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**URGENT SOLUTIONS FOR A CLIMATE-SAFE CALIFORNIA TO BE HIGHLIGHTED IN  
RAE DOROUGH SPEAKER SERIES BY CLIMATE CENTER CEO ELLIE COHEN**

LIVERMORE, JAN. 15, 2020 – Ellie Cohen, CEO of The Climate Center, will highlight the latest in climate science and policy, then present the bold initiatives required in California to address the climate crisis in a Rae Dorough Speaker Series Presentation at the Bankhead Theater, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6, 2020.

“To secure a vibrant, healthy, and equitable future for all, we must enact bold climate policies now, not decades from now,” Ms. Cohen says. “The latest climate science supports what many of us already experience daily. The effects of climate change are hitting harder and faster than anticipated, posing great risk to human health. The ferocity and scale of the recent bush fires in Australia show that we are approaching global tipping points which could quickly lead to irreversible consequences.”

In a presentation entitled, “Marshalling Global and Local Forces to Address the Climate Crisis,” Ms. Cohen will discuss recent climate science findings, international and state efforts to date, then detail The Climate Center’s new statewide Rapid Decarbonization for a Climate-Safe California five-year initiative. Per Ms. Cohen, California, the world’s 5th largest economy, must rapidly enact the policies required by science to put the state on track for carbon neutrality by 2030 and net negative emissions by 2035. Ms. Cohen will end with an inspiring vision for our future if we act today.

In August 2019, Ms. Cohen was appointed CEO of The Climate Center. Previously the CEO of Point Blue Conservation Science, she has international as well as regional and local experience in addressing climate change. Ms. Cohen, an honors graduate of Duke University and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, is a leader in catalyzing collaborative, multi-disciplinary and just solutions to climate change and environmental degradation.

The Livermore Lab Foundation is a special sponsor of Cohen’s presentation. The foundation supports research at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to identify advanced technologies that will help California achieve its goal of making the state carbon neutral by 2035. Roger Aines, LLNL Energy Programs chief scientist, will provide a brief update in introductory remarks to Cohen’s talk.

For additional information, see the Rae Dorough Speaker Series (RDSS) Website: <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/> Tickets – 925.373.6800 or [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) | PO Box 592 | Livermore | CA 94551

Tickets for the remaining speakers in the series as well as for individual presentations are available. Individual presentation tickets are \$16 for students and vary from \$32 to \$40 for adults. Tickets are now available online <http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/tickets/> or may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., or by calling (925)-373-6800.

The speaker series, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> season, honors the late Rae Dorough, a respected Livermore resident and strong supporter of cultural events. Members of her family and friends were the initiating sponsors in 2008. The series features provocative, entertaining and enlightening presentations on a wide variety of topics. Past speakers have included engineers, scientists, fiction and non-fiction writers and historians, entrepreneurs, comedians and entertainers, diplomats, astronauts, journalists, and even a former secretary of defense.



The Rae Dorough Speaker Series partners with the Livermore Valley Unified School District and Las Positas College to make presentations easily accessible to students and teachers.

The series is sponsored in part by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, Sandia National Laboratories, Tri-Valley Conservancy, the Alameda County Arts Commission and ImageSetters. Additionally, individual and corporate supporters help sponsor specific presentations.

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