

PROTEST

LADWP

**Hearing: 3/15/16, Tuesday, 10AM, at Room 340,
City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, LA, CA 90012
Re: DWP Water and Electricity Rate Increase**

I urge the City Council to Vote **No** on the proposed rate increase. The current proposal is a **BLANK CHECK BRIDGE TO NOWHERE.**

The DWP desires to Substantially increase both water and electricity rates by

1. Creating New Tiers with smaller allotments.
2. Massive new debt borrowing, and
3. Revenue decoupling or driving up rates in consequence of conservation to maintain ever growing target revenue without further public consent – That is **A BLANK CHECK BRIDGE TO NOWHERE.**

According to the DWP Mailer, the Multi-Family Water rate from January to April 2016 for Tier 1 will increase 19% and Tier 2 - 45%. Tying this to MY 10 Year history, My Tier 1 rates would have risen 154% (\$ 2.19 to \$ 5.55 per HCF) and Tier 2 - 324% (\$ 2.19 to \$ 9.27 per HCF).

We can do better than this **Massive Inflation** and **Blank Check Bridge to Nowhere.**

I Propose getting out of the Stone age and into the Driverless Car – and here is how,

1. Automated Smart Water Meters
 - Gives consumers Real Time control over usage, conservation, leaks and waste.
 - Empowers the DWP to reduce its Carbon Footprint, customer service calls, improve accuracy of usage and billing, and frees up Water and CASH.
 - Houston, San Francisco and other Cities have installed automated water meters with great success. The utility industry is accelerating toward Smart Water Meters.
2. Direct Renter Billing of water and sewer usage.
 - Supports conservation and efficiency from Renters who make up about 70% of water consumers.
 - Enables the DWP to spread its costs to more customers–keeping LA rates among the lowest in CA.
3. Automated Water Pipe Monitoring provides alerts before a Massive Break.
4. Hiring and Staffing of Technology Professionals, Not Outdated Engineers, at the DWP .

Only by rejecting this **Massive Inflation** and **Blank Check Bridge to Nowhere,** implementing smart meters, direct renter billing, automated water pipe monitoring, and embracing technology professionals, can we foster an innovative and greener DWP Culture, a stronger economy, rate payer Consent, and the Potential of LA.

Thank you.

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