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Naomi Schwartz to be Honored in Dedication Ceremony

Three afterschool facilities to receive water refill stations in her memory

Santa Barbara, CA, February 20, 2012 – The Community Environmental Council's Rethink the Drink program is installing three refill stations at afterschool facilities to honor the memory of former County Supervisor Naomi Schwartz. Rethink the Drink is an environmental education program designed to reduce dependence upon single use plastic items like bottled water. Locations of the new environmentally-focused stations include the Page Youth Center, Girls Inc. in Carpinteria, and Girls Inc. on Hollister in Goleta.

A dedication ceremony is scheduled for **Monday, February 25 at 11am** at Girls Inc. at 4973 Hollister Ave. in Goleta.

WHO: Hosted by CEC, the event will feature County Supervisors Salud Carbajal and Janet Wolf, and Naomi Schwartz' children Mike Schwartz and Santa Barbara Planning Commissioner Deborah Schwartz.

WHAT: Speakers will remind the community of the many contributions made by Naomi Schwartz, including her environmental leadership.

WHEN: Monday, February 25, 11am-noon.

WHERE: Girls Inc., 4973 Hollister Ave., Goleta. The event will begin in the front courtyard and end with a ribbon cutting on the refill station located inside. There is ample parking.

WHY: An anonymous foundation has donated the funds for refill stations to honor the legacy of Naomi Schwartz. The refill stations provide an alternative to energy-intensive bottled water.

About the Community Environmental Council

CEC's mission is to identify, advocate, raise awareness, and develop effective programs to solve the most pressing environmental issues that affect the Santa Barbara region. We currently focus all of our energy on building a community-based movement that transitions the region off of fossil fuels in one generation — *Fossil Free by '33*.

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