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**Re: Leaf Blower Ban at LADWP and City Facilities**

At its March 9, 2015 meeting, the Mar Vista Community Council unanimously passed the following policy motion:

All leaf blowers—whether powered by gas, electricity or battery—blow a mixture of fine particles into the air, particles that can go deep into the lungs. This mixture includes dust, fecal matter, pesticides, fungi, chemicals, fertilizers, spores, street dirt which can contain lead and gasoline, and anything else that happens to be in the vicinity of their use. Gas-fueled leaf blowers spew out additional air pollution in the form of unburned fossil fuel; one hour of use can create as much air pollution as a car driven for 100 miles.

Los Angeles currently bans the use of gas leaf blowers within 500 feet of a residence due to noise—and not air—pollution. Many other cities have enacted leaf blower bans. Like Los Angeles, they have found the bans difficult to enforce.

The Mar Vista Community Council requests enactment of a ban on the use of all types of leaf blowers at all City and Department of Water and Power controlled properties. In addition to being enforceable, this ban will

- Reduce noise and air pollution.
- Eliminate a health risk for anyone at or near the property—especially for those performing the landscape maintenance.
- Allow the City and DWP to illustrate best practices and, thus, lead by example.

MVCC further points out that grass clippings and fallen leaves are a source of soil-building organic matter and also help retain moisture, reducing the landscape's watering requirements.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Koontz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and the last name "Koontz" clearly distinguishable.

Bill Koontz, Chair  
Mar Vista Community Council