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Test drive and Electric Vehicle at the Ventura National Drive Electric Week Event

VENTURA, Calif – The County of Ventura is partnering with Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance to host the Ventura Electric Vehicle (EV) Ride and Drive event on September 17th. The public is invited to test drive a variety of electric vehicles, learn from industry experts and enjoy food and giveaways. This free event is part of National Drive Electric Week's EV outreach activities staged in more than 300 communities across the country to highlight the clean-air benefits, cost-savings, and fun provided by driving an electric vehicle.

Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Steve Bennett, stated, "By increasing access to EVs, we are supporting the state's goal of putting five million zero-emission cars on its roads by 2030. In reducing the number of gasoline- and diesel-fueled vehicles on the road, we are reducing air pollution, protecting the health of our citizens, and helping reduce the impacts of climate change."

Event highlights include:

- Test drive an EV from local car dealerships including: Nissan, Kia, Jaguar, Audi, Hyundai, Chevrolet, Honda, Toyota, Tesla, and other automakers.
- Test ride e-bikes, e-scooters, and e-carts from Dogleg Electric Bikes, Coast Cart, Trek Bicycle-Ventura, and Ventura Bike Depot.
- Talk directly to EV owners about their experiences and check out their vehicles.
- Learn from industry experts including: EV Advocates of Ventura County, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, Lion Electric School Bus, California Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, SCE's Charge Ready Program, ChargePoint, Community Environmental Council, Port of Hueneme, Sacramento Electric Vehicle Association, EVmatch, and ampUp.
- Grab some food from PizzaMan Dan's, the Grilled Cheese Truck, Crazy Greek, Taquizas La Bonita, and Mister Softee. Be one of the first 150 to take a test drive and receive a free personal pizza from PizzaMan Dan's!
- Fun EV-related giveaways.

When: Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Ventura County Government Center – Parking Lot G, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

To find more information or to RSVP, visit <http://driveelectricweek.org/1976>.

The Ventura Ride and Drive event is sponsored by Southern California Edison and presented by Plug in America, Sierra Club, and Electric Auto Association. The Nissan LEAF® is the exclusive national automotive sponsor.

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