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Dear Council Member La Bonge,

I urge you all to vote **NO!** on this motion, and instead call for a cost benefit analysis which is **independent** of LADWP's rate payer advocate!

I am appalled at the audacity of the Energy & Environment Committee, to try and address a 37,000 page document and submit comments on such a huge project in a few weeks with an upcoming deadline, when others have been unable to.

There are many reasons why Los Angeles residents should know how much the Bay Delta Tunnels will cost in the long run. What is the rush to greenlight this project when we know nothing of cost to the rate payer?

Councilmember Fuentes you should withdraw this motion! Shame on you!

To say this is just a "comment process" is to dumb down your electorate, give us some credit we're smarter.

(1) the motion cites a cost for this project at \$14-16 billion (and a \$2.87 dollar month increase for LA ratepayers) - but the fact is there is no financing plan, no agreement on final cost- the latest estimate was between 50- 67 billion dollars. (2) and there is no independent review of alternatives such as investment in local water programs, the likelihood of significant cost increases, and the effect on thousands of local jobs, which LA needs with an unemployment rate of 7%.

LADWP's image is already tarnished - and ratepayers have asked for greater oversight. Thus without looking at the alternatives, long term cost to LA ratepayers, and what the true cost of this project could be, Los Angeles ratepayers will be on the hook for potentially billions- it only common sense that the City should first undertake a true cost and policy analysis.

Thank you,

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