

Gas Station Prohibition

Zoning Code Text Amendments to Prohibit New Gas Stations and Prohibit Expansion of Fossil Fuel Infrastructure for Existing Gas Stations

Planning Commission

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Background

**RCPA Climate
Emergency
Declaration**
Sep 2019

**Council Climate
Emergency
Declaration**
Jan 2020

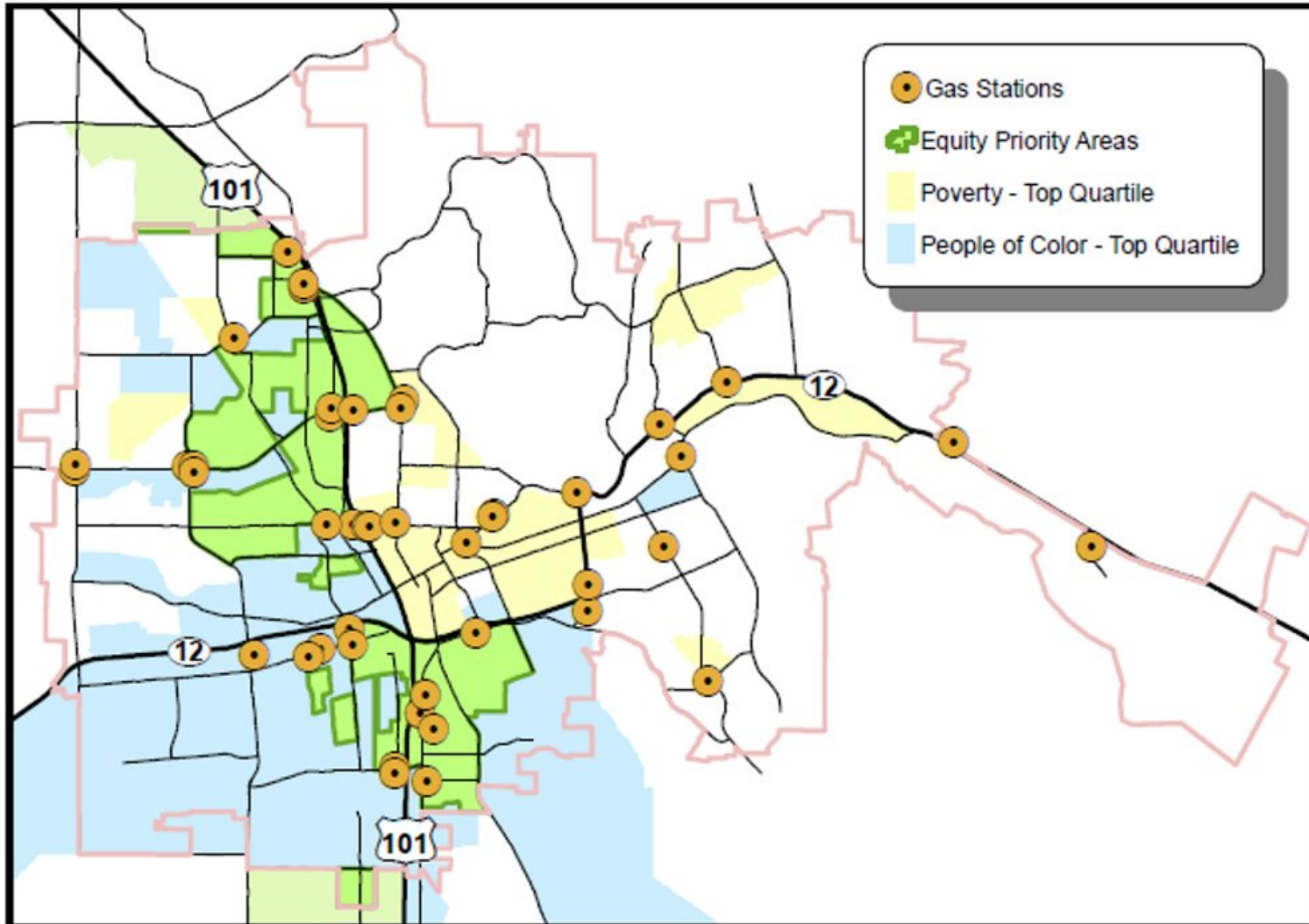
**RCPA Gas Station
Prohibition
Resolution**
September
2021

