the environmental and public health benefits of meeting clean air goals are significant. For example, approximately 9% of children and 6% of adults have asthma. By promoting the use of rideshare options, and thereby reducing the number of vehicle miles traveled, the County can do its part to improve air quality and public health.

The County has significantly invested in promoting ridesharing. Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETCs), who are responsible for assisting employees with all of their rideshare needs, have been identified in each County Department. In addition, to recognize “California Rideshare Week”, which this year will run from October 2, 2017 to October 6, 2017, the County will host the Annual Civic Center Clean Air/Rideshare Fair on Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Grand Park.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Recognize “California Rideshare Week” by promoting rideshare awareness at the 2017 Annual Civic Center Clean Air/Rideshare Fair on October 5, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Grand Park;
2. Encourage Los Angeles County (County) employees and the public to attend the Civic Center Clean Air/Rideshare Fair to learn about the various rideshare options available in the County that help improve public health outcomes and the environment;
3. Encourage all County employees to “Take Pride, Share the Ride” by ridesharing at least one day a week;
4. Recognize and thank all of the County’s Employee Transportation Coordinators who work hard to promote the County Rideshare Program; and
5. Waive parking fees, at an estimated amount of \$900, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for 45 cars at the Music Center Garage on Thursday, October 5, 2017 for rideshare vendors participating in the Civic Center Rideshare Fair which will be held from 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.

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