



Pacific Palisades Community Council

February 19, 2024

Los Angeles City Council

Hon. Councilmember Nithya Raman

Re: Council File 24-0055 (Raman) – Support enforcement of rules prohibiting gas leaf blowers

Dear Councilmember Raman:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has for fifty years been the most broad-based organization and voice of the Palisades community.

At its regularly scheduled public Board meeting on January 25, 2024, after full consideration and discussion, the PPCC Board passed the following motion unanimously: PPCC 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.

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 and in 2023, Resilient Palisades coordinated and funded purchases of nearly 50 commercial electric blowers for gardeners who 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. As such, we support this effort to strengthen enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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President

Pacific Palisades Community Council