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NY, CALIFORNIA TOGETHER IN LEADERSHIP CIRCLE EVENT

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On June 1, sustainability leaders and vehicle manufacturers from New York and California came together at the David Dinkins Municipal Building as part of a two day long Leadership Circle Event sponsored by DCAS and the national clean transportation group Calstart. DSNY kicked off the growing partnership on May 31 with a tour of the Truck Testing Lab at the Central Repair Shop (CRS) in Queens and the Department of Education also hosted an evening networking event that night at the Tweed Courthouse.



Now more than ever, cities and states in the United States must further their partnerships and expand their leadership for sustainability in transport and beyond. Yesterday's Leadership Event could not have been better timed to bring leaders from New York and California together with truck and vehicle manufacturers to partner for a better future.

DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo and Mayor's Office Director of Sustainability Mark Chambers kicked off the event along with a presentation on the NYC Clean Fleet plan. The keynote speaker was John Rhodes, the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and he was joined by influential public sector leaders including Alberto Ayala, Deputy Executive Director of the California Air Resources Board (CARB); Jared Snyder, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Air Resources, NYS DEC; Danny Ilioiu, Director of R&D for NYC Transit; Jose Rivera, Executive Director of the NY Metropolitan Transportation Council; and Ron Epstein, Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Planning, NYS DOT. Spiro Kattan of DSNY and Susan McSherry of NYC DOT also participated in panels with many others.

Marc Llistosella, President and CEO, Mitsubishi Fuso Truck, presented on their new e-Cantor all electric truck program, and representatives participated from Toyota, Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Effenco, Wave, BAE Systems, and Hollywood Trucks, all discussing developments in clean vehicle technology. Manhattan Beer offered a refreshing account of their efforts to use alternative fuel technologies as a major fleet operator in NYC.



The program was moderated by John Boesel, President and CEO of Calstart along with Bill Van Amburg and Alycia Gilde of Calstart. This was Calstart's first event in New York City and represents the growing partnership between California and New York in promoting and implementing sustainable transportation. Calstart recently launched a \$1.7 million partnership with NYSERDA to promote workplace charging in NY State.

Kaya Sanan, an accomplished film producer and New Yorker, also presented a special showing of his video Question Power, which was produced in partnership with the Museum of Virginia and was recently recognized nationally by the American Alliance of Museums. Public education about sustainability is a hugely critical need in this effort and we thank Kaya for sharing his engaging video. Go to You Tube, Question Power, Museum of Virginia to check it out.

Thanks to everyone who helped organize the terrific event, especially Jon Ells and Stanley John at DCAS, Alycia Gilde at Calstart, and Spiro Kattan at DSNY.