

**From:** [Tasha Levitt](#) on behalf of [PlanningAgency](#)  
**To:** [Wil Lyons](#); [Alisa Sanders](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Agenda Item 1. Gas Station Prohibition  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 8:23:49 AM

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**From:** christine hoex <choex@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:00 PM  
**To:** PlanningAgency <PlanningAgency@sonoma-county.org>  
**Subject:** Support for Agenda Item 1. Gas Station Prohibition

## EXTERNAL

To the Sonoma County Planning Commission,

Please support the staff's recommendation that the Commission approve the Ordinance, Resolution, and zoning amendments "to prohibit new retail fuel station development and to prohibit the expansion of retail fuel infrastructure for retail fuel stations"

Taking this action is a meaningful step to transition away from polluting fossil fuel infrastructure. It will protect further contamination by gas stations on new sites. It is time to transition away from gasoline cars and also fossil fuels in general. So taking these steps will actually protect investors from stranded assets, as more and more people transition to alternative transit. Thank you for recognizing and considering these important points.

Respectfully,  
Christine Hoex  
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Unincorporated Sonoma Co.  
707 4849355

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**From:** [Tasha Levitt](#) on behalf of [PlanningAgency](#)  
**To:** [Wil Lyons](#); [Alisa Sanders](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Agenda Item 1. Gas Station Prohibition  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Veronica "Roni" Jacobi <[vjacobi@sonic.net](mailto:vjacobi@sonic.net)>  
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 11:10 PM  
To: PlanningAgency <[PlanningAgency@sonoma-county.org](mailto:PlanningAgency@sonoma-county.org)>  
Subject: Regarding Agenda Item 1. Gas Station Prohibition

EXTERNAL

Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please support the staff's recommendation that the Commission approve the Ordinance, Resolution, and zoning amendments "to prohibit new retail fuel station development and to prohibit the expansion of retail fuel infrastructure for retail fuel stations." Let's only support new infrastructure that improves our future and solves the climate crisis at utmost speed and scale.

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Thanks, Roni

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**From:** [Tasha Levitt](#) on behalf of [PlanningAgency](#)  
**To:** [Wil Lyons](#)  
**Cc:** [Alisa Sanders](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment - Feb. 2, 2023 Item 1: MORE Gas Stations!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 8:24:03 AM

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**From:** Tom Conlon <editor@transitionsonomavalley.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 12:09 AM  
**To:** PlanningAgency <PlanningAgency@sonoma-county.org>  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Feb. 2, 2023 Item 1: MORE Gas Stations!

Dear Planning Commissioners,

DON'T LISTEN TO THESE CRAZY GAS-CON ARTISTS!

We need MORE gas stations! We need MORE of everything.  
This is AMERICA. Sonoma County is IN AMERICA!  
Don't forget that!

MORE cars. BIGGER cars. BIGGER Trucks!  
MORE trips to go places and buy MORE new stuff.  
MORE trips to get rid of all the stuff we just bought.  
MORE GAS... It all adds up.  
We need MORE GAS STATIONS!

Most importantly...  
MORE precious hours spent by you Planning Commissioners and PRMD Staff reviewing these  
ESSENTIAL new gas station use permit applications.

Maybe Staff only wants to stop taking new gas station applications because they are lazy!  
Did you ask them?  
But is there really anything better to do with one's time than permit NEW GAS STATIONS?

Gas stations are BEAUTIFUL. They smell so nice, like VICTORY. The toilets are great.  
Tourists come from all over the world to visit our Sonoma County gas stations.  
Some gas stations even sell WINE.  
Did you think of that?

I needed to buy gas the other day.  
I had to drive almost 3,000 feet (~0.5 mile) to get to the closest GAS STATION.  
Actually there are two, competing on opposite sides of the street.

WHY ONLY TWO?!?

We need more CHOICES... MORE GAS STATIONS!!

These GAS-CON people are worried about something they claim is a "Climate Emergency".  
LOL! What EMERGENCY?

If this was an actual emergency don't you think people would be acting like it?  
But no, everyone is just driving around as usual.

