

## Jomsky, Mark

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**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 2:22 PM  
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**From:** Mellem, Araceli  
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**From:** Laura Rodriguez [mailto:laurardgz@gmail.com]  
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**To:** Mellem, Araceli <AMellem@cityofpasadena.net>  
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Dear Ms. Mellen,  
Please give a copy of this email to the Mayor and City Council. Thank you very much.

I want to comment on Number 17 on the agenda to adopt a resolution suspending collection of the underground surtax through June 30, 2022. We have been paying this collection for many years and I think it should be suspended indefinitely, not just for 3 years.

I live in Lower Hastings Ranch and, after paying 22 years for that surtax, I inquired when we would be getting the underground connection. Our house is on Hampton Rd. and I was told by a PWP employee that the only road eligible for that connection was Hastings Ranch and it had already been done. Further, he told me that it was never going to happen anywhere else in Lower Hastings.

I believe the collection of the tax should be suspended or reinstated only for the residents that will get underground lines. Please do not tax everyone equally and unjustly if we will never get underground power lines.

Thank you for accepting my comment.

Laura Rodriguez  
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**From:** Thomas Seifert <tdseifert@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 2:23 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Underground Utility Surtax

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Mark: Please distribute as shown. Thank you, Tom

To: The Honorable Mayor Tornek, Vice Mayor Hampton and members of our City Council:

Regarding the temporary suspension of the Underground Utility Tax, **please do not vote to suspend.** Suspension sends the wrong message and is contrary to the wishes of the electorate. We want underground wiring and we want it sooner rather than later. PWP needs to move and not use every excuse imaginable to stall. Granted, we had a setback with the embezzlement but we were reimbursed and that's long behind us.

What do you do with the accumulated funds? Send them back to the rate payers? Reallocate them and by what authority?

**Please, stay the course and let's continue with the program, street by street, year after year...however long takes!**

Thank you,

Thomas Seifert  
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The following is my input for your assessment on what I believe are arbitrary electric rate changes as proposed by PW&P:

- I strongly oppose that the grid access charge be applied to ALL customers. As stated by PW&P, the decline in retail sales revenue is primarily due to self-generation by certain customers, who need back up power when the sun doesn't shine, and who also need the existing distribution facilities to sell their excess energy to PW&P.

It is only fair that only those who caused the problem of abandoned infrastructure, and are also receiving the benefits of standby generation and two-way metering pay for the required overhead costs through the proposed access charge. This also applies to future self-generators.

- The underground surtax suspension is arbitrary on similar grounds (pun intended). We have already paid this surtax for decades. In the case of our neighborhood, we very likely paid for the conversion to underground several times over, but at a community meeting we were told very clearly that NO underground distribution would ever be installed in our area, except for a short feeder that has been completed already. Is it fair that after the suspension is over, that customers who will never benefit from underground keep on paying the surtax?

In both cases, the costs and benefits should be easy to allocate accurately and justly. There is precedent in various utilities in the US and other countries on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

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