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## LADWP WATER RATE ORDINANCE (I PROTEST)

HOW CAN TENANTS IN A RENT CONTROL PROPERTY EVEN IMAGINE CONSERVING WATER WHEN YOU WANT US TO GIVE FREE WATER TO THEM. ANYTHING THAT IS FREE IS ALWAYS TAKEN FOR GRANTED. YOU WANT US TO GIVE THEM FREE WATER, THEY SHOULD PAY FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGE THEN THEY WILL REDUCE COSUMPTION. WHAT ABOUT LAWS ABOUT GUESTS THAT STAY FOR 15, 20, 29 DAYS AND IN BETWEEN MOVE OUT IN ORDER NOT TO EXCEED THE ALLOWABLE 30 DAYS THEN COME BACK. THEY KNOW THE LAW AND THEY HAVE BEEN PLAYING AROUND IT. MEANTIME WATER CONSUMPTION GOES UP AND WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

Honorable City Council:

Being aware of our water crisis I hereby protest the futility of a water rate increase in helping to reduce its consumption. As a landlord in our fair city of the Angels I have ample experience in knowing that water rates do not affect its consumption. Since we are not allowed to charge the tenants for water they indulge in the freedom of it. And under Rent Control we are limited in the amount we can increase the rent. Even if we could raise the rent to compensate for the increase in the water rate, the water still would be free to the tenants and accordingly no motivation to reduce its consumption. On the contrary.

Respectfully submitted,

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