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"PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE CHARGE"
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ATENTAMENTE:
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Los Angeles City Council
c/o City Clerk
200 North Spring Street
Room 395
Los Angeles, California 90012

Subject: Proposed Sewer Service Charge

APN: 4106006019
Service Address: 6016 W 75th Street

Council Members,

I object to the proposed sewer service charge increases. I realize that the maintenance and improvement of water collection and treatment facilities is necessary and am not opposed to any rate increase to pay for this. However, although I know very little about waste water disposal and treatment, I know a lot about strategic and financial planning and from that point of view I see a lot of weaknesses in this long-term plan.

As a strategic planner, I know how difficult it is to make a long-range financial plan and the more distant the future is, the less reliable a plan becomes. A ten-year plan is necessary to establish priorities and goals; however, to rely on a such a plan to ask for rate increases that go out into the future for 10 years is unrealistic. There can only be two outcomes to such a request. The first outcome is that inflation rates are going to be much higher than assumed for the plan, in which case you will have to ask for additional rate increases; the second outcome is that you will have asked for much too much funds, in which case money will be wasted on projects that were not a priority and not necessary or wasted in other ways. In the first case, your plan was useless, in the second case your plan led to overcharging clients.

As a strategic planner I know that you can estimate expenses in the first and second year of a plan with a relatively high accuracy. However, the world changes and these days it changes quickly. To estimate with any kind of accuracy what a pump for a water treatment plant will cost ten years from now is, I think, impossible. There are too many uncertainties. To name just a few: economic uncertainties, the impact of globalization and improvements in technology. Together, these uncertainties could double or halve the cost of your treatment plant.

Given all these uncertainties, the City Council should plan for the future but base their rate increases on shorter term financial projections that have more certainty. Residents of Los Angeles have approved a lot of funding over the last ten years, only to read with shock how those funds were mishandled and wasted. It is clear that providing too much funding is just as bad as providing too little funding.

Just a cursory perusal of the ten-year project list points out the difficulties of long-range planning:

1) $400 million (24% of the total $1.7 billion) is to pay for projects beyond the 10-year planning horizon. Given the uncertainties of what happens after ten years, this plan appears to have a built-in surplus of $400 billion. Of course, the Bureau of Sanitations will tell you that the City will need those funds to pay for future projects, but by that time the rates will be 80% higher than they are today, so cash flow should cover projects and debt servicing and $400 million is a very large cushion.

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RE: Proposed Sewer Service Charge
TO: Bureau of Sanitation
FR: Pham, Tuan M and Trishia T

APN: 5422 002 019
5422 002 020
5422 002 029

To Whom It May Concern;

We are writing this letter in protest of proposed increases in the sewer service charge for the city of Los Angeles. We are disagree with the increase fee proposed.

Thank you.

Tuan and Trishia Pham

APN.: 4235029029

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Service Address: 12036 Mitchell Ave. LA. 90066

To whom it may concern,

I strongly disapprove of the current proposed increases in sewer service charges. Public Works & Sanitation could take many measures to decrease the pressures being placed on the system rather than continue to increase fees. One of the easiest and most obvious measures would be with regards to simple gray-water systems on both the commercial and residential properties. Run-off mitigation is another area where the City of Los Angeles is very far behind. Both such areas would go a long way toward relieving the amount of waste water the system is currently dealing with. Doubtless there are many more 'fixes.' The time has come to learn creative ways to do more with less.

Beyond that, and unless I am mistaken, the last fee increase did nothing for the system, and was instead directed toward law enforcement. Such a convoluted policy makes the department (as well as the City on whole) look rather ridiculous.

We can do much better.

Sincerely,

Philip Herbst

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Service Address: 528 N. San Vicente Blvd. West Hollywood, CA

December 6, 2011

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

Re: Proposed Increases in the Sewer Service Charge for the City of Los Angeles

Dear Sir or Madame,

How do you expect residents to afford 59% increase in Sewer Service charges over eight years? This far outpaces any wage or income increase possibilities! We are stretched to the max with underwater real estate!!!! 59% is excessive!!! I personally have not had a raise in income in over 6 years due to the economy! Why is it that cities, municipalities, insurance companies and health care seem to act as if the economy is booming!!!! IT'S NOT!!!! How do you expect us to pay this with decreased income over the past four to six years? I do not foresee the ability to increase my income to match all these increases let alone at all without loosing business! Please explain your mindset in determining such exorbitant raises... Let the people who are building & expanding pay for the majority of this!!! I'm not a developer! I am a small property owner that cannot afford these proposed increases!

Sincerely,

Brian Harmon

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Sewer Service Charge Rate Adjustment

Property of record;

2207 Bellevue Ave.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90026

Customer of record;

Felipa T. Mangosing

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