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## South Coast AQMD Honors U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla, Congressman Alan Lowenthal and Community Activist Angelica Balderas for Environmental Achievements

Awards will be given at annual Clean Air Awards on January 6<sup>th</sup>

**DIAMOND BAR** – On Friday, January 6, 2023, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) will virtually host the 33rd Annual Clean Air Awards to honor community leaders, organizations and businesses who have made outstanding clean air contributions in communities and the environment. FOX 11 Meteorologist Maria Quiban will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the free, virtual event.

This year's awards winners include

- S. Roy Wilson Memorial Award for Leadership in Government: U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (D-Calif.)
- Dr. Robert M. Zweig, M.D. Memorial Award: Congressman Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)
- Dr. William A. Burke Award for Leadership in Environmental Justice: Angelica "Angie" Balderas, Sierra Club
- Innovative Clean Air Technology: Orange County Transportation Authority
- Leadership in Air Quality: Watts Clean Air & Energy Committee
- Youth Leadership in Air Quality: Andy Fung, Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement

The virtual event will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register for the event or for more information, please visit <u>www.CleanAirAwards.com</u> or call (909) 396-2432.

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at <u>www.aqmd.gov</u>, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.