



Office of the City Manager

June 7, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *Dee* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Re: June Sustainability Programs: East Bay Green Home Tour and Drive Clean Bay Area EV Webinars

The Planning Department's Office of Energy and Sustainable Development (OESD) seeks Council's help in promoting two sustainability programs in June. The [East Bay Green Home Tour](#), on Sunday, June 6, and Sunday, June 13, is a free, virtual tour showcasing 12 homes that are fully or partially electrified. Along with pre-recorded videos of each of the homes followed by live Q&A with the homeowner or tenant, the tour also features an induction cooking demonstration and expert talks on heat pumps, air quality, solar storage, power outages, rebates and more. The video recordings will be posted to the [Green Home Tour website](#) after the event.

OESD is working with Berkeley Climate Action Coalition Electrification Working Group chair Amy Kiser, who is producing the tour, along with the Ecology Center, to host this event.

[Drive Clean Bay Area](#) (DCBA), a nonprofit collaboration in which OESD participates, is continuing to offer free weekly [EV 101 and 102](#) webinars that explore the many benefits of plug-in cars and e-bikes. In collaboration with Acterra, DCBA also offers a periodic bi-lingual Spanish/English [Financial Incentives Clinic](#) that helps match income qualified drivers to the various financial assistance programs that offer grants, financing and EV charging. These educational workshops help prepare residents for an upcoming fall DCBA [Preferred Pricing](#) campaign which offers limited-time discounts on popular models of fully electric and plug-in hybrid cars.

The East Bay Green Home Tour and Drive Clean Bay Area EV webinars support the City's Climate Action Plan, Resilience Strategy, Strategic Plan, and Fossil Fuel-Free goals. Please share information about these programs with community members. The Word attachment provides descriptions of the Green Tour and EV webinars, along with a flyer for the Green Home Tour, to facilitate information sharing with your constituents.

Attachment

cc: Paul Buddenhagen, Deputy City Manager
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