

# Recipient of 2022 California Platinum Proton Award Announced

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The California Hydrogen Car Owners Association (CHCOA) is pleased to announce the winner of the 2022 Platinum Proton Award! This annual award is given to the person, company, or nonprofit organization that has done the most to promote the use of hydrogen cars in California in the previous year.



*Presentation of Award to Senator Josh Newman Newman (Left), Cane (Right)*

After careful consideration, the recipient of the 2022 award is California State Senator Josh Newman. During 2022, Senator Newman worked tirelessly to promote the use of hydrogen cars in California's green energy future. He was the keynote speaker in last year's Hydrogen Village event at the State Capitol and authored and supported legislation to help secure a larger and more reliable hydrogen refueling network. Like the members of CHCOA, he drives an FCEV, so he knows of our ongoing refueling exasperation. And, his work continues. Senator Newman has this year introduced the critically important [Senate Bill 501](#). SB 501 would require the California Energy Commission to develop a plan to improve reliability, service quality, and operational uptime of hydrogen fueling stations.

As a part of the award, in the name of Senator Newman, CHCOA will place \$500 in a fund that helps lower-income FCEV drivers pay for fuel.

Please congratulate Senator Newman as the recipient of this year's award and actively support SB 501.

- Greg Cane, President, CHCOA



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**CHCOA builds upon the great foundation created by the current hydrogen car owners' groups by *diligently and courteously* advocating for hydrogen cars and hydrogen car drivers in California. All those who drive hydrogen-fueled cars, or those who are interested in these cars and their role in California's clean energy future, are welcomed to [join](#) us.**