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We **Protest** the proposed LADWP Water Rate Ordinance Restructure and Increase.

> Service Customer and Location: Monica Weston Sunshine Market 1105 S. Pacific Ave. San Pedro, CA 90731 (562) 335-3221 <u>Monica37joy@yahoo.com</u>

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Carson David Liu 134 Lighthouse Mall Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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City Clerk 200 North Sprint St., Room 395 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: LADWP Water Rate Ordinance

January 5, 2016

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Dear City Clerk:

We protest the proposed water rate restructure and increases. We think that it is unfair to increase the rates based on the address without consideration as to the number of people residing in a particular household. We are LADWP customers, account number 2902551000.

Sincerely,

· Carson David Liu

Giuseppe Mollica 9338 SWINTON AVENUE SEPULVEDA, CA 91343 PROTEST

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To whom it may concern,

It is difficult to understand why a supposedly well-run company like the DWP, has to resorre to continuously increase rates for its customers.

Perhaps it may be that it is paying its employees too much? Or lack of spending control, or just not wise how its resources are administered? And they may be many more reasons, like the lack of rain of the last several years.

In all sincerity, one must ask, through all the various increases of the last 10-15 years, shouldn't the LADWP have planned to allocate some of the revenue, for old pipe replacement? Any business would plan on some yearly revenue to go to remodeling, replace etc of old equipment, as part of a budget, not the LADWP. I guess it is far easier to impose higher rates to its customers, and use the revenue for pay increases (while most people have to make cuts to support/pay water rates), or allocate funds to retirement funds for its employees, while the consumers pay for it, the very same consumers who basically have no retirement benefits, except social security, who must sacrifice and support the increase so that what could be their retirement savings, becomes the retirement fund of the employees of the LADWP.

I believe that a good management of its resources (revenue), would and could certainly avoid another increase! And still provide the necessary funds to little by little start replacing old pipes, which should always be an ongoing process.

We pay some of the highest taxes in the USA, obviously that's not enough! I believe that the people of Los Angeles have some words of advice:

Please learn to live with less! It is time to really start considering that the people of Los Angeles, cannot support one more water rate increase, it is simply unaffordable!

I sincerely hope that the city of LA and the DWP reconsider, the new proposed rates, and wisely plans to spend its revenue wisely.

Best regards,

Susan & Kenneth Ruiz 19366 Halsted Street Northridge, CA 91324 818-885-0632

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

## RE: LADWP Water Rate Ordinance

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Let it be known that We, Susan & Kenneth Ruiz at the above parcel address, protest the LADWP Water Rate Ordinance - notice dated December 2015.

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Carlos Alonso 1041 W 42<sup>nd</sup> Place Los Angeles, CA 90037

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LADWP Water Rate Ordinance Modification City Clerk 200 North Spring Street, Room 395 Los Angeles, CA 90012

## **RE: LADWP Water Rate Ordinance**

Subject Property: Parcel #5018-006-002 4617 Orchard Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90037

To Whom It May Concern,

I protest the upcoming proposed LADWP Water Rate Restructure and Increase for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The water rate increase should not go into effect until LADWP has demonstrated it has cut their excessive salary spending.

According to a study done by the California Policy Center in March 2015 Examining Public Pay in California: The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, "pay received by DWP employees to their non-DWP counterparts and finds that the average DWP employee receives total compensation that is 155% greater than their non-DWP counterpart."

Sincerely yours,

**Carlos Alonso** 

Patricia L. Hartnett (homeowner) 5357 Vincent Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90041

January 4, 2016

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Re: LADWP Water Rate Ordinance (Proposed Water Rate Restructure & Increases for the LADWP)

I am writing to formally protest against the proposed rate changes that are being discussed at the public hearing on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our neighborhood has made significant strides to reduce water and change the residential landscaping to more drought free and grass free areas. Raising our rates as proposed eliminates our savings caused by our water conservation actions and puts additional profits into the hands of the LADWP. As a resident, we pay for the services and work hard to reduce waste and save money. Because LADWP lost revenue due to the conservation efforts of individual residents, those same residents are being punished by the LADWP who want to raise their energy and water rates. Furthermore the city does not want to lose profit sharing funds by the LADWP which it has become more dependent on over the past few years. Lastly there is no specific plans on how the additional monies raised by increased rates would be used. For example there is a vague notion of having the money be used to improve capital infrastructure such as pipes. There is no specific estimate on what this would cost, where these capital improvements would occur and on what specific timeline. It's a scare tactic intended to intimidate residents but the LADWP fails to specifically layout a plan and timeline on how money from raised rates would be applied.

I protest against any rate increase and already feel that the current rates are higher than the national average for a similar neighborhood of equal income levels.

Respectfully submitted, Patty Hartnett



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## To ;Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

I, owner of 428/424 North Martel Avenue in Los Angeles, Ca 90036

I protest the LADWP Water Rate Ordinance.

