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To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: Comment on planned purchase of gasoline SUVs

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From: Beth <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 1:30 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Comment on planned purchase of gasoline SUVs

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Please don't embarrass the many scientists and engineers living in Pasadena by investing in gasoline-powered SUVs.

Show Pasadena for the future-thinking home of technology and science that she is, and go electric!

Thank you -
Beth Fabinsky

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From: Wesley Reutimann
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 9:02 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Kennedy, John J.; Wilson, Andy; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Rivas, Jose
Cc: Kristin Chew Reutimann
Subject: Agenda Item 8 - Please Invest in Cleaner, Zero Emission City Vehicles

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Dear members of the Pasadena City Council,

As local residents who care about the quality of the air we breathe and the future of our climate, **we urge the Council to please delay the proposed purchase of almost \$700,000 in gas vehicles and ask staff to review existing and soon-to-be-available zero emission vehicles.**

One of the powers the City has significant control over is the power of the purse strings. **The City can reduce its vehicle maintenance costs, advance its own climate action plan, and lead by example by purchasing zero emission vehicles for all City departments.** At a minimum, there are a number hybrid SUV and pickup options in 2021. If the City can wait a few more months, Pasadena could be one of the first cities in the region to purchase all-electric pickup trucks such as the Ford F-150 "Lightning" pickup truck that has a standard range of 230 miles, far more than required of any city vehicle.

Thank you,

Wes and Kristin Reutimann

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From: Wylie Rosenthal < >
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 9:54 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Kennedy, John J.; Wilson, Andy; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Rivas, Jose
Subject: Agenda Item 8 - Please Invest in Cleaner, 21st Century Vehicles

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To my City Council,

As a local resident who cares about the quality of the air we breathe and the future of our climate, I urge the Council to delay adoption of Agenda Item 8. The choices we make today have long term implications, these cars will be used for many years to come. Take more time to find good alternatives.

The transportation sector is the main source of local air pollution in the City of Pasadena, which lies within one of the most pollution-burdened air basins in the United States. High rates of asthma and other respiratory illnesses, as well as cognitive impairments, some cancers, and even obesity have all been linked to exposure to high levels of air pollution. In addition, the transportation sector - primarily on-road individual and commercial vehicles - is responsible for over half of all GHG emissions in the state of California when one accounts for emissions related to the extraction, processing, and distribution of oil.

The City can help accelerate the adoption of cleaner vehicles by leading by example. Please delay the proposed purchase of almost \$700,000 in fuel-inefficient vehicles and ask staff to review existing and soon-to-be-available near and zero emission vehicles. At a minimum, there are a number hybrid SUV and pickup options in 2021. If the City can wait a few more months, Pasadena could be one of the first cities in the region to purchase all-electric pickup trucks such as the Ford F-150, which is already taking orders.

Thank you,

Wylie Rosenthal
Pasadena District 6

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From: Kathryn Kroger <
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:04 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item 8 on tonight's agenda on purchase of fossil fuel vehicles

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

I am very concerned about Item no. 8 on tonight's agenda calling for the purchase of non-electric or non-hybrid vehicles for the city's fleet.

We are currently in a climate emergency, which everyone can see is growing *daily*. We need to do all we can to cut *back* on fossil fuels, not procure more!

If this means making adjustments until we can utilize upcoming state provisions that assist cities in transitioning to EVs, then we must do it.

Please take a stand, allow more study on this issue, more transparency, more community dialogue. I am shocked that I found out about this action only by chance.

Thank you,
Kathryn Kroger, District 7

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From: Caro Gonzalez < >
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:10 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Kennedy, John J.; Wilson, Andy; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Rivas, Jose
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From: Karl Kasca -
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 11:45 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Thyret, Pam
Subject: Re: City Council Meeting today regarding Pasadena purchasing fossil fuel fleet of vehicles

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Dear City Council,

I am a long-time resident of Pasadena and I am very much opposed to the City of Pasadena purchasing a fleet of fossil fuel vehicles.

