

# PROTEST

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Randy Krause  
4949 Genesta Avenue #415  
Encino, CA 91316

November 29, 2011

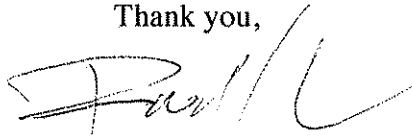
City Clerk  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Written comments regarding proposed Sewer Service Charge increase. APN: 2258015096

Dear City Council,

This letter is to respectfully express objections to the proposed rate increase. In this time of financial hardship, higher fees are a burden. Kindly deny this proposed increase or, in event you feel you must raise fees, kindly reduce the proposed amount of the increase.

Thank you,



Randy Krause

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To L.A. City Council -  
G. Ferraro Council Chamber

Re: Svc. # 2763031007  
Address: 9539 Rhea Ave.  
N.R. 91324

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Dear Members of the LACC....

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As a taxpayer in the City of Northridge - each few years, we've seen the SSC rise per month - depend on how much discharge there is from our property. In a time where our incomes can buy less because of retail prices rising (i.e.: gasoline, food, etc.) - finally I'm speaking out against this increase starting 3/1/12 and increasing for 10 yrs. We are lv. citizens w/ low income and believe me, luxuries are not in our way of life - health costs are outrageous... you name it - so this extra burden isn't appreciated. If it's not the SSC/Bureau of Sanit., extra fee for the trucks, it's DWP. Enough is enough!

Please give us a break!

Sincerely,  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Schuelkin

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Mr. & Mrs. R. Schuelkin

11911 PORT ROAD,  
CULVER CITY, CA 90230-6077

APN:

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Dec. 1, 2011

SERVICE 4218016050

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ADDRESS: 11911 PORT ROAD (OWNER: THELMA M. EVANS)

"Proposed Sewer Service charge"

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"Bureau of Sanitation."

Thank you

Sincerely,  
Thelma M. Evans

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Keith Linker  
13031 Villosa Pl. #128  
Playa Vista, CA 90094  
(APN 4211031029)

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City Clerk  
200 N. Spring St. Rm. 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: Proposed Sewer Service Charge Increase – Letter of Support**

Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members:

I may be in the minority but **I wanted to offer my support to the effort to increase funding to primarily support the critical infrastructure of the sewer collection and treatment system.** While nobody likes to see any of their utility bills increase, this is an overdue and necessary step to address repair and improvement of aging and deteriorating infrastructure.

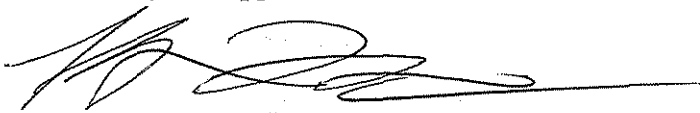
I don't know the details of what has occurred over the past several years to develop and get this proposal to this point. However, I do know it must have been a substantial undertaking. I would like to applaud the City Staff who put it together and the Politicians and/or Board Members with foresight and courage to bring this forward for consideration.

All too often unseen infrastructure goes not only un-noticed but under-funded. It is refreshing to see a reversal of this trend in one of the biggest cities in the country. I hope this helps start a trend. Praise for such forward thinking moves is also in short supply, so I hope I am not the lone voice among the rate payers to support this effort and thank those who got it to this point (incidentally, I know that contractors and trade unions will support this, but I am not affiliated with either of those groups in any way).

Lastly, I hope that you, a member of the Los Angeles City Council see this opportunity for what it is. A necessary, and bold forward thinking move to ensure the future of our critical sewer infrastructure. Any move to use current economic conditions to derail or outright oppose this increase is short sighted and would simply be pandering for votes. In addition and in fact it would be incorrect to assume this proposed increase would cost hamper the economy. Conversely, funding infrastructure should actually improve our local economy through the generation of jobs, right here in Los Angeles, from construction.

