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## PROTEST THE LADWP WATER RATE INCREASE!

Why we oppose the five-year rate increase:

- According to the LADWP's own benchmarking study and a review by the ratepayer advocate and an independent study, LADWP salaries and benefits are higher than comparable utilities, higher than comparable jobs for L.A. City, and higher than comparable jobs across the nation, yet nothing is being done about it except calls for more studies—while LADWP plans a "cost-of-living" raise in 2016.
- The new water rate ordinance lifts the cap that limits the extra charges for "adjustment factors," which raise your rates in-between the other rate increases. These extra charges will now be unlimited, and they can be increased over and over, without City Council approval.

To protest the new water rate ordinance, just write on a piece of paper (you can use the lower portion of this one):

Your name (or the name of the DWP customer)  
Your address (the property address, not a P.O. Box or billing address)  
The words, "LADWP Water Rate Ordinance"  
The words, "I protest" or "We protest"

Mail or hand-deliver it to:  
City Clerk  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

It must arrive by the morning of February 17 to be counted. One protest per address will count. If half of all DWP customers file a valid protest, the rate hike will not be imposed. It must be on paper to be valid, no e-mail or calls will count, although you can certainly call your City Council representative and express your views. It might help.

LADWP water rate ordinance

I protest this

change.

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