



Hi

Louisville friends,

Hi Louisville Climate Action friends,

Want to get involved in some local climate action?

Some concerned kids and families are gathering signatures for a citizen initiative to encourage Louisville City Council to ban NEW gas stations in Louisville. This is beginning to happen nation-wide. Several cities in California have already banned NEW gas stations, the largest being Santa Rosa. Here is a quote from Santa Rosa's mayor.

"We need to be investing in the infrastructure of the future," Santa Rosa Mayor Chris Rogers, chairman of the City Council's climate action subcommittee, said via text Tuesday. "If we are still relying on gas stations 20 years from now, we will have failed to recognize the urgency of our changing climate." ([Press Democrat, 8/22/22](#))

Our community's growing awareness of the numerous ways we can implement climate solutions is increasing! We know we need to move away from fossil fuel infrastructure and think seriously about where we want our energy to come from in the coming years. While we do not have all the electric charging infrastructure we need in Louisville, we do have more than enough gas stations. We need to be thinking about the transition to cleaner energy, especially as our air quality continues to decline in the Denver-metro area.

If you and your kids would like to be involved in gathering signatures, then please read on. We need the signature of about 800 **registered voters in Louisville**. If 80 people each get 10 signatures, then we're done! Kids cannot collect signatures themselves, but they can certainly help their parents.

There are several ways that you and your kids can be involved. Please click on [this google form link to sign up to help gather signatures](#).

1. Gather signatures at the soccer games at LES on Saturday October 29th.
2. Gather signatures at the LES Halloween Parade on October 31st.
3. Create a neighborhood event to gather signatures and educate folks about climate change.
4. Gather signatures downtown on Wednesday morning October 26th when parents bring kids there for late start morning treats.
5. Create an event and announce it on 80027 where adults can come sign.
6. Knock on your neighbors' doors and gather signatures.
7. Gather signatures outside of the Louisville Public Library or the Louisville Recreation Center.

We also need you to speak your mind on two occasions in November

1. November 1st: City Council will consider a temporary moratorium on NEW gas stations. Kids and families can come speak during public comments about why they think Louisville should ban NEW gas stations.
2. November 15th: City Council will review an application for a Murphy Express gas station on McCaslin Boulevard. Kids and families can join our rally outside of City Hall at 5:30 pm and can speak during public comments about why they think the City Council should reject this application.

Come join other Louisville families and help to implement climate solutions in our community. If we all work together, we can improve our air quality, reduce GHG emissions, and help ensure a healthier town for future generations. We cannot kick climate change down the road and solve it later. We need systemic change, and we need to encourage implementation of climate solutions involving mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.

Please forward this to others who may be interested in helping!

Sign up now, [here's the link](#).

We will reach out to you with details as soon as we receive your form.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please reach out:

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