Lastly, I again thank those involved in this effort and **I hope the increase is approved as proposed.**

Sincerely and appreciatively,



Keith Linker (APN 4211-031-029)

Attached: Cover of Notice Mailed to my Residence

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
  
**SANITATION**  
 DEPARTMENT OF  
 PUBLIC WORKS

Bureau of Sanitation  
 P.O. Box 79083  
 Los Angeles, CA 90079  
 (800) 773-2489

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APN.:  
 Service           **4211031029**  
 Address:       **13031 VILLOSA PL 128**



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Linker, Keith and Grace   71  
 13031 Villosa Pl Apt 128  
 Playa Vista CA 90094-6501

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASES IN THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE (SSC)  
 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

You are receiving this notice because you have been identified as being in one or more of the following categories:

- You are the record owner of property that may be receiving sewer service from the City of Los Angeles, or
- You are the account holder for a property that may be billed for sewer service by the City of Los Angeles.

**If you do not currently use sewer services provided by the City of Los Angeles or this service is not immediately available to you, this notice does not apply to you.** To determine if you receive this City service, you can review your Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) bill, or call (800) 773-2489.

The wastewater from your property is discharged to the City of Los Angeles' wastewater system for treatment and disposal. The City's wastewater system serves more than four million residential, commercial and industrial users in the City of Los Angeles, in addition to 29 other cities and agencies that contract for this utility service. The system includes more than 6,700 miles of sewers, 44 pumping plants, and four wastewater treatment and water reclamation plants capable of processing more than 550 million gallons of flow each day citywide.

The majority of the costs associated with the operation, maintenance, and capital infrastructure of this system is recovered through the Sewer Service Charge (SSC), which appears in the "Sanitation Charges" section of your LADWP bill. This rate structure for the SSC equitably allocates costs to all types of users on a basis proportional to your use of the City's wastewater facilities. Individual bills will vary based on your winter water consumption for residential customers, or a percentage of your actual water consumption for multi-family dwellings and commercial and industrial customers. The fees collected for the SSC are not used to provide facilities for new developments. The City has a separate fee for new developments connecting to the wastewater system.

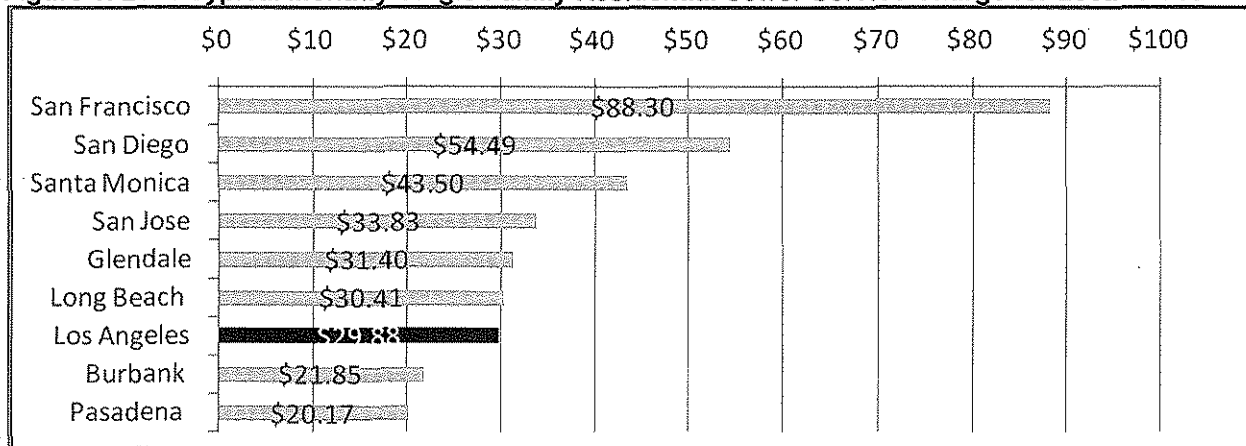
The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation is proposing a series of SSC base rate adjustments over the next ten (10) years as shown in Table 1 below:

