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## **Palo Alto launches electric-vehicle exposition**

*Sept. 25 celebration to show electric cars, demos as part of regional EV Week*

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Hoping to drive more people toward zero-emission vehicles, the City of Palo Alto will host an electric-vehicle expo at City Hall on Sept. 25. The noon to 5 p.m. event includes free rides in electric vehicles, interactive exhibits and demonstrations of the first all-electric scooter and one of the nation's first mobile solar charging stations.

Palo Alto's event is part of EV Week 2013: San Francisco to Silicon Valley, a three-city, five-day series of activities taking place to educate and excite Bay Area drivers about the benefits, ease and accessibility of driving all-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

The events are sponsored by Charge Across Town, a collaboration between local city governments, local businesses and the electric-vehicle community to encourage the use of electric vehicles. Other events will be held in San Francisco at Justin Herman Plaza and at San Jose's Santana Row.

California Gov. Jerry Brown has set a goal of getting 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles on state roadways by 2025. Cars and trucks still cause most of the carbon emissions in the Bay Area, according to Charge Across Town.

City Council members Marc Berman, Larry Klein and Gail Price will kick off the expo at noon. The event includes the largest selection of plug-in and all-electric vehicles, including the new BMW i3, Ford Fusion Energi, Ford Focus, Ford C-Max Energi, Toyota Plug-in Prius, RAV 4 EV, Honda Fit, Honda Accord, Mitsubishi MiEV and Nissan Leaf.

Interactive exhibits include Tesla, Honda, Toyota, Ford, Nissan, PG&E, Schneider-Electric, Pandora, Zipcar, City CarShare, Scoot Networks, Chargepoint, DriveNow, Envision Solar, SAP, SunPower and the Center for Sustainable Energy California.

Demonstrations include the latest mobile transportation applications and ideas for commuters.

The expo will be at 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

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