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## **Kaiser Permanente Medical Center- Vallejo Employees Meet Solano Commute Challenge**

**Suisun City, CA** – Twenty-four employees from Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Vallejo were recognized by Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis and Vallejo Chamber of Commerce Interim President & CEO Anita Hawkes as part of the 2009 Solano Commute Challenge.

The third annual Solano Commute Challenge was sponsored by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and coordinated by Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) in partnership with large employers and chambers of commerce throughout Solano County.

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Vallejo earned the title of “Commuter Champion Workplace.” Kaiser Permanente Medical Center was the leading employer in the city of Vallejo by number of employees using alternative transportation methods to commute to work from August to October. Mayor Davis, a member of the STA Board, thanked Dr. Steve Stricker, MD, Kaiser Permanente Physician-in-Chief and Joseph Eisenbrandt, Kaiser’s on-site Commute Challenge Coordinator, for their efforts. Baljinder Manger was recognized as Kaiser’s Most Outstanding Commuter for using a commute alternative 60 workdays.

43 major employers totaling 599 employees participated countywide. 363 employees across the County earned the title of Commuter Champion, up more than 20% from 2008’s total of 300. The Commute Challenge is a targeted outreach campaign for major Solano County employers to encourage employees to use transit, carpool, vanpool, bike, or walk to work at least 30 workdays from August through October.

The STA regularly encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation for commuting through its Solano Napa Commuter Information program. Information on SNCI’s programs and services can be obtained by calling 1-800-53-KMUTE or visiting <http://www.commuterinfo.net>. For more information on the Solano Commute Challenge, please contact Program Manager Judy Leaks at 707-427-5104, or refer to the website.

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