

**Background Information –
Motion proposed to the WRAC Board by PPCC/Chris Spitz
Support for CF 24-0055 (report back on enforcement of gas leaf blower ban)**

Proposed motion:

“ _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, strongly supports the motion in Council File 24-0055 (Raman), requesting a report-back on measures to better enforce the City's longstanding restriction on gas-powered leaf blowers within 500 ft. of residences, as well as development of an educational program and outreach to residents, landscapers and gardeners with information about the current regulations, the environmental impact and available rebate and trade-in programs.”

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CF 24-0055:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0055>

Raman Motion:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0055_misc_01-16-24.pdf

CM Raman states in her motion that the volume of complaints received from constituents and neighborhood councils indicates that the current ordinance banning the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within 500 ft. of residences “is not a significant deterrent” to their use in the City.

LAMC Sec. 112.04(c) (ordinance banning use of gas-powered leaf blowers near residences):

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/lamc/0-0-0-193915

Additional PPCC motion text:

“Background: Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has long-supported regulations restricting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in residential neighborhoods. Advocacy by determined, environmentally conscious Palisadians led to enactment of the existing ban in Los Angeles. A respected community environmental organization and member of the PPCC board, Resilient Palisades, has engaged in educational outreach campaigns to Palisadians and gardeners (in both English and Spanish) on harm caused by gas-powered blowers. In addition, in 2023, Resilient Palisades coordinated and funded purchases of nearly 50 commercial electric blowers for gardeners who work in the Palisades and committed to give up their gas-powered blowers. Unfortunately, over the years PPCC has regularly heard reports about residents' illegal use of gas-powered leaf blowers and inadequate enforcement of the ban.”

Presented by Chris Spitz

WRAC Vice-Chair & PPCC rep to WRAC

For consideration by the WRAC Board 2/26/24