



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Community Impact Statement



TITLE: [Council File 24-0055 Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers / Fiscal Year 2022-23 Complaints and Citations / Enforcement / Education Program](#)

COMMITTEE: Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (T&I) Committee

POSITION: SUPPORT

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council supports the City's exploration of improved enforcement and education around the ban on gas-powered leaf blowers. Despite this long-standing ban, gas-powered leaf blowers remain in common use today. More accountability, enforcement, and awareness is needed to effectively end the use of these polluting devices.

BACKGROUND: Gas-powered leaf blowers are known to generate tons of polluting carbon dioxide and also contribute to noise pollution. As of this year, the state of California now bans the sale (not just the use of) gas-powered leaf blowers. Many cities across the U.S. have banned their use, and they have been banned in Los Angeles since 1998. Yet, this ban is very rarely enforced. This Council Motion instructs the City to research and report on potential enforcement mechanisms as well as educational programs that will serve to finally enforce this critical ban.

We acknowledge that this motion is not without its challenges - for example, some of the enforcement mechanisms recommended for study in the Council File seem blind to the vast cost differences between electric leaf blowers and gas leaf blowers, the potential noise pollution of the electric options, and the potential involvement of the LAPD in enforcement. However, we also acknowledge that the current enforcement mechanisms are not working. This Council Motion is worded in such a way that the City might explore the potential enforcement strategies listed as well as others not enumerated in the motion. We look forward to learning what the City finds and to finally ending the use of these polluting devices within the borders of our City.

DIRECTED TO: City Council and Committees, including the Public Works Committee



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ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC T&I Committee meeting, March 6th, 2024

Motion of support moved by Meuser, seconded by Figone

Motion of support approved by MVCC T&I Committee 6Y-1N-0A

MVCC Board Meeting, January 24th, 2024

Motion of support moved by Director XXX, seconded by Director XXX

Motion of support approved by the MVCC Board XX-XX-XX

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