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Westside Neighborhood Council
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March 4, 2024

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. John S. Lee, Council District 12 and Chair, City Council Public Works Committee (PWC)
Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Council District 3 and Vice-Chair, PWC
Hon. Imelda Padilla, Council District 6 and Member, PWC
Hon. Nithya Raman, Council District 4

Via email to all addressees and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal in CF 24-0055

Re: **Council File 24-0055/Gas-Powered Electric Leaf Blowers/Enforcement of Ban- SUPPORT**

Dear Mayor Bass, PWC Members Lee, Blumenfield and Padilla, and Councilmember Raman:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition, founded in 2009, of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10. WRAC Member Councils collectively represent approximately 500,000 Angelenos.

Several of our Member Councils have long supported regulations restricting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in residential neighborhoods. Advocacy by determined and environmentally conscious stakeholders of one of our Member Councils (Pacific Palisades Community Council) led to enactment of the existing ban in Los Angeles. Over the years our Member Councils have repeatedly heard reports about residents' illegal use of this equipment and about inadequate enforcement of the current ban on their use within 500 ft. of residences. We agree with Councilmember Raman's conclusion that the current ban "is not a significant deterrent" to the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

In light of these conditions and concerns, more than a majority (9) of WRAC's Member Councils have now adopted the following motion, or a modified version in keeping with its spirit, which is accordingly an adopted WRAC position:

"[WRAC]strongly supports the motion in CF 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."

The following WRAC Member Councils have advised that they have adopted the above motion or a modified version: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Mar Vista Community Council, North Westwood Neighborhood Council* (**modified version*), Pacific Palisades Community Council, Palms Neighborhood Council, Venice Neighborhood Council, West Los Angeles-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council and Westside Neighborhood Council. No Member Councils have opposed this motion.

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WRAC therefore respectfully requests that the PWC take up this matter at the earliest opportunity and urges the PWC and full City Council to approve the motion in Council File 24-0055.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair, and Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

cc (via email):

Hon. Traci Park, Council District 11

Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Council District 5

Hon. Heather Hutt, Council District 10