I am asking that you reject this proposal and consider transitioning to a fleet of electric vehicles as soon as possible. If that is not currently possible, then please consider waiting until it is.

We need to stop burning fossil fuels before they harm our planet further. Also, this would aid in reducing the smog for everyone in the city so we can pursue outdoor activities in a healthy environment.

I have several questions for the council to consider regarding this purchase and other environmental issues:

1. Has the Council or its staff considered alternatives?
2. Have they evaluated the pros and cons of alternatives? Including incremental air pollution and climate change consequences.
3. Have they investigated available cost sharing options for electric vehicles? Can the local state legislators help?
4. Who is benefitting from this decision?

In fact, there should be an opportunity for a robust community dialogue and thoughtful deliberation around precedent-setting investments of this nature, and probably on broader sets of decisions the City is making that have implications for energy consumption and climate change impacts, not to mention transportation and livable streets

Hoping our local environment can be saved for current and future residents of our wonderful City,

Karl Kasca

Pasadena, CA 91106-3940 – District #7

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From: Topher Mathers -
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 11:54 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Kennedy, John J.; Wilson, Andy; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Rivas, Jose
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From: Peter Eisenhardt <peter.eisenhardt@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 1:48 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Peter Eisenhardt
Subject: Reject recommendations in Agenda item 8 for July 12, 2021 Council meeting: Please reduce GHG emissions at every opportunity

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Dear City Council members:

I lead the environmental group at Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church of Pasadena. Our church's congregation has voted to become net-zero, and to endorse national legislation to dramatically reduce GHG emissions.

Agenda item 8 for today's City Council meeting begins by recommending the City Council exempt the purchase of new gasoline-only vehicles from CEQA on the grounds that it only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment. With high temperature records being shattered each year, not acting to mitigate global warming has become inexcusable and willful ignorance. The city's Climate Action Plan calls for "expanding the use of electric vehicles and related infrastructure, and improving the City's vehicle fleet." The city's vehicle fleet is one of 6 sectors listed in the inventory of GHG emissions in the CAP. Asking for a CEQA exemption to allow the continued purchase of vehicles with significant GHG emissions because it does not have an effect on the environment is both factually and symbolically wrong.

Purchasing new gasoline-only vehicles flies in the face of the statement on Pasadena Water and Power's website (<https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/water-and-power/electrification/>): "To support our goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, PWP will continue to expand upon "transportation electrification" in Pasadena. PWP will provide resources for not only consumer electric vehicles, but also company fleet vehicles and larger vehicles such as transit buses."

The Sourcewell contract under which these vehicles would be purchased is in its 5th year, and with the ever-worsening state of global warming, adhering to its restrictions is not justified. The 17 new vehicles recommended for purchase are described as (8) Ford Edge SUV's, (7) Ford F250 3/4 ton trucks, and (2) Ford F150 1/2 ton trucks. None of these vehicles are exemplary in terms of reducing GHG emissions.

Electric SUV's available for purchase now at comparable cost to the Edge include the Kia Niro, the Hyundai Kona, and the Volkswagen ID4. If it is necessary that the manufacturer be Ford, there is the Ford Escape, available at similar cost in a plug-in hybrid EV model. Given the city's investment in charging infrastructure, and the likelihood that these vehicles will be used for relatively low mileage activities, running a PHEV almost entirely on electricity should be feasible.

With regard to electric trucks, an electric Ford F150, is expected to be available in 2022, as are other electric trucks. If some of the city's trucks must be replaced immediately, I suggest a leasing arrangement be considered for those.

The time to act on all fronts to reduce GHG emissions is overdue: our world is burning.

