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Subject: Appeal to all Mendocino Municipal Advisory Councils

To the esteemed Chairs of all six Mendocino County Municipal Advisory Councils, Julie Golden - Hopland, Gary Quinton - Westport, Jim Shields - Laytonville, Kevin Evans - Gualala, and Kathy Britton - Round Valley, and cc-d here, Dolly Riley - Redwood Valley,

On February 12, 2025, during our last MAC meeting in Redwood Valley, it was decided that we reach out to you, chairs of all Mendocino Municipal Advisory Councils, to find support for the proposal below.

One of our members created the attached Resolution proposal to call for a moratorium of five years on the construction of new fossil fuel gas stations in Mendocino County, and the expansion of existing ones. This proposal is the outcome of a Redwood Valley ad hoc committee that reviewed and discussed the resolutions of several Northern California cities and one county, prohibiting this type of new business endeavors in their jurisdictions - full stop. The Redwood Valley MAC supports the message and intention of this (renewed) resolution proposal for a moratorium of five years on all new fossil fuel gas stations and expansions of existing ones.

Here are a few relevant data and facts:

- Cities that have prohibited the construction of new gas stations and expansions of existing ones: Petaluma (2021), Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Rohnert Park, Cotati, and Windsor
- In March 2023, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance prohibiting the development of new retail gas stations in unincorporated areas in the county
- Executive order N-79-20 was issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 23, 2024, ruling that by the year 2035 all vehicles registered in California must be zero-emission
- State of California Climate Goals for 2045: Net Zero carbon emissions
- In December 2024 Mendocino County renewed their climate emergency declaration to encourage climate protection efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses
- Gas stations and fuel storage locations cause toxic 'brownfield sites' due to gasoline leaks that contaminate soil, water and preclude and complicate redevelopment of these sites.

The Grassroots Institute presented alarming climate realities and other relevant data to the Mendocino Board of Supervisors in November 2023 in support of the same initiative. We think it's time to repeat the message with this resolution with even more urgency and insistence.

Please find the resolution proposal in an attachment, as well as further reading about this topic in a Newsletter from the Grassroots Institute.

Thank you for your time and efforts, and please feel free to reach out to me or to our chair, Dolly Riley, with your questions and comments.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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