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The following letter to the committee concerns agenda item 2.12 which is scheduled for discussion on May 22, 2024.

Members of the Civic Works Committee:

I'm pleased to see that city staff delivered a report concerning use of gas-powered lawn care equipment to the Civic Works Committee. Despite many negative environmental and health issues, the report simply calls for a public awareness campaign.

The report indicates gas powered leaf blowers are used at the end of yard maintenance and for several weeks in the fall. In reality, gas powered leaf blowers are used daily by some residents to move dirt or a couple leaves on their pavement. I've seen (& heard!) them used in the winter to move light snow. Maintenance companies routinely blow dirt around in parking lots weekly.

While a public awareness campaign is a step in the right direction, actions of the city to address excessive noise & pollution of gas powered leaf blowers would demonstrate commitment to improving the wellness of our city & it's residents.

Sincerely,  
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