

**From:** [Jennifer LaPorta](#)  
**To:** [Meads, Shari](#)  
**Cc:** [CONGAS](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No more gas stations!  
**Date:** Thursday, July 7, 2022 8:57:35 AM

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Dear Shari Meads,  
Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department, City of Santa Rosa,

Please count this comment towards the upcoming meeting on the Santa Rosa Planning Commission's agenda 7/14/22 at 430pm.

Please vote to create an ordinance to prohibit any new gas stations or related fossil fuel infrastructure in Sonoma County.  
We have to reduce carbon emissions or else perish!  
It's as simple as that.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Laporta  
Santa Rosa 95407  
Registered Environmental Specialist, ret

**From:** [Katie Michel](#)  
**To:** [Meads, Shari](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] public comment - proposed ordinance prohibiting fossil fuel infrastructure expansion  
**Date:** Saturday, July 2, 2022 8:13:58 PM

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Hello Shari,

Please consider the following to be my formal public comment regarding the recommendation on an ordinance prohibiting new gas station land uses and the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure at existing gas station land uses.

I emphatically and enthusiastically support the above-stated prohibition for the sake of public and environmental health as well as an important step in achieving the City's 2030 carbon neutrality goals. If Santa Rosa's goal is one of forward looking, innovative leadership, the building of new fossil fuel infrastructure will set it back decades.

Given Executive Order N-79-20, I see no need to expand any gas station or fossil fuel infrastructure and argue that any investment into such would be a poor use of land, would prove economically inefficient, and would perpetuate outdated perceptions and attitudes on climate change and travel.

The City's current distribution of gas stations is more than sufficient and, if any investment were to be made on this land, I encourage the Council to consider ordinances encouraging investment into EV charging and active transportation infrastructure. Preventing additional fossil fuel infrastructure would benefit current and future public health, free space for more economically productive uses, and avoid environmental degradation in an area that relies on unpolluted land in its single largest employing sector (wine and related tourism). Even if one potential Super Fund site is prevented from breaking ground, I would consider this ordinance a worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,  
Katie Michel, Santa Rosa resident

**From:** [R.W.](#)  
**To:** [Meads, Shari](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to new gas station infrastructure in Santa Rosa  
**Date:** Thursday, July 7, 2022 12:42:52 PM

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Hello,

I am a Santa Rosa resident, public school parent, and Nurse Practitioner.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE any new gas station land use or expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in Santa Rosa.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT an ordinance to set these boundaries.

Our community and our earth need this.

Thank you,  
Rebekah

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Rebekah Wheeler, RN, CNM, MPH



"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs are people who have come alive." - Howard Thurman

**From:** [Montoya, Michelle](#)  
**To:** [Meads, Shari](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Gas Stations  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 10:50:13 AM

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Hi Shari,

Please see below comment.

Best,

Michelle

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**From:** Ellen Bailey <ellenmbailey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 8:22 AM  
**To:** \_PLANCOM - Planning Commission <planningcommission@srcity.org>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas Stations

You are 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.

Thank you!  
Ellen Bailey

  
Santa Rosa, CA.

**From:** [Christina Turgeon](#)  
**To:** [Meads, Shari](#)  
**Cc:** [woodyhastings](#); [jennyb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Policy to no longer accept new gas stations  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 11:00:11 AM

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Dear Ms. Meads,

Thanks for allowing me to express my concerns here. A policy that no longer allows new gas stations in Santa Rosa should be implemented ASAP. It is disheartening that this process has taken so long. To use the old saw "When you find yourself trapped in a large hole, stop digging." Santa Rosa should have at least halted the acceptance of new applications almost 2 years ago. The fact that Petaluma made this happen first was another distressing event in my opinion. Santa Rosa was the first municipality in the nation to create a Climate Action Plan in 2012 and it seems to have amounted to not much since. Any movement to address the climate crisis on the part of City Hall has been incremental given the scope of the crisis.

I respectfully request that the Planning Commission move this item on to the City Council posthaste.

Thank you,

Mike Turgeon, member of FoCAP (Friends of the Climate Action Plan)

