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From: Holly Middleton [REDACTED]

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Date: Tue, 5 Jul 2022 16:31:11 -0400

Subject: Leaf blowers

Dear Leaders of San Rafael --

I believe the liabilities of leaf blowers more than outweigh the cosmetic value of making our yards look tidy quickly:

- Gas-powered leaf blowers produces a surprising amount of air pollution (30 min. of a leaf blower = 3800 miles of pickup truck emissions)
- They create carcinogenic, ultrafine-particle exhaust, particularly injurious to the gardener
- They cause major sound pollution
- They strip valuable topsoil from our flowerbeds (this goes for electric ones, too)

I realize they have been a time-saving tool for gardeners, but I propose that we all accept a certain amount of leaf debris as normal and infinitely more healthful for the planet.

Thank you for considering the banning of these climate-changing nuisances.

Sincerely,

Holly Middleton

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Minault [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 1:49 PM

To: Distrib- City Clerk <city.clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>

Subject: I support the leaf blower ban!

Bring it on! Best regards, Paul Minault, [REDACTED] San Rafael, CA 94901