**CAS Subcommittee
Direction**
February
2022

**CAS Subcommittee
Staff Update**
May
2022



Locations of Gas Stations and Equity Priority Communities



Proposed Ordinance



The proposed ordinance will:

- prohibit new gas stations in all zoning districts
- establish regulations for existing and currently proposed gas stations as ‘nonconforming uses’
- rename ‘service station’ uses as ‘vehicle services’ and remove the 500-foot separation requirement language that merged gas stations with other uses
- update the definition of ‘gas station’ to refine that they involve fossil fuels and add a definition for ‘zero-emission vehicle’



Applications in Process

Two proposed new gas station projects with complete applications are currently under review

- **43 Middle Rincon Road**
- **874 North Wright Road**

The ordinance is drafted to allow these projects to continue being processed and acted on by the appropriate review authority.

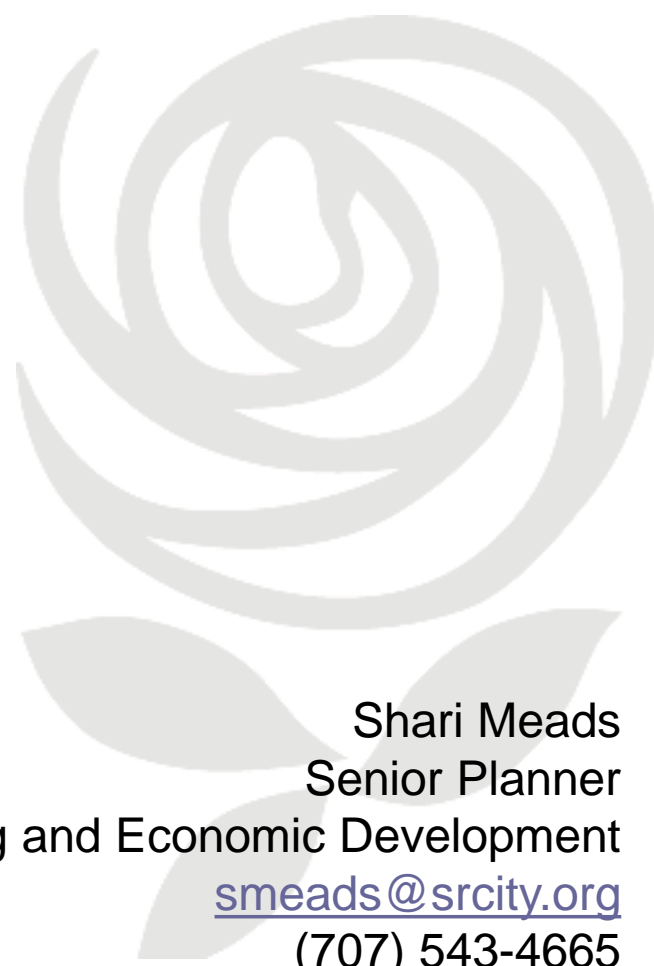
Environmental Review

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 and 15308 because this ordinance constitutes action taken by a regulatory agency to protect natural resources and the environment.
- Exempt pursuant to the “common sense” exemption under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), because there is no possibility that the Ordinance might have a significant effect on the environment.

Recommendation

The Climate Action Subcommittee and the Planning and Economic Development Department recommend that the Planning Commission, by resolution, recommend to City Council approval of Zoning Code Text Amendments to prohibit new gas stations and expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure for existing gas stations.



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