Peter Eisenhardt

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From:
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 2:01 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Please consider investments in non-fossil fuel city fleet

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Dear Mayor Gordo and Pasadena City Council Members,

I am a Glendale resident, but I hope you will consider my comments, as air quality and climate concerns don't have borders! Plus I hate to see the City of Pasadena make a regressive move here. I am writing to ask you NOT to purchase gas powered city fleet vehicles which are pending your vote in an upcoming meeting, but rather to consider the way we are moving as a State, our climate goals and our air quality issues, and instead to smartly invest these purchasing dollars towards the electrification of your city fleet.

- The City of Glendale is currently developing an Electrification Feasibility Study for its city fleet, with a concrete timeline and implementation based upon what is doable now, what will be doable in a few years and what may take a bit longer as technology innovates as well as information such as required ranges that would be needed for each vehicle. This plan will include a 100% end date that is aggressive. This is a wise move, as each time purchasing decisions come up, there will be a plan to refer to. Pasadena may look to do this as well.

- The City of Glendale just recently switched plans for their Metro grant funding from buying five (5) natural gas powered buses to five electric powered buses. They accepted funding from another source for the charging infrastructure required as well. Additionally, they have begun to make electric vehicle purchases for their police motorcycles and other city vehicles and have just committed \$550,000 of local Measure S funding towards the electrification of landscaping equipment at all remaining parks and city owned properties (they have already electrified the equipment used to maintain 8 City parks and properties).

I hope that our neighbor Pasadena will get just as aggressive on moving our region away from fossil fuel use.

- Gov. Newsom has already decreed that purchasing of gas powered vehicles will not be allowed after 2035. All cities should follow this direction as we need to work together to aggressively cut our carbon emissions. Every new gas powered vehicle out there will live for a decade or more - so these purchasing decisions may outlive your time in office! Please consider investing now in the future you want to see.

- Electric vehicles are very often much cheaper to maintain and power. Once charging infrastructure is factored in, and any additional up fees for purchasing are factored in, there are MUCH decreased costs of fuel and maintenance. No more brake changes, oil changes and related labor costs, etc. This can really add up.

- City Fleet vehicles travel around your area constantly. Moving to zero emissions means your local air will be that much cleaner. It can have a big impact, both for residents, and especially if the vehicles in question involve the driver being exposed to the exhaust, much healthier for the driver. Also, these vehicles are MUCH quieter to operate, yet another positive impact for the local community.

- Glendale has joined the Transportation Electrification Partnership as part of the Advisory Group. The city will work with over 30 other members to achieve an additional 25 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions

and air pollution by the time Los Angeles welcomes the 2028 Olympics. Pasadena is ALSO part of this advisory group, so it seems counter to that partnership to invest in new gas powered city fleet vehicles.

I hope you will not see these points as "we are better than you" points. I have several times, (and of course most council members don't enjoy it!) pointed to Pasadena for inspiration in my council comments - but this time, I hope to offer some inspiration the other way around. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best regards,
Monica Campagna
Glendale Environmental Coalition Steering Member and Glendale Resident

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From:
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 2:21 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item #8 - 72 hour LLC fleet vehicles

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City Council and City Manager,

About a month ago, I went to a late lunch at a restaurant across the street from Huntington Hospital. My wife and I sat outside because there were still Covid restrictions, but the officers were allowed to sit inside because they get special treatment from time to time and I understand that. There were four police officers eating lunch and after an hour I looked over to my wife and pointed out the fact that the officers left their cars running. My wife said, "Oh, it must be in case they have an emergency and need to drive off quickly." With a raised eyebrow, I replied that it was likely to keep their cars air conditioned, so it is not hot after they got back into it.

Either way, if it is common or uncommon practice for Officers to leave their cars running when they have lunch or dinner, then we should really rethink using fossil fuel vehicles. We should also look at what it would cost to keep the current vehicles on the road while we look at the carbon footprint of the police departments as well as all fleet vehicles in every department to see how we can lower the overall carbon footprint of the city.

EV vehicles are the future. We need to move Pasadena forwards and not backwards.

Who is 72 Hour LLC by the way? Why does the city do so many LLC's with vague names?

Doyle for City Council District 4

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John Doyle
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