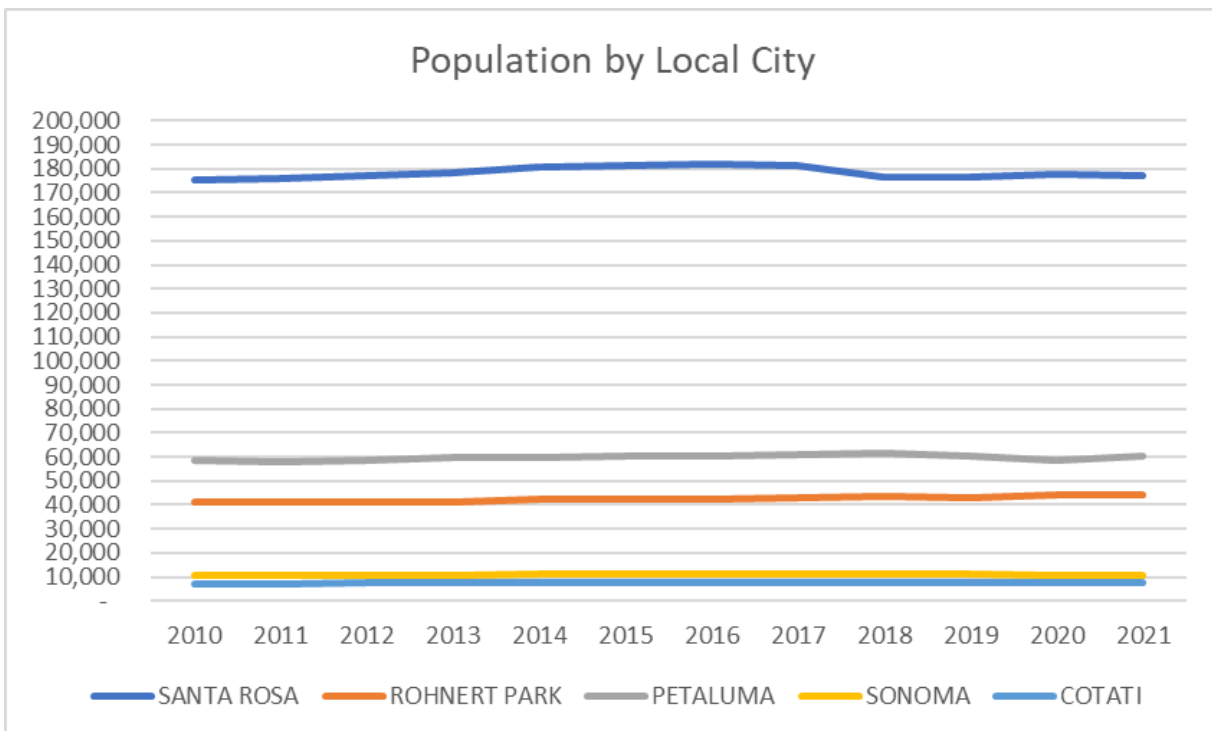


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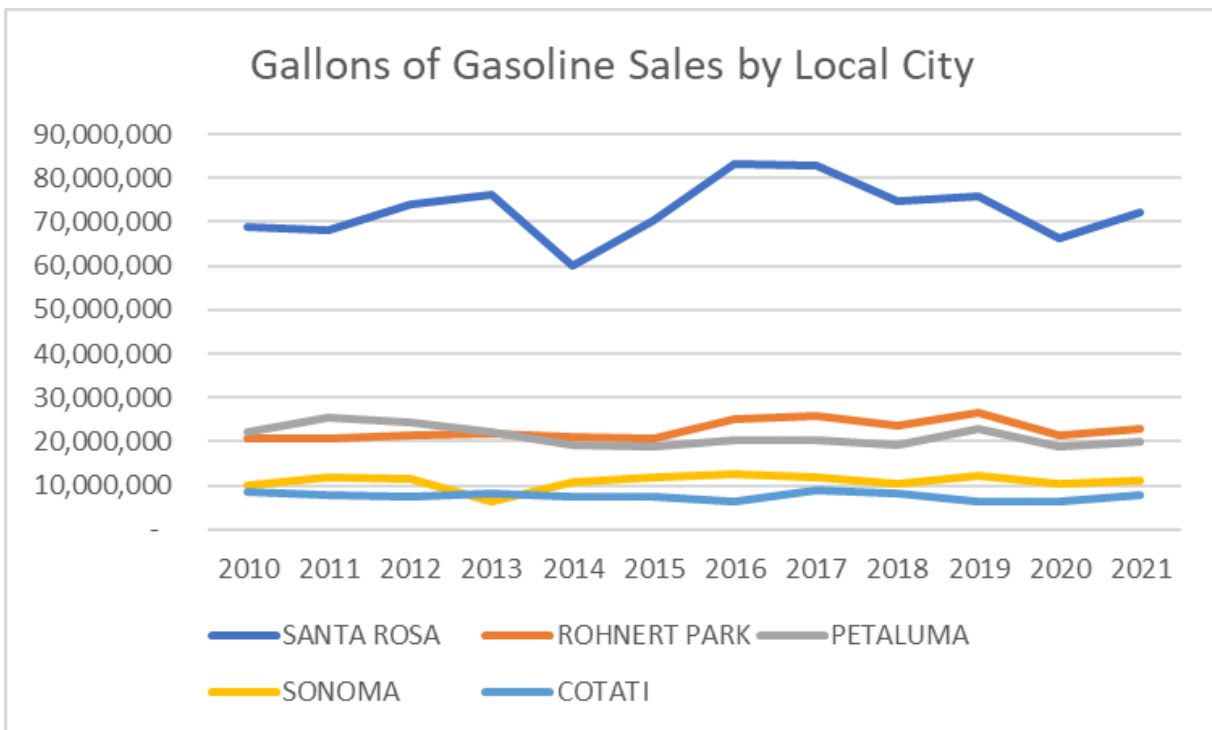
Please support the staff's recommendation that the Commission approve the Ordinance, Resolution, and zoning amendments "to prohibit new retail fuel station development and to prohibit the expansion of retail fuel infrastructure for retail fuel stations"

