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Chair Weeks and members of the Planning Commission,

The reason for this email is to provide you with late correspondence for item 8.2, Public Hearing – Zoning Code Text Amendments To Prohibit New Gas Stations and Prohibit Expansion of Fossil Fuel Infrastructure for Existing Stations, scheduled for Thursday’s meeting. These will also be added to the agenda as an attachments.

Thank you,

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**From:** Jane Bender  
**To:** PLANCOM - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas Stations  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 7:50:18 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners

Thanks for all you do. As a former council member I know what it takes to serve. Whew!!

I'm writing about the proposed gas station ban coming before you this Thursday. Unfortunately I can't be there because of another engagement but I really want to express my concerns about any new gas stations.

First of all, we all have to get off fossil fuels if we have any chance of curbing the disasters of a changing planet. I know it will take a lot more than a ban on gas stations but it is a positive step by the city.

Secondly, the future is with EV's and it's only a matter of time. As fossil fuel vehicles are phased out, the city will be stuck with empty gas stations—eyesores to say the least.

Third the trend in gas stations today seems to be with corporations like Cosco and Safeway which hurt the smaller stations that have been with us for a long time.

Fourth, these stations use up valuable land which could be used for housing, restaurants, new stores, etc—in other words things that could add to the quality of life in Santa Rosa. A gas station doesn't do much for the ambience to say the least.

And finally Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol and Cotati have all passed prohibitions and I think the County has a draft ordinance in the works.

Thanks again

Jane Bender



**From:** L S  
**To:** PLANCOM - Planning Commission  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Prohibit all new gas stations  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 1:11:57 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I applaud your foresight in considering the prohibition of all new gas stations.

I strongly urge you to adopt this ban because we are in a climate crisis caused by burning fossil fuels, these gas stations will quickly become obsolete as we address the climate crisis, and stations built by large corporations are driving small stations out of business.

Santa Rosa is a beautiful town because of your work, thank you and let's ensure it remains so as times change.

Best regards,  
Laura

