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Coalition for Clean Air appoints Martin Schlageter as interim president and CEO

On Saturday, November 7, 2009, the board of directors of the Coalition for Clean Air (CCA) appointed Martin Schlageter as interim president and CEO to lead the organization's work for clean and healthy air quality. The board has also launched a search to fill the position long-term.

Schlageter has worked for CCA for seven years. In his most recent position as campaign director, he has led the organization's efforts to reduce emissions from California's ports and freight transportation system. He has also worked with the city of Los Angeles to accelerate the use of clean, renewable energy and transportation alternatives. Prior to joining CCA, Schlageter served as the executive director of Friends of the Los Angeles River and as a conservation coordinator for the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter.

"The board of CCA is eager to begin working with Martin in this new role and to benefit from his understanding of air quality issues, his depth of environmental policy experience and his proven leadership capabilities," said board Chair Erik Neandross.

Schlageter accepted the position following the resignation of Alberto Mendoza, president and CEO. Over the last 2.5 years, Mendoza brought management expertise to the organization and helped to advance CCA's work in engaging new communities and bringing forth new voices to support the cause for clean air.

The board of directors has convened a committee tasked with finding a new full-time president and CEO, with a final decision expected in the coming months.

CCA is the only statewide nonprofit organization advocating exclusively for clean air in California. Since 1971, the organization's efforts have led the way for such victories as the creation of California's Smog Check Program and greater controls on a wide range of emissions sources from dry cleaners to cargo ships. CCA has sponsored landmark global warming legislation that will limit automobile greenhouse gas emissions and position California as a world leader in global warming policy.

CCA works to strengthen the environmental movement by promoting community involvement, advocating responsible public policy and providing technical expertise. With offices in Los Angeles, Fresno and Sacramento, CCA is dedicated to protecting public health by improving air quality for all Californians.

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