

December 8, 2011

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City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

To Whom It May Concern:

APN 6050020021, Service Address: 943 East 97th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002 (PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGE)

Here we go again, demanding that the working class or so called "middle class" bear the burden of these outrageous increases to the city sewer service charges.

Undoubtedly, these increases will be effective for the next ten years and beyond. Therefore, the city council must require that the Bureau of Sanitation go through a multiple approval/petition process before granting these ten year increases all at once because anything can happen in the interim to change the situation.

Also, why should the city council commence a very bad precedent in conceding to multiple year increases on a one time basis without future debate? This inept concept is sheer madness.

We strongly protest these increases along with the methods, techniques, and procedures of institution by the Bureau of Sanitation!

Disgruntled Rate Payers,

Patricia Galbreath and Eugene Galbreath

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Thank you for your consideration of this suggestion.

Sincerely,



KATHY KIRTLAND SILVERMAN

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Richard Paoletti
1580 Stonewood Ct
San Pedro, CA 90732
December 4, 2011

Reference: Letter dated December 2011: Proposed Increase in the Sewer Service Charge, (SSC), for the city of Los Angeles homeowners.

Sirs;

The following is my response to the proposed increase in residential Sewer Service Charge, (SSC), described as "Sanitation Charges" on the homeowners DWP Bill noted in the referenced document. The referenced document encourages residential DWP water users to provide comments to the LA City Council on this proposal prior to the hearing scheduled for January 10, 2011; my comments follow:

1. The SSC proposal is for approval of a yearly 10 year scheduled increase in SSC fees without going through a City Council "Review and Approval Cycle". I am against this 10 year "non-review and approval" provision of the proposal. A yearly Approval Cycle for an increase requires justification of current conditions that require the increase, as well as justification for any spending over budget. A yearly approved budget will require the DWP to work within its budget and provide justification for any over spending.
2. Approval of the proposed annual rate increase over a 10 year period does not guarantee economic conditions will remain stable, population growth will remain stable, nor that costs will remain within the proposed guidelines presented in the proposal. Given this condition, there is no guarantee that the SSC rates will not be adjusted upward within this 10 year period.
3. The present billable SSC water usage of 147 million HCF annually is based on year number 1 of the 10 year rate increase. What guarantee do the water users have that water usage will not increase yearly and that rate increases will not be revised upward from that proposed within the 10 year package.
4. Provide justification for the 10 year proposal by presenting: 1) yearly projected population growth; 2) projected water usage among LA City and the 29 other affiliated cities included in the proposal.
5. Provide the current year SSC Accounting Statement i.e. financial resources versus expenses; present the current SSC Budget, including employee/wage categories, rates and benefits.
6. I do not agree with your statement in the proposal that seeking a 10 year rate increase will secure SSC's credit rating with the rating agencies, nor that leveraging the agencies funds will not place the homeowner in financial jeopardy.
7. The SSC's Low Income Subsidy must not be used to support illegal aliens living within the LA DWP district.

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CARLA KALLAN

December 5, 2011

Attn: LA City Clerk
Los Angeles City Council
John Ferraro Council chamber, room 340
City Hall, 200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Proposed Sewer Service Charge

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Dear L.A. Council Members:

I respectfully ask you to NOT raise sewer charges. The sanitation portion of my DWP bill has gone up astronomically in recent months and I'm already unable to pay it. DWP is well known to have a stranglehold on Los Angeles and shows no mercy.

I'm very low income, hanging on by my fingernails, and I'd like to know how I'm supposed to afford this when it is considerably more than my combined electric and water bill.

I conserve as much as possible. I put out as little trash as possible. I am a tiny household. If I consume little, shouldn't I pay less? I am on all discounts available to me and yet the sanitation charges have gone through the roof.


I've been paying my electric and water bills so service is not turned off. But the enormous sanitation fees I'm behind on. I also think they are totally out of line. If I could afford to move out of Los Angeles to a better-run city, I would.

My councilman, Bill Rosendahl, seems utterly unconcerned about this.

I cannot make your meeting, but would be delighted to speak to any of you at another time.

Thank you for considering my loud and resounding "NO" vote to this measure.

Sincerely,



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Frances Lopez
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December 3, 2011

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This letter is in response to the proposed sewer service charge notice I received. I am writing in opposition to this proposal. I am a retired widow on a fixed income. My only source of income is my social security retirement. I have not had a cost of living increase in two years. I am barely able to make ends meet.

This is the 2nd letter from my utility companies that I have received regarding an increase in the rates. I already qualify for the low income subsidy and it is still difficult to ensure the payments are made and on time. An increase at this time would make it increasingly difficult to continue to make the payments.

Please consider my situation as I am confident it is very similar to many of the other customers. Raising rates in light of the current economic environment is neither good customer service nor a good business plan. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frances Lopez

Frances Lopez
Long Time Customer

December 7, 2011

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Larry Sonenschein
6430 Blucher Avenue
Van Nuys, California 91406

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cc: Councilman Tony Cardenas

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing in response to a notice I received informing me of Proposed increases in the Sewer Service Charge (SSC) for the City of Los Angeles.

I am opposed to this increase, which will occur over a 10 year period and will only result in more money being taken out of my pocket, when I believe the solution for the City and all political entities is to make more efficient use of the money they have. I understand these are hard time economically for the city, but if the City can afford to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to clean up the mess left by the LA Occupiers then it can afford to handle the sewer costs without raising our rates. I really get angry when I think that our politicians are constantly raising our taxes, fees, and rates on the assumption that we, the people, can afford to pay these hikes.

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