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# City of Sacramento and Our Community CarShare to Host Community Event at the Pannell Community Center to Expand EV Access

New Sites Include the Pannell Community Center, Belle Cooledge Library, and Mangan Park

**Sacramento, Calif.** – The City of Sacramento and the Sac Metro Air District's Our Community CarShare (OCCS) program will host a special community event at the Pannell Meadowview Community Center to expand electric vehicle (EV) car-sharing designed to provide affordable and sustainable transportation options to income-qualified residents.

The event will be on **Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m**. Attendees will learn more about OCCS, explore the benefits of EV car sharing, and get help signing up for membership. Event partners also will provide additional resources to attendees including information about health and education programs as well as a free bike repair station. Event partners include Zipcar, SMUD, Valley Vision, Breathe Sacramento, Clean Cities Sacramento, GreenTech Education, the Health Education Council, the Sacramento Children's Home, and Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA).

According to Zipcar, since its launch in 2017, OCCS has provided over 63,000 trips to Sacramento region residents, offering convenient, low-cost EV rentals made possible through its partnership with Zipcar. A key partner since the program's inception, Zipcar provides professionally managed and maintained EVs for OCCS members, ensuring reliable service and collecting essential data for the Sac Metro Air District to measure the program's impact. To date, Zipcar estimates that OCCS has helped eliminate over 2 million pounds of carbon emissions.

Now, in partnership with the City of Sacramento under its EV Blueprint, and supported by Breathe Sacramento and Zipcar, the program is expanding to three new public locations:

- Pannell Meadowview Community Center, 2450 Meadowview
- Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive
- Mangan Park, 5730 24<sup>th</sup> Street (Opened in August 2024)

OCCS vehicles are available at locations across Sacramento, including public sites at Eskaton at Jefferson Manor, the Greentech Mobility Hub in Del Paso Heights, Sacramento Valley Station, and resident-only sites in Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and Mutual Housing communities. For more about the program, please visit <a href="https://www.OurCarShare.org">www.OurCarShare.org</a>.

## **About the City of Sacramento EV Blueprint**

The City of Sacramento is increasing the availability, efficiency, and appeal of walking, biking, and public transit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and quality of life. The City is committed to developing a safe and efficient multi-modal transportation network that minimizes impacts to the environment and neighborhoods. Multi-modal transportation networks include safe and comfortable infrastructure for walking, bicycling, rolling, taking transit, and driving. For more on the EV Blueprint, please visit <a href="www.CityofSacramento.gov/public-works/climate/Initiatives/transportation/ev-blueprint-implementation">www.CityofSacramento.gov/public-works/climate/Initiatives/transportation/ev-blueprint-implementation</a>.

#### **About the Sac Metro Air District**

The Sac Metro Air District is responsible for monitoring air quality, reducing air pollution, and enforcing air quality regulations in Sacramento County. The Air District also plays a leading role in promoting decarbonization efforts through innovative programs, financial incentives, and projects throughout Sacramento County and the larger region. The Air District's mission is to achieve state and federal clean air and climate goals as we envision a clean air and low-carbon future for all. For more information about the Air District, please visit <a href="https://www.AirQuality.org">www.AirQuality.org</a>.

## **About Our Community Car Share and Breathe Sacramento**

Our Community CarShare (OCCS) is a pilot program initiated by the Sac Metro Air District, managed by Breathe California Sacramento Region. The OCCS mission is to raise awareness and educate the public on the benefits of electric vehicles, to strengthen local economies by providing a zero-emission transportation option and to reduce emissions from traditional internal combustion vehicles in the Sacramento Region. BREATHE works closely with state agencies and local organizations to increase public awareness and support of electric vehicles, helping to remove barriers towards transportation independence and working towards clean, carbon-free air. For more about BREATHE, please visit www.sacbreathe.org.

### **About Zipcar**

Zipcar is the world's leading car-sharing network, driven by a mission to enable simple and responsible urban living. With its wide variety of self-service vehicles available by the hour, day or week, Zipcar operates in urban areas and university campuses in hundreds of cities and towns. Zipcar is a subsidiary of Avis Budget Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: <u>CAR</u>), a global mobility provider. More information is available at <u>www.zipcar.com</u>.

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