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Dear Mayor Brotman and Council Members,

I was thrilled to see this on the agenda, until I saw that it doesn't go into effect until two years from now. Thud.

May I suggest that there is nothing about "a two year gas-powered leaf-blower ban public education program" that requires delay? Have the Ordinance go into effect NOW and just suspend the penalties until July 2025.

If a complaint is received, then the City would send out a written notice to the property owner that they are in violation and request voluntary compliance, exactly as proposed under 8.50.040 (C), and provide them with any information you would include as part of education. If there are more complaints before July 2025, the city could send another notice or do nothing, apart maybe from notifying the complainant that the property owner has been made aware of the violation and that under the Ordinance enforcement through fines has been suspended until July 2025. BUT, for the first complaint received AFTER June 2025, then the fine would kick in immediately if the property owner has been previously warned. No one could complain that education had failed to happen, and we can begin the transition away from these poisonous machines RIGHT NOW.

Please make this sensible change. Education does not have to be a way of stalling action.

Also, I do not think "landscape maintenance business owners" should be liable for the fine, just property owners. We have a responsibility for knowing what people do on our property and whether they comply with the law. If Council wants to add business owners, they should make it a company with more than 10? 15? employees, the bigger companies who can better take the hit. Otherwise, the guy with the truck is the "business owner" who could be liable.

Thanks and best,
Cathy Jurca

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Re: Agenda Item 8a., the proposed Ordinance Banning the Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

Mayor Brotman and City Council Members,

The Glendale Environmental Coalition supports banning gas-powered leaf blowers throughout the city, and holding property owners or whoever hires the landscape maintenance businesses accountable for code violations, not small landscape maintenance businesses themselves.

We believe the ordinance should go into effect immediately, with a two-year grace and education period, and robust outreach to the community during that time.

This ordinance will be a win for gardeners' health as well as costs, and a win for the community in terms of better air quality and noise reduction.

We thank you for considering this important step toward improving our local environment and ask you to support it!

Glendale Environmental Coalition