

PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

MOTION

The use of fossil fuels for transportation is a significant driver of climate and air pollution, both of which significantly threaten the health and well-being of Angelenos, particularly those communities closest to freeways, the ports, the airport, and other highly-polluted areas. As a result, the transportation industry is undergoing a dramatic transition away from fossil fuels and toward zero emission vehicles, and an extensive network of long-established fueling infrastructure must be updated to adapt to and benefit from this new market.

Relatedly, it is important to ensure equitable access to cleaner transportation and to ensure the benefits of a transition away from polluting fossil fuels benefit the communities that have been disproportionately impacted by this pollution.

Governor Gavin Newsom has set a goal to phase out the sale of new gasoline vehicles by 2035 and the State of Washington legislature has set a goal to do the same by 2030, although climate scientists say sooner is necessary. The State of California has also set a goal to have 5 million electric vehicles (EV) on the roads by 2030 and 250,000 EV charging stations by 2025.

In addition to significantly expanding the availability of electric vehicle chargers, it is prudent to begin a transition away from gasoline and natural gas (methane) fueling stations by halting the building of any new facilities and enabling the provision of zero-emissions fueling alternatives.

The City of Petaluma has already institutionalized such and the West Hollywood City Council voted last month to direct staff to evaluate the prohibition of new fossil fuel gas stations and for any expansions of current gas stations to be limited to zero-emissions vehicles.

LA should continue leading the way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of City Planning, in consultation with the Department of Building and Safety, the Fire Department, the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO) and other relevant departments or agencies, and request the City Attorney to report back on drafting an ordinance to amend LAMC which would prohibit the building and permitting of any new gas, diesel, or other fossil-fuel pumps in the City of Los Angeles and for any expansions of current gas stations to be limited to serving zero-emissions vehicles and providing non-fuel-related facilities.

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