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Vallejo Kaiser Employees Rise to Solano Commute Challenge

Suisun City, CA – In celebration of the 2007 Solano Commute Challenge, employee participants from Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Vallejo will be recognized on Thursday, November 29, 2007, by Vallejo Mayor and Solano Transportation Authority Chair Tony Intintoli and Vallejo Chamber of Commerce President Rick Wells.

Solano Commute Challenge was sponsored by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) in partnership with large employers and chambers of commerce throughout Solano County. Kaiser was the leading employer in the city of Vallejo, using alternative transportation methods to commute to work from July to October. Both seasoned commuters and new enthusiasts chose healthy commute modes, which helps improve the environment by reducing traffic congestion.

The Solano Commute Challenge was a targeted outreach campaign for Solano County employers that involved the local business community in addition to employers and employees. The overall goal for this campaign was to increase and sustain Solano County employees' use of alternative transportation. The challenge was to "Use transit, carpool, vanpool, bike, or walk to work at least 30 times from July to October." 27 major employers totaling 293 employees participated countywide.

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Vallejo earned the title of "Workplace Commute Contender." Twenty-seven employees registered for the Challenge and eight employees became Commute Champions by meeting or surpassing the goal, while another four nearly met the Challenge. Mayor Intintoli and Rick Wells will present recognition certificates to Kaiser, Joe Eisenbrandt (the on-site Commute Challenge Coordinator), and Lory Fritz (Kaiser's Most Outstanding Commuter). The event will be held at 2:00 pm at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Public Affairs Office at 800 Sereno Drive in Vallejo.

The STA regularly encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation for commuting through its Solano Napa Commuter Information program. Commute alternatives information can be found at 800-53-KMUTE or <http://www.solanolinks.com/commuterinfo.html>. For more information on the Solano Commute Challenge, please contact Program Manager Judy Leaks at 707-427-5104, or refer to the website at: <http://www.solanolinks.com/snci-promotions.htm>.

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