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Petaluma City Council
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Subject: Resolution adopting a General Plan Amendment to modify General Plan Policy 4-P-10 to prohibit new gasoline station land uses (City Council agenda item #6, Feb. 22, 2021)

Dear Petaluma City Council:

We are writing on behalf of the Coalition Opposing New Gas Stations (CONGAS) in enthusiastic support of the proposed Resolution adopting a General Plan Amendment to modify General Plan Policy 4-P-10 to prohibit new fossil fuel gas station land uses in the city of Petaluma.

Adopting such a policy is consistent with California state policy aimed at a fully carbon neutral economy by 2045,¹ and in line with the November 2020 Executive Order² setting a year for cessation of sales of gasoline-powered cars in California – 2035. Just 14 years from now.

As is made clear in the agenda materials, there is *no need* for more gas stations in Petaluma. Staff's inventory of gasoline stations within Petaluma's city limits shows sixteen existing stations. This means that there are multiple stations located within a short drive of every existing and planned residence in Petaluma.

But above all, we congratulate Petaluma for recognizing that addressing the climate crisis meaningfully means that all levels of government, including local government, must take action to stop the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure that serves only to extend use of fossil fuel-burning vehicles.

CONGAS offers its support and encouragement for your vote in favor of adopting the permanent prohibition of new gasoline stations, which would make Petaluma the first city in Sonoma County to adopt such a measure.

Sincerely,

Woody Hastings and Jenny Blaker
Co-coordinators, Coalition Opposing New Gas Stations
Pete Gang and Richard Sachen, CONGAS members and Petaluma residents

¹ Executive Order B-55-18: <https://www.ca.gov/archive/gov39/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/9.10.18-Executive-Order.pdf>

² Executive Order N-79-20: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/fact-sheets/governor-newsoms-zero-emission-2035-executive-order-n-79-20>