



Media Quotes

"The Silicon Valley Leadership Group is strongly committed to accelerating action on climate change and we view the move to sustainable transportation as a critical step forward for the region. As part of this commitment, we will continue our efforts to help accelerate commercialization of EV technology, working with leading companies like Better Place and offering EV adoption programs. Increasing the number of EVs on the road is one of the ten action areas in our Bay Area Climate Change Compact, which we have developed in partnership with the three Mayors here today as well as the four regional agencies -- ABAG, BAAQMD BCDC, and MTC. We look forward to driving this change in the coming years." --- Barry Cinnamon, Board Member, Silicon Valley Leadership Group

"America has to end its addiction to oil and find a global solution to climate change. With this announcement, the Bay Area truly becomes the electric vehicle capital of the United States."

--- R. James Woolsey, Former Director, CIA & Venture Partner and Senior Advisor, VantagePoint Venture Partners

"The Bay Area has long been a center for technology innovation and environmental stewardship. Applying renewable energy technology to the transportation sector showcases the region's commitment to developing innovative solutions that will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and strengthen our economy." --- John Woolard, CEO, BrightSource Energy

"At this morning's U. C. Berkeley's A. Richard Newton Global Technology Leaders Conference, Better Place Founder and CEO Shai Agassi presented his company's strategy for reducing the world's dependence on oil. Achieving a world where economic growth and environmental leadership go hand-in-hand is a core value of ours, and we believe that it takes an ecosystem to make it happen. In addition to the potentially large social impact, Better Place has the opportunity to help create a new major industry." --- Shankar Sastry, Dean, College of Engineering, University of California, Berkeley

"The Climate Group applauds and congratulates Mayor Gavin Newsom and his Bay Area mayoral colleagues and Better Place for taking this bold step. Electric Vehicles and companies like Better Place are an important part of moving us away from oil; cleaning

our air and reversing global warming while creating new jobs and new economic opportunities." --- Steve Howard, CEO, The Climate Group

"This country spends more than \$700 billion on foreign oil each year. Reinvesting that money into electrification of transportation, creates 'green collar' jobs, reduces our dependence on oil, and powers our way through this recession by re-powering America with clean renewable energy." --- Van Jones, Founding President, Green For All and Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

"As an organization dedicated to safeguarding the Earth, we are encouraged to see this kind of collaboration between private enterprise and government. We have long advocated for the kinds of mass reductions in carbon dioxide and much-needed improvements in air quality that will result from this sustainable transportation model. Even better, we can look forward to an acceleration of clean energy adoption, as electric vehicles can take advantage of alternative energy sources such as wind and solar." --- Roland Hwang, Vehicles Policy Director, Natural Resources Defense Council