

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** An appropriate metaphor to describe advocating for switching from using gas powered leaf blowers to electric leaf blowers is similar to one trying to decide between drinking acetone or paint thinner. First: Electric leaf blowers rely on power. Los Angeles' electrical grid is powered by multiple gas and coal plants. "Going electric" is highly misunderstood and warrants some additional consideration. Second: Any type of blower lifts up particulate matter causing it to travel in the air causing problems for people and animals. Third: No other city works so hard to blow its leaves and thereby impacting the organisms and soil nutrition. Leaves are food for soil. So long as they are "managed" not rising to the level of a hazard, they are supposed to fall on the ground and get put back for recycling into the soil. Fourth: No one from the city has consulted any outside party to better understand how the pollution from blowing dust, fungus, particulate matter and other toxins into the public's right of way, AND onto the personal property of your constituents affects us. It is a much bigger nuisance than this council cares to acknowledge. Fifth: ALL types of leaf blowers are a source of significant levels of noise pollution. Their sound travels more than 3 city blocks. More and more people work from home and cannot conduct their business due to their noise pollution. Sixth: Santa Monica, Pasadena and other surrounding cities have STRICT enforcement staff who do nothing but issue citations for ANY type of leaf blower use. They are simply not tolerated which is one reason they have cleaner air quality. Why is the City - our elected officials, so against making decisions that improve quality of life for its residents? You make us work so hard when in the end, these comments go unread, you scroll on your phone's during public comment and your decisions are made well before public meetings when the CLA tells you what to do. This motion has no teeth and does nothing to benefit the residents who are traumatized each day from the disturbing noise and air pollution you are recommending be continued.