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**From:** [Sue Young](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment agenda item #6, Feb. 21 study session  
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Dear Councilpersons,

Thank you for your dedication to make Los Altos a better city and community to live in. I have enjoyed living in Los Altos for almost 30 years and would not choose to live anywhere else.

One important aspect of living in Los Altos is the air quality and our peaceful environment. However, not a day goes by that we don't hear leaf blowers while on walks, bike ride or just having our windows open. The worst offenders are gas powered leaf blowers even with the ban on them.

I was just made aware the Palo Alto's City Council has voted unanimously to change their ordinance to:

- raise fines to \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 for the first, second and third violations
- eliminate the warnings before writing a ticket
- fine the property owner or employers (not just the leaf blower operator)

I would like to see Los Altos (and all of CA) be consistent with this action but I'll settle for Los Altos for now. :)

I see very little enforcement of the Los Altos gas-powered leaf blower ban. This not only affects the health of the person using the leaf blower, but the air around us, every week, every day. It has an impact on climate change and I'd like to see Los Altos take action to enforce our city ordinance and raise the bar to meet Palo Alto. These are desirable cities to live in but only when the laws are complied with.

Thanks for your consideration to make this a priority in the next fiscal year.

Best Regards,  
Sue Young

Resident in Loyola Corners area

**From:** [Mary Ann Poulos](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Leafblowers - it's time to enforce the law  
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Hello,

Let Los Altos, its residents, and public servants enforce the gas leaf blower ban.

We must all do our part in helping eliminate gas-powered devices and minimize our carbon footprint.

Let's make the next generation proud - you'll never be sorry that you didn't push for stiffer enforcement and fines.

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