Obviously, WE NEED MORE GAS STATIONS!!!

Respectfully *albeit sarcastically* Yours,

- Con Tomlon

PRO-GAS (People Really Only Want New Gas Stations)

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Subject: Gas Station Prohibition Agenda Item #1

EXTERNAL

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am emailing you to express my support for an Ordinance to prohibit the construction of new gas stations in the unincorporated area of Sonoma County.

My family and I have been residents of the county for over 30 years.

For me, the overriding importance of addressing our climate crisis is enough reason to seriously curtail the burning of fossil fuels. We already have enough gas stations to service the needs of gas driven vehicles and the trend needs to be and will be, a dwindling need for fossil fuel burning infrastructure.

Prohibiting new gas stations is one way that governing bodies can help with the necessary transition to a cleaner energy infrastructure at the appropriate scale and speed. Please join in accelerating this transition by approving this ordinance.

Thank you for your efforts for good governance,

Henry DeNicola  
3822 Bloomfield Road  
Sebastopol, Ca.

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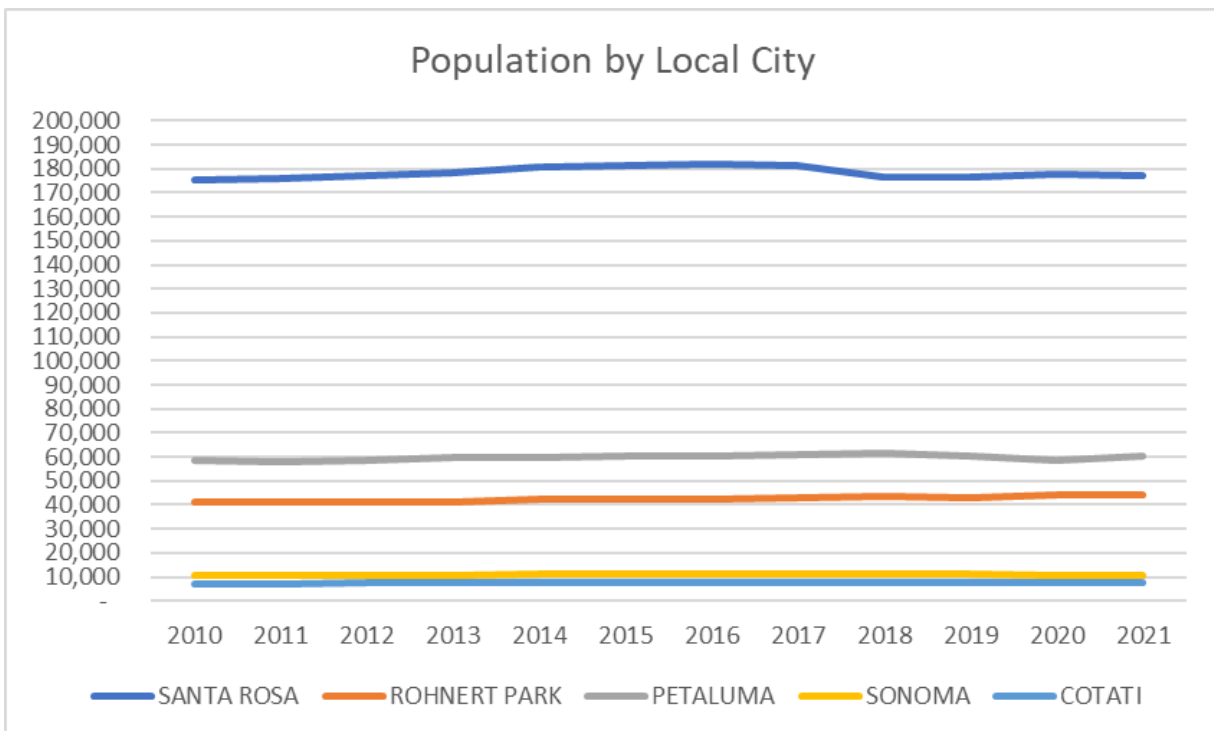
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**From:** [Steven Pierce](#)  
