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### **MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA TO LIGHT THE WAY TO ENERGY SAVINGS**

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LOS ANGELES - Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, joined by Councilmember Jan Perry and LADWP CEO and General Manager David Nahai, today launched a citywide program to distribute free, money-saving, energy-efficient, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to every household in Los Angeles as part of ongoing efforts to reduce the City's carbon footprint.

Free light bulb program is projected to save up to 240 gigawatt-hours of energy and 131,000 metric tons of CO2 each year – the equivalent of taking 24,000 cars off the road or enough energy to power 40,000 homes for a year.

“Los Angeles is leading again, bringing simple and effective energy-saving tools directly to the door of every Angeleno,” Mayor Villaraigosa said. “Saving energy and saving money is as easy as changing a light bulb.”

“CFLs can help save our environment and our pocket books,” said Councilmember Perry, chair of the City Council's Energy and the Environment Committee. “I encourage Los Angelenos to take advantage of DWP's CFL distribution program. It just makes sense for the economic and environmental health of our shared communities.”

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Through LADWP-sponsored teams, the City will deliver bags containing two free CFLs and energy-saving tips to the door of each of the 1.2 million households in Los Angeles. Distribution of the majority of the 2.4 million CFLs will take place within the next 12 weeks, with a follow-up phase targeting multi-family units and hard-to-access single-family units.

The LADWP CFL replacement program is projected to save \$61.3 million in fuel costs for generating electricity and will save Angelenos \$100 per household on energy bills over the lifetime of the bulbs. Replacing two traditional incandescent light bulbs with CFLs will avoid the burning of 800 pounds of coal and its associated emissions.

“Under the leadership of Mayor Villaraigosa, the LADWP is aggressively moving forward on energy saving measures and renewable energy, as a way to address climate change and improve the quality of life in Los Angeles,” said Board of Water Power Commissioners President Lee K. Alpert.

“The LADWP is committed to promoting the wise use of energy. Using compact fluorescent light bulbs is a simple way for residents to conserve energy, help reduce fossil fuel emissions and save money on their energy bills. In addition, after we consider the cost of the bulbs and their delivery, the program is estimated to save the LADWP and its ratepayers \$61.3 million in generation fuel costs,” said LADWP CEO and General Manager David Nahai.

By reducing energy demand and displacing the use of dirty coal, the CFL distribution program furthers Mayor Villaraigosa’s goal of turning Los Angeles into the greenest big city in the country. On May 15, 2007, Mayor Villaraigosa unveiled GREEN LA – An Action Plan to Lead the Nation in Fighting Global Warming. GREEN LA sets Los Angeles on a course to reduce the City’s greenhouse gas emissions 35 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, going beyond the targets of the Kyoto Protocol and representing the most ambitious goal of any large US city. The cornerstone of GREEN LA is increasing the City’s use of renewable energy to 35 percent by 2020.

LADWP is very mindful of the proper handling of CFL bulbs and is setting up CFL disposal recycling bins in all of its Customer Service Centers. Full disposal information, as well as disposal locations can be found on the websites of both LADWP ([www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com)) and the City ([www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org)) or by calling 3-1-1.

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