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**ALAMEDA COUNTY TAKES FIRST PLACE
IN “GREAT RACE FOR CLEAN AIR” COMPETITION**

Alameda County took first place for producing the greatest overall reduction in carbon dioxide emissions in the recent Great Race for Clean Air competition, sponsored by the Bay Area Air District, 511 rideshare and a host of other community organizations.

Alameda County was found to be the Great Race entry that produced the highest overall reduction of carbon dioxide, or CO₂, by ridesharing, vanpooling, biking, walking or riding transit to work instead of driving solo.

The Great Race took place between March 1 and April 30, involving more than 1000 employees from 70 local companies who logged their air-friendly commutes. Approximately 773,225 lbs. of CO₂ were saved by employees choosing not to drive to work alone.

This savings is equivalent to preventing more than 835,000 miles from being driven on Bay Area roads by an average passenger vehicle.

“This is a great achievement for Alameda County. Supporting clean commuting is a high priority, and this award shows that our employees are ready to try options such as biking, BART, and carpooling to work instead of driving alone” said Phillip Kobernick, Sustainability Project Manager for GSA Transportation Services.