Dr.Ze'ev Rav-Noy





January 3, 2016

Sheila Jones 734 East 78<sup>th</sup> Street Los Angeles, CA 90001



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

**Re: LADWP Water Rate Ordinance** 

To Whom It May Concern:

I am contacting you to tell you that I am **protesting** the LADWP proposed rate change and I pray that the request to increase the rates will be denied.

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Respectfully,

Sheila Jones Homeowner

Carson David Liu 469 El Medio Ave. Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

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Sincerely,

Carson David Liu

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To: LADWP

DATE: December 22, 15

RE: "LADWP Water Rate Ordinance" This letter is to state my objection to any future water increases.

From: I. Attias 1108 S. Sherbourne Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90035

Los Angeles, CA 90035 I/We protest based on the following: My first question: Why is there no moratorium on construction? It there has been so little rain and we the citizens of Los Angeles have had a number of service interruptions, along with previous rate hikes, why does the building and expansion continue?

In every neighborhood I pass through I see new RESIDENTIAL construction, along with COMMERCIAL office buildings, new gated communities, apartments and condos being built. These are on-going projects and I know these projects are being given the "green light" by LA Dept of Building and Safety. And again I ask: Why?! Why are more and more restrictive, now verging on new regulations, mandates being imposed on "WE THE PEOPLE ... " And as memory serves me LADWP gave itself an 11% increase earlier in 2012... Why?!?

I have one other pressing concern: I own property, a 7-unit apartment building in the "rent control" area of Los Angeles. Once each year, I am allowed to increase the rents by 3%. Some of these tenants have been living in my building for over a decade and their monthly payments are extremely low, far below what one can rent an apartment for in today's market. Rent stabilization may seem to be sufficient to those who have imposed more regulations on property owners but I can tell you it is not!

This "Rent Stabilization" is limited to a 3% increase that property owners are permitted to pass on to the tenants each year! However, as I mentioned before, if tenants are paying very low rents, this 3% increase literally adds up to a few dollars more a month, which doesn't even add up to a bag of groceries! All of my tenants use WATER and are not charged for it. Whenever there is a vendor needed on site I take care of it immediately. Do you think their rates are going up 3% a year? All plumbers, handymen, trash pick up companies or any other vendors we

use, all have massive yearly increases. Everything is going up and everyone is raising their rates each and every year, and not 3% either! Since the tenants do not pay for their water usage, as it is included, how does a property owner recoup these unbalanced rate hikes?

Until something can be done to help property owners who are business owners that are themselves victims of these unilateral mandates that verge on draconian, rent stabilization should be set-aside. Furthermore, until a moratorium on these invasive, expansive construction projects across Los Angeles, which does NOTHING to conserve water, no further increases should be passed along.

So...my vote for any water increases is a definite NO!

As of Sept 25 2012 EyeWitness News

The Los Angeles City Council voted to approve a proposed Department of Water and Power rate hike as a new report shows DWP employee salaries are significantly higher than industry norms.

The council approved the rate hikes 11 to 3.

This year's increase of 4.9 percent kicks in November. A 6-percent increase will go in effect next year, totaling an 11 percent rate increase over two years.

The typical household will pay an extra \$3.65 per month; high-use homes could pay nearly \$19 more per month.

"Energy efficiency, which is the most responsible method that we can use to reduce our carbon footprint and provide jobs here locally, and our customer solar programs," said DWP General Manager Ron Nichols in city council session.

"They've said that on every raise since I've been in council, and if you go back, they'll always use infrastructure and renewables as a reason for the rate," said L.A. City Councilman Bernard Parks, who voted against the rate hikes. "If you go back subsequent and look at how the money is spent, it's almost invariably based on operational expense."

A PA Consulting report found all DWP employees, from cable splicers to call center workers and managers, make on average about 20 to 46 percent more than their counterparts at about a dozen other utility companies, both public and private. The report also says if DWP cut salaries and overall labor costs, they could actually reduce future DWP rate increases.

DWP said it couldn't do anything about reducing salaries right now because worker contracts don't expire for another two years (2014). DWP also says state regulations are the real reason the company is forced to raise rates.

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I. Attias

Date





PARCEL: Assessor's ID Number: 2174-023-012

**RE: LADWP Water Rate Ordinance** 

**I PROTEST** the increase in water rates

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Bernard Custodio 20302 Mobile St. Winnetka, CA 91306



LADWP Water Rate Ordinance

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

FROM: Laurie Hoover 17309 Enadia Way Lake Balboa, CA 91406

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RE: LADWP Water Rate Ordinance-the Proposed Water Rate Restructure and Increases

I am the LADWP customer of record at the residence referenced above, in Lake Balboa. I hereby **protest** the above mentioned plan to the extent that it calls for increased charges for water to LADWP residential customers.

Thank You,

Laurie Hoover

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To Whom It May Concern, We protest LADWP Water Rade Ordinance for anincrease En charges to. our property. Our rates have been raised and then we haven't been able to water our yords properly. Now a rate increase will make it impossible for us to pay our bills. Our address 15: Robert and Judith Jackson 18765 Willowfree Lane Northridge, CA 91326

Please enter our name in protest as we are unable to appear in person.

Thank you, Judith Jackson

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