

Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To: Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Board

From: Government Liaison Committee

Date Approved by Committee: 28 October 2021

For Board Consideration on: 9 November 2021

Re: Council File 21-0533 - Gas, Diesel, Fossil Fuel Pumps/New Building and Permit Prohibition/Zero Emissions Vehicle/Non-Fuel Related Facilities/Los Angeles Municipal Code/Amendment)

Motion or Recommendation of the committee:

The Government Liaison Committee recommends a **For If Amended** vote on CF 21-0533.

For		Against unless amended	
For if amended	X	No Position	
Against		Neutral Position	

Committee Vote Count: Five (5) Yes; Zero (0) No; Zero (0) Abstain

Additional Language:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) understands the urgency with which we must tackle climate change and realizes that bold steps must be taken. DLANC also understands that our dependence on fossil fuels and their derivatives must be reduced for the health and well-being of all Angelenos. Working class communities in our city, many of them home to DLANC stakeholders, are those hit hardest by fossil fuel pollution and are also often those most dependent on gas stations and fossil fuels for daily commutes. The DLANC Board supports this motion on principle but if adopted urges the City of Los Angeles to take measures to ensure that the benefits of the motion are felt most in the communities that have been disproportionately negatively impacted by fossil fuel pollution and that those same communities get prioritized access to cleaner, cheaper, and more efficient transportation.

Summary:

The Council File directs 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.

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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