



## Free Electric Vehicle Test Drives Offered by Peninsula Clean Energy at Facebook Summer Jam Festival

**REDWOOD CITY, Calif.** – August 6th, 2018 – Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) is offering San Mateo County residents free test drives in a selection of electric vehicles (EVs) on August 11th at the Facebook Summer Jam Festival in Menlo Park.

“We are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation is the main contributor to emissions in this county. Electric vehicles offer drivers a clean, convenient alternative to gas-powered cars,” said Jan Pepper, CEO of Peninsula Clean Energy. PCE provides 290,000 San Mateo County customers with cleaner energy at lower rates than they previously received from PG&E.

The test drive events are part of PCE’s new *Go Electric* campaign to make electric vehicles more affordable and easy to charge throughout the County. “Every dollar spent to power an electric vehicle takes you more than twice as far as a dollar’s worth of fuel in an average gas-powered vehicle,” said Pepper. “Residents who try one out will see that electric cars are great fun to drive and offer attractive range, comfort, and cost.”

An electric vehicle can save a driver more than \$1200 a year in fuel and maintenance costs compared to a typical gas car. The state of California has set a target of switching 5 million gas-powered cars to EVs by 2030 to fight climate change.

PCE is working with local auto dealers to provide the electric car test drives on Saturday, August 11 from 1-6 p.m. at the Facebook Summer Jam Festival at 1 Hacker Way in Menlo Park. The test drive location is on the eastern side of the festival.

A valid California driver’s license is required for a test drive.

California has over 350,000 EVs and more than 14,000 charging stations at public and workplace locations throughout the state, according to a study by the California Energy Commission and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

More information on Peninsula Clean Energy’s free electric car test drive events is available by visiting [www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/ev](http://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/ev), or by emailing [programs@peninsulacleanenergy.com](mailto:programs@peninsulacleanenergy.com).

### **About Peninsula Clean Energy**

Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) is San Mateo County’s official electricity provider. PCE ([www.PeninsulaCleanEnergy.com](http://www.PeninsulaCleanEnergy.com)) is a public local community choice energy program that provides all electric customers in San Mateo County with cleaner energy. PCE also saves customers more than \$17 million a year with its low rates. PCE, formed in March 2016, is a joint powers authority made up of the County of San Mateo and all 20 cities and towns in the County. PCE serves approximately 290,000 accounts.

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