



The City of New York

Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Christine L. Haider Chairperson / **Susan Seinfeld** District Manager

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Resolution Regarding the Use of Gas and Diesel Powered Lawn Care Devices

Whereas, Concern has been raised in the community regarding the noise and pollution generated by gas and diesel powered lawn care devices, especially leaf blowers,

Whereas, Concern has been raised over the time of day when the lawn care devices are used especially on weekends and holidays,

Whereas, Concern has been raised over the effect that gas and diesel powered lawn care devices has on public health and the environment,

Whereas, It is recognized that gas and diesel powered leaf blowers create dust when in use that may contain fecal and pesticide residue that is dangerous to human health,

Whereas, It is recommended that people should not be regularly exposed to noise levels above a certain decibel limit and that lawn care devices generally exceed that level,

Whereas, It is generally accepted that electric powered and battery operated lawn care devices are less noisy and polluting than gas and diesel powered lawn devices, which generate increased carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions,

Whereas, Council Member Danny Dromm has proposed Intros. 59 and 853 in the City Council, which would address some of the problems involved with the noise and pollution generated by gas and diesel powered lawn care devices,

Whereas, It is recognized that enforcement of any new law regulating noise levels in lawn care devices would be difficult and would require extra staff at the enforcement agencies working extended hours,

Be it resolved that Queens Community Board 11:

- 1) Supports the passage of City Council Intros. 59 and 853 sponsored by Council Member Danny Dromm.
- 2) Will contact Council Members Vallone, Koo and Council Member Mark Weprin's replacement to ask them to sign on as cosponsors of Intros. 59 and 853.
- 3) Will contact the above legislators to ask them to support additional funding for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Police Department to hire more staff to enforce noise complaint laws all week long.
- 4) Will send copies of this resolution to all Queens Community Boards and Queens Elected Officials as well as the Mayor and the DEP.