



Saturday, December 11, 2021

Call to Action!

Dear Supporter,

Your help is needed to ensure the success of an important resolution before the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

At its December 16th meeting, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will consider a resolution to accelerate the process of phasing out gas-powered leaf blowers in our community. [This resolution](#) expresses board support for:

- (a) transitioning county leaf blower use from gas-powered leaf blowers to electric models by December 31, 2024, and ensuring adequate charging infrastructure;
- (b) educating the public about the impacts of gas powered leaf blowers; and
- (c) convening a joint Multnomah County-City of Portland work group to develop an equitable community-wide transition from gas-powered leaf blowers.

To ensure the resolution's success, we are asking you to submit testimony to the Board of Commissioners and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so. The more public comments the better!

Deadline: Wednesday, December 15, 4:00 pm.

Directions:

- Use this [Virtual Public Testimony Webform](#) to submit testimony, including written, oral, or both.
Note: When asked “what would you like to testify on?” check “Agenda item,” and in the ensuing drop-down menu select “R.4.”
- In your testimony, feel free to use any of the following:
 - The example testimony below (feel free to submit it as is).
 - Personal reasons for wanting to ban gas leaf blowers.
 - Data from our [Facts, Dangers, Solutions](#) web page.
- To attend, watch or listen to the meeting, see instructions on the County's [Board Meetings](#) page.
 - Here's the [meeting agenda](#) (our item is “**R.4**” under “**Regular Agenda**”).
- If you sent comments to the Commissioners in response to our earlier call, we are deeply grateful to you and YES, your advocacy worked! ***We are now hoping you can resubmit your earlier comments as public testimony.***
- Please share this Call to Action with others. A link is also [posted on our site](#).

This is it! Our best chance to eliminate gas-powered leaf blowers in Portland and all of Multnomah County.

Thank you for advocating for a quieter, cleaner, and healthier world. And special thanks to Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson who sponsored this resolution and has been a Quiet Clean PDX supporter for several years.

With appreciation,

The Quiet Clean PDX Steering Committee

Albert Kaufman, Brian Stewart, Judy Walton, Michael Hall, Stan Penkin, Susan Mates, Tamara Olcott

EXAMPLE TESTIMONY TEXT (feel free to embellish or submit as is):

I am writing to urge the Multnomah County Chair and Commissioners to implement a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers countywide at the earliest possible time. Their use is extremely harmful to our county's workers, residents, and natural environment. Gas leaf blowers are not only a public health hazard, but contribute to the global climate crisis as well. Please make Multnomah County a leader in the national movement to eliminate these terrible devices. Thank you.