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## **Carpool Partners Split Winnings from Measure C's Carpool Program**

**Kingsburg, CA** - Two local men split the \$1,000 winnings from a monthly drawing for participating in the Measure C Carpool Program.

Two \$500 checks were presented to Jaime Martinez and Robert Ybarra this week at Del Monte's Kingsburg plant, their place of employment. Martinez was the official winner of the September drawing, but both men agreed to split the winnings if either one of them won.

"We made a deal ahead of time," said Martinez. "If one of us won, we would split the money. We felt that it was only fair since we are both in this together."

Martinez qualified for the \$1,000 cash prize by registering and participating in the program that was created to encourage carpooling in Fresno County.

When asked what his favorite thing about carpooling, Martinez replied, "I get to sleep on the way to work when it is not my turn to drive! That, and all the gas and wear-and-tear that I save on my car."

To qualify for the Carpool Program participants must: carpool a minimum of twice a week with at least one person to work or school; carpool to or from Fresno County; register his or her carpool at [www.valleyrides.com](http://www.valleyrides.com); complete a Carpool Log at the Web site each week they carpool. Interested participants can call **(559) 441-RIDE** to register.

A \$1,000 cash prize incentive will continue to be given away once a month through the duration of the program, July 2009 - July 2010. The Carpool Program is made possible by the Measure C 1/2-cent sales tax that Fresno County voters extended in 2006.

Participating partners in the Measure C Carpool Program include: The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District as part of its Healthy Air Living initiative; California State University, Fresno; The Fresno Bee; Duncan Enterprises; Kaiser Permanente, Fresno; Dumont Printing; Valley Fig Growers; Golden Living Center, Clovis; City of Clovis; Piccadilly Inn University; United Cerebral Palsy of Central California; University of California San Francisco; and West Hills Community College District.

For full program information or to view carpool success stories, please visit [www.valleyrides.com](http://www.valleyrides.com) or call the Council of Fresno County Governments at (559) 233-4148.

NOTE: Please see additional attachment of a photo taken at the check presentation. Recipient Jaime Martinez (left) and carpooling partner Robert Ybarra (right) at their place of employment, Del Monte Foods Company.

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