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## **Mollie Stone's Markets Announces the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Palo Alto** *First California-based grocer to offer EV charging continues to lead environmental and consumer effort*

PALO ALTO, CA – <u>Mollie Stone's Markets</u> has installed their latest electric vehicle (EV) charging station at their Palo Alto location. Mollie Stone's was the first California-based grocery chain in the Bay Area to offer charging stations, and will provide one hour free charging to service its customers' electric vehicles.

Speaking at the unveiling event will be Michael Stone, CEO of Mollie Stone's, Mike DiNucci, Vice President of Accounts for ChargePoint and David MacKenzie, CEO/President of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce. Representatives from a local Nissan dealership will be showcasing the Nissan LEAF, the world's top selling allelectric car. Attendees and media will have the opportunity to test drive the cars.

WHO:	Michael Stone, Mollie Stone's CEO Mike DiNucci, ChargePoint Vice President of Accounts David MacKenzie, Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce CEO/President
WHAT:	Community event to unveil newest EV charging station at Mollie Stone's in Palo Alto
WHEN:	Monday, September 23, 2013, at 11 AM – Noon
WHERE:	Mollie Stone's, 164 South California Avenue, Palo Alto
ADDITIONAL:	Representatives from local EV dealerships will be available for questions and will offer test drives. Speakers will also be available for one-on-one interviews after the event.

In an effort to support the growing community of EV drivers, Mollie Stone's has partnered with <u>ChargePoint</u> to offer more services that will make grocery shopping convenient while supporting a green environment.

"We are committed to providing superior customer service while protecting the environment by supporting alternative energy solutions," said Michael Stone, Mollie Stone's CEO. "With these additional charging stations, we are better able to address the needs of our customers."

EV drivers can use the free ChargePoint mobile app to track the status of their charging session on their smart phone while they shop. The mobile app also provides an easy way to find available stations in real-time, make station reservations, get directions, and start or stop a charging session.

"We are proud to have one of the leading Bay Area retailers, Mollie Stone's, provide ChargePoint EV charging stations to their customers," said Mike DiNucci, ChargePoint Vice President of Accounts. "Palo Alto is a major hub for EV drivers and we appreciate support from local businesses that understand the need to install more charging stations to pace the industry's growth."

Mollie Stone's installation of EV charging stations is a timely decision. According to the Plug-In Electric Vehicle Collaborative, there have been over 131,500 plug-in vehicles sold in the United States. California has 48,294 electric vehicles registered and passed State legislation requiring automakers to sell a <u>certain percentage of</u> <u>zero-emission vehicles</u>.

## **About Mollie Stone's Markets**

Founded in 1986 by Michael Stone and David Bennett, Mollie Stone's Markets is locally owned and operated with nine locations in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mollie Stone's has been unflinching in its commitment to provide the best possible shopping experience for its customers by offering a wide range of high quality products and full service departments.

For more information about Mollie Stone's Markets, visit <u>www.molliestones.com</u>.

## About ChargePoint

Recognized as the worldwide leader in electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, ChargePoint is the largest online network of independently-owned EV charging stations in the world - operating in more than a dozen countries with more than 13,000 charging locations.

Over 60 percent of all publicly-accessible networked EV charging stations are ChargePoint stations or run on the ChargePoint network, and nearly 40 percent of all EV drivers are ChargePoint members. Every 15 seconds someone connects their vehicle to a ChargePoint station. By initiating 2.5 million charging sessions, ChargePoint customers have saved three million gallons of gasoline and avoided 36 million pounds of CO2 emissions.

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