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.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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Dear Planning Commission Member,

I support the banning of further gas stations in Sonoma County. There are already 9 stations within the 5 mile radius of my home and we know a) remediation and clean up of environment damage caused by these gas stations is the last thing on the minds of oil company execs and b) I've never had to wait in line at the pump, which means we have sufficiency. Regarding this second reason, we anticipate even fewer gasoline engines in the coming years which may mean that we will have a surplus of gas stations at that time.

With appreciation for your consideration and support for a gas station moratorium in Sonoma

County, Terri Moon

Terri Moon, MS

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Subject: FW: Gas station ban for Sonoma County
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023 8:04:28 AM

From: Tyra Benoit <tyrabenoit@gmail.com>
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Subject: Gas station ban for Sonoma County

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Dear Commissioners:

We are Tubbs Fire Survivors and have directly experienced the impact of climate change. In 2017, we moved out of Santa Rosa to Healdsburg and have worked with Climate Action Healdsburg to address the climate crisis. One of us is a current appointee representing Healdsburg on the Climate Action Advisory Committee for the Regional Climate Protection Authority.

We write to ask you to support the recommendation of Sonoma County staff to approve the Ordinance, Resolution, and zoning amendments that "prohibit new retail fuel station development and to prohibit the expansion of retail fuel infrastructure for retail fuel stations."

Tonight, we attended a showing of a new film about Climate Adaptation in Sonoma County. This film highlighted the changes that will occur where we live over the next 25 years. Temperatures will rise significantly and scientists have warned us that this is due to our inability to phase out fossil fuels. One of the steps that we can take to address this is simple. We do not need any more gas stations or any new fossil fuel infrastructure.

What we need are more easily accessible charging stations at businesses like grocery stores and in public parking lots!

Thank you for your consideration,

Tyra and Bob Benoit
528 Brown Street
Healdsburg, California 95448

From: [Liz Goebel](#) on behalf of [PlanningAgency](#)
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Subject: FW: Agenda Item 1. Gas Station Prohibition - Support
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From: Laurie-Ann Barbour <carrotlover@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 11:58 PM
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Subject: Agenda Item 1. Gas Station Prohibition - Support

EXTERNAL

Commissioners,

I write to you today requesting that you 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"

The County of Sonoma has the opportunity to be a leader and model just as the cities of Petaluma, Cotati, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol are in banning the construction of new gas stations. It's an important step to meet the greenhouse gas emission reduction goals needed as we face the climate crisis.

There are plenty of gas stations in Sonoma County now and fewer will be needed in the future as more cars will be electric. A new gas station at this time would probably be a bad investment and it would harm the environment during and after its usefulness. We do not need any more gas stations and I urge you to support this ban.

Respectfully,
Laurie-Ann Barbour
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From: Jessica <jlhiowa2@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Support for Agenda Item 1 - Gas Station Prohibition

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Please support Staff's recommendation that the Planning 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".

The proposed ordinance would align allowed uses in the Zoning Ordinance with RCPA's Sonoma Climate Mobilization Strategy, the County's General Plan, and the County's climate goals adopted in the 2018 Climate Action Resolution.

Thank you,
Jessica Heiden

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