**To:** [PlanningAgency](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 1. Gas Station Prohibition  
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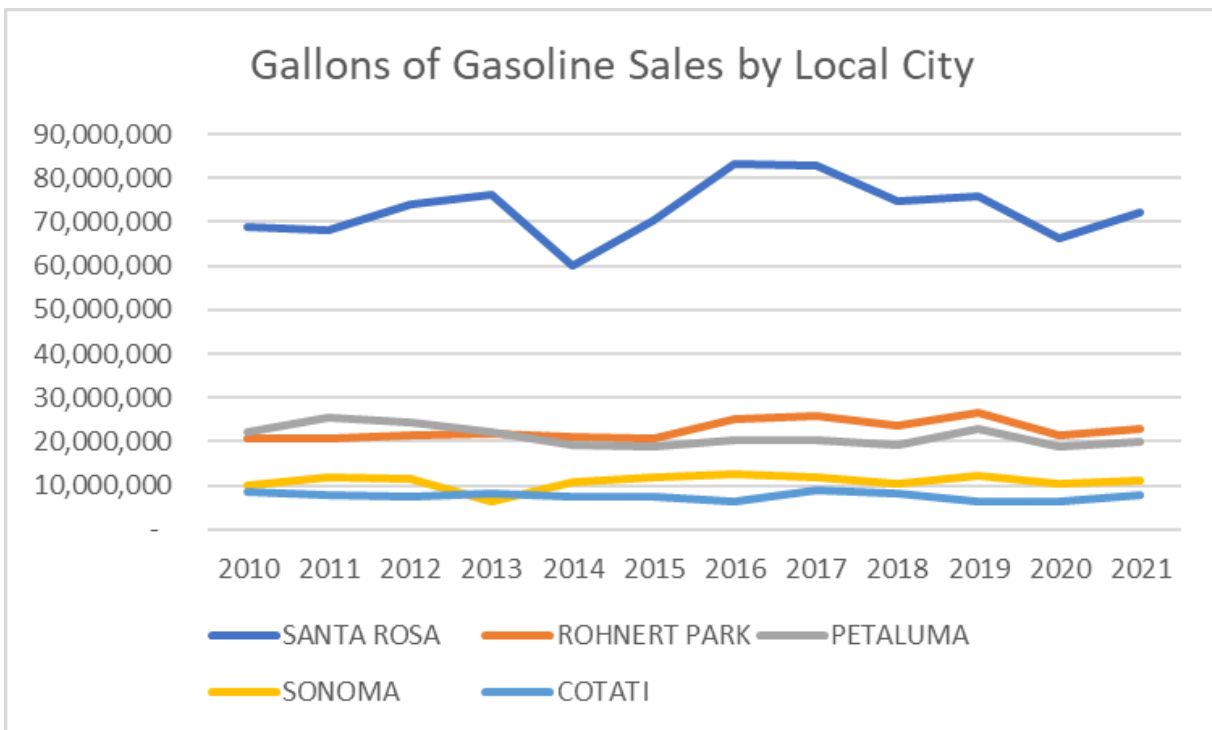
Please support the staff's recommendation that the Commission approve the Ordinance, Resolution, and zoning amendments "to prohibit new retail fuel station development and to prohibit the expansion of retail fuel infrastructure for retail fuel stations"

Sonoma County does not need more gas stations or more pumps at existing gas stations. As you can see from the charts below, population has not grown much in the last decade nor have gasoline sales changed very much.



<https://www.california-demographics.com>

[https://www.census.gov/glossary/#term\\_Populationestimates](https://www.census.gov/glossary/#term_Populationestimates)



<https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/5869>

"Peak" gasoline sales were most likely in 2016. Allowing more gasoline infrastructure in the county when it is not really needed, saddles us with the risk of environmental and health damage and the future cost of transitioning the sites. Electric cars are on a steep growth trajectory.

Time and money saved by the County not spending staff time on dealing with new retail gasoline infrastructure can then be used to further our climate goals around infrastructure for EV charging, improving access for pedestrians and cyclists, and improved public transportation.

Thank You,

Steve Pierce  
Sebastopol

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