**Table 1 – Proposed 10 Year SSC Rates**

Effective Date	Current	3/1/12 (est.)	7/1/12	7/1/13	7/1/14	7/1/15	7/1/16	7/1/17	7/1/18	7/1/19	7/1/20
New Rate (\$/HCF)	3.27	3.42	3.57	3.73	3.97	4.23	4.51	4.80	5.11	5.44	5.80
% Increase	--	4.5	4.5	4.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Increase (\$/HCF)	--	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.24	0.26	0.28	0.29	0.31	0.33	0.36
Typical Monthly Single Family Residential SSC (\$)	29.88	31.22	32.63	34.10	36.31	38.67	41.19	43.87	46.72	49.75	52.99

The current SSC rate is \$3.27 per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF). One HCF is equal to 748 gallons. Currently, the typical single family residential SSC bill is \$29.88 per month, which places the City's SSC in the middle third of local cities, as shown in Figure 1 below. After this series of increases, it is anticipated that the City's rates will remain in the middle third of the rates of these cities. Nationwide surveys indicate that the typical wastewater bill will increase between 6.5-7.5% per year for the next five years. Therefore, Los Angeles' wastewater increase will be equal to or below the national average.

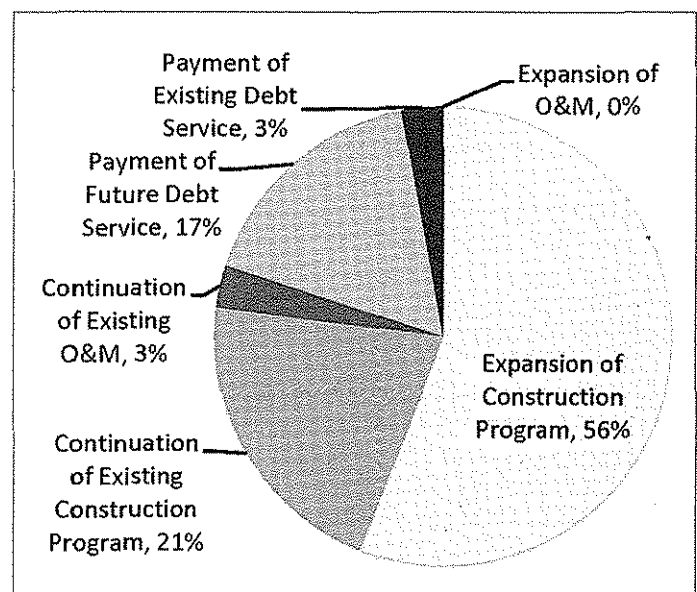
**Figure 1: 2011 Typical Monthly Single Family Residential Sewer Service Charge for Local Cities**



For typical commercial customers, the Sewer Service Charge is calculated on 90% of your water consumption. To estimate your new sewer service charge increase, multiply your current sewer service charge by 4.5% or the percentage increase in Table 1.

Seeking an increase for ten (10) years rather than going through multiple approval processes will secure the wastewater program's standings with the credit rating agencies, increasing our ability to leverage our funds more efficiently and allowing us to reduce the overall cost of the program. An additional \$1.89 billion will be required over the next ten years to fund \$1.73 billion in additional capital project costs and repayment of bonds used to fund capital projects. Figure 2 to the right illustrates the distribution of additional revenues. The City bills an average wastewater volume of 147,000,000 HCF annually. The rates shown in Table 1 were calculated based on this billable volume and the additional revenue needed over the next ten years. For more information on the expansion of the construction program, please see the list of proposed projects at [http://lacitysan.org/wastewater/publications/pdfs/2011/Ten\\_year\\_project\\_list.pdf](http://lacitysan.org/wastewater/publications/pdfs/2011/Ten_year_project_list.pdf).

