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### **MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA HOSTS NEARLY 5,000 STUDENTS CALLING ON NEXT GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS**

*Nearly 5,000 students attended the second annual Environmental Youth Conference participating in workshops on climate change, sustainable living and career counseling in emerging green technologies*

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa today hosted nearly 5,000 students at his Environmental Youth Conference to call on the next generation of environmental leaders to tackle the global challenge of climate change.

“By enlisting young people in this effort, we are helping to educate a new generation of environmentally aware Angelenos who, along with their future children and grandchildren, will enjoy the many fruits of a green Los Angeles,” said Mayor Villaraigosa. “Our City’s youth are the future of the green movement.”

Mayor Villaraigosa was joined by Will.I.Am of the Black Eyed Peas, Actor Tyrese Gibson and cast members from the Disney Channel's hit shows High School Musical, Camp Rock and Wizards of Waverly Place.

The Environmental Youth Conference featured educational workshops tackling climate change and good green practices at home, in school and in communities; a green exhibit fair with numerous booths and giveaways; and professionals to discuss successful career ladders in green industries.

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As a national leader on the issue of global climate change, Mayor Villaraigosa has made greening LA a top priority. Under his leadership, the City has more than tripled its use of renewable energy, developed the most comprehensive private sector green building plan in the nation, and introduced the Clean Air Action Plan which will cut overall port pollution by 45 percent over the next 5 years.

Last year, Mayor Villaraigosa unveiled GREEN LA - An Action Plan to Lead the Nation in Fighting Global Warming. It offers a bold, innovative blueprint for reducing the City's carbon footprint and addresses climate change in an effective, efficient and tangible manner.

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.

GREEN LA has over 50 initiatives that will reduce the City's carbon footprint.

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