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**Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles Community College District
Join as 2014 Breath of Life™ Award Honorees**
LACCD and Mayor Garcetti To Be Honored for Nation-Leading “Green” Initiatives

LOS ANGELES, CA – Breathe California of Los Angeles County (BREATHE LA) is pleased to announce that two new honorees will be recognized at the 2014 Breath of Life™ Awards Gala on Thursday, November 20, 2014 beginning at 6pm at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The two new honorees include Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). Mayor Garcetti and LACCD join Psomas (psomas.com) and CH2M Hill (ch2m.com) on the Honoree panel for their dedication to nation-leading “green” solutions focused on community health and wellness, alternative energy sources, environmental and construction design initiatives.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti will be recognized with the Civic Leader Award for his fresh and innovative approach to creating clean air and water, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels, increasing energy efficiency, tackling climate change and building sustainable, desirable parks for local residents to enjoy. Mayor Garcetti’s passion for building a healthier, greener Los Angeles has him recognized far and wide for his role as the city’s “Green” Mayor.

This year’s Community Impact Award goes to Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) for their Sustainable Building Program, one of the nation’s largest green construction efforts. LACCD students are well prepared for green-collar careers and many graduate with LEED™ (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standard certifications.

Mayor Garcetti and LACCD join the Breath of Life™ Awards Honoree panel with strong, collaborative ties. With a focus on talent and workforce retention, Mayor Garcetti has long supported collaboration with higher education institutions to retain graduates in Los Angeles to develop new jobs and opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

“Los Angeles schools attract a dynamic talent pool. As Mayor, it’s my job to keep those college and university graduates here to start companies, create jobs and serve as role models for their peers,” Garcetti said.

For a complete list of 2014 Breath of Life™ Awards Honorees and to purchase tickets,

visit www.breathela.org/breathoflifeawards.

For **2014 Breath of Life™ Awards** sponsorship information, contact Joan Ford at 323.935.8050 x223 or visit www.breathela.org.

ABOUT BREATHE LA

Breathe California of Los Angeles County (BREATHE LA) is a nonprofit organization established in 1903 dedicated to creating clean air and healthy lungs for Los Angeles County residents through research, education, advocacy and technology. BREATHE LA focuses outreach and education efforts on community health fairs, the Better Breathers Clubs™ and collaborations with leading local organizations that are taking action to improve environmental impacts in neighborhoods most affected by poor air quality. Their mission is to improve health outcomes and quality of life for those suffering with asthma, COPD, lung disease and other breathing conditions. BREATHE LA is part of BREATHE California, the statewide coalition with sister organizations in Central Coast, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara-San Benito Counties. For more information, visit breatheLA.org.

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