**Figure 2: Use of Revenue**



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11385 Exposition Blvd., Suite 140  
Los Angeles, CA 90064  
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December 2, 2011

City clerk  
200 N. Spring St., room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Re: proposed sewer service charge  
Service address:  
426-003-6032 and 266-702-7034

Dear city clerk and city Council members,

I have lived in Los Angeles all of my life and have never written the city Council. After learning of the proposed rate increase and in light of the present state of city management, not only in Los Angeles but small surrounding cities as well, I chose to voice my objection to any increase.

I received a flyer in the mail with various tables, pie charts and figures provided by the very department that is requesting the increase. I put little faith in the manipulation of statistics; we all know that statistics are inherently unreliable and easily manipulated. The City Council will be making a grave mistake automatically providing for future increases. Once an increase in place it is seldom if ever rescinded.

These increases will place an unfair burden on longtime property owners, especially in light of the low income subsidy charges. Pile this increase on top of the various other creative ideas the accountants dream up and you more of my monies directed to fund \$300,000 salaries and various harebrained schemes that may or may not work. I am not naïve enough to accept as true the presented statistics; especially the one about abandoning my septic tank. If I were to have a septic tank, and I were to abandon it, my question to you would be, please explain what "Seed money" is, sounds pretty devious to me.

I am not one of the demonstrators that parked on your lawn nor a political activist. I am a person that has a lifelong connection to Los Angeles. I am a person that has had enough of increases in trash collection, street maintenance, parking tickets, animal regulation increases, payouts for retirements, payouts on lawsuits, pot holed streets, burnt out street lights, DWP workers drinking on the job etc. etc. etc.

Please note that I disagree with any rate increase.

Respectfully,  
  
Armando V. Lopez

PROPOSED SEWER  
SERVICE CHARGE

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FROM: ANGELICA GABRIELLA PROPRIETOR

3201 COOLIDGE AVE. SERVICE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90066 ADDRESS

YOU CHARGE ME A LOW INCOME SURCHARGE  
I AM <sup>A</sup> LOW INCOME RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER ON MY BILL  
- OWNER FOR 64 YEARS -

- I OBJECT TO YOUR PROPOSAL  
TO INCREASE COSTS. THE SERVICES  
THAT WE PAY FOR ON OUR BILLS,  
ARE NOT PROVIDED.

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- NO WEEKLY STREET CLEANING  
(I HAVE TO CALL AND BEG.)

- MANY TIMES MY TRASH CANS  
ARE NOT EMPTIED - THIS HAS  
FORCED ME TO DRIVE MY TRASH  
TO FIND OUTLETS (BUSINESS FRIENDS  
WILLING TO TAKE IT.)

- NEIGHBORS GARDENERS BLOW  
THEIR EXTRA TRASH ONTO MY  
PROPERTY - OR THROW IT INTO  
MY EMPTIED CANS, OR WASH IT  
DOWN THE STREET - IN THE GUTTER

- SCAVENGERS ARE TURNED  
IN TO THE POLICE - THEY ONLY  
WARN THEM, OR DO NOTHING.

- MANY NEIGHBORS HEAR MY  
HOME - CONTINUALLY WATER  
FOR HOURS - IN THE DARK - FROM  
MIDNIGHT TILL 4 or 5 am. THE  
RUN OFF TRAVELS DOWN THE  
STREET - ON A SLOPE - AND LOOKS





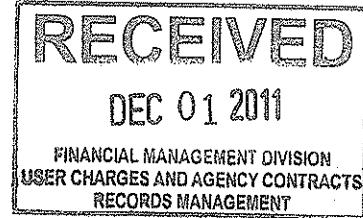
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASES IN THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE CITY OF L.A.

WELL, TO ALL YOU STUPID BASTARDS AT THE "BUREAU OF SANITATION",  
TRY STOPPING THE MEXICAN PRINTING OF YOUR PAPER WORK !! DUH.  
THE ONLY ONES THAT READ "TACO" ARE ILLEGALS YOU STUPID FUCKS !!!  
AND THEY DONT PAY YOU !! GET-IT ??  
THAT SAID: MAKE SOME CHANGES...

THANK YOU,  
"PAYING" AMERICAN CUSTOMER

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