


McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Constance Curtin <CURTINTC@HOTMAIL.COM>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Protest-Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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I forgot to include:the exact wording "City of Pasadena Proposed Refuse Collection Fees". -PROTESTING on the letter below that I sent earlier today.

> On Apr 4, 2024, at 2:30 PM, Constance Curtin <CURTINTC@HOTMAIL.COM> wrote:

>

> Dear Pasadena City Council Members,

>

> I am writing to inform you that I am OPPOSED to the proposed implementation of the REFUSE COLLECTION RATE ADJUSTMENTS and I am also OPPOSED to the implementation of the SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS.

>

> I understand your concern for water conservation, but this is not the time to impose either of these rate adjustments. We have just had two years of increased rainfall and your citizens are currently experiencing significant inflation. Please give the residents of Pasadena a break.

>

> Sincerely,

> Constance S. Curtin

>

> Address:

>

> Pasadena, CA. 91103

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Clint Basham
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 1:46 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: 'Merrily and Clint Basham'
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Clint Basham and my billing address is [\[redacted\]](#) Pasadena, CA 91104. I am registering my PROTEST of the proposed rate increase for sewer use fees.

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Marios Kefalas
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:03 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments -70 N Meridith St

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To Whom it May Concern

I am protesting the proposed sewer usage rate increase.

As Pasadena is now under rent control, I think it is unfair to increase the sewer usage rates at a time when cost increases cannot be passed along to the tenants.

Sincerely

Modestos Kefalas
Property Owner

Pasadena CA 91104

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Armine Alajajian
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:38 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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Hello,

My name is Armine Alajajian and my address is [Pasadena, CA 91103](#). I am submitting my written **protest** to the proposed Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments which will be heard by City Council on April 8, 2024. Thank you.

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Merrily and Clint Basham
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 12:08 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Merrily and Clint Basham
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: vasilios zarmakoupis
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 12:38 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate

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To Whom it May Concern

I am protesting the proposed sewer usage rate increase.

As Pasadena is now under rent control, I think it is unfair to increase the sewer usage rate ,for apartments and homes,

Thanks for your consideration on this matter,.
Vasilios Zarmakoupis ,
res : ,Pasadena . 91107

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: ..
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 12:47 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: 'Donna Otoshi'
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments - PROTEST

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Good afternoon,

We received the letter regarding the potential increase of the Pasadena sewer use fee rate adjustment and new rate structure being proposed for Fiscal Years 2025 to 2029.

We have reviewed the proposed increase and we are protesting this rate increase.

The rate increase is more than being doubled the first year (for example from \$4.55 currently to \$11.37) which is an astronomical 150% increase plus another approximately 16% per year for the remaining 4 years. This is not an acceptable plan for a rate increase to your residential customers. We understand the need for increases based on rising costs, but please go back and come up with a new rate structure that does not hit the customers with such dramatic increase. Perhaps something in line with an increase of 10% per year for the next 5 years but your increase will need to be re-evaluated and re-proposed.

We know we are not the only ones that feel this way as many of our neighbors are in an uproar over this particular increase.

Thank you,

John and Donna Otoshi

Pasadena, CA 91107

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 12:52 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Kenebrew, Jerice; Soo, Christine; Haskett, John
Subject: FW: PROTEST TO CITY OF PASADENA IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENT
Importance: High

From: Saga Motor Hotel
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 12:51:53 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: megan.lin@gmail.com <megan.lin@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: PROTEST TO CITY OF PASADENA IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENT

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City of Pasadena
Attn: City Clerk
100 N. Garfield Ave. Rm S228
Pasadena, CA 91101

RE: PROTEST TO CITY OF PASADENA IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENT

I, Megan Lin, owner of Nest Hotel Partners, protest the City of Pasadena's proposed **Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustment**.

Property Address: Saga Motor Hotel
1633 E Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91106

Warm regards,




Megan Lin
Nest Hotel Partners LLC
1633 E Colorado Blvd

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Patti Weisenberg
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 1:37 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Patti Weisenberg
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Adjustments

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From: James & Patricia Weisenberg

Pasadena, CA 91104

We protest the proposed sewer use fee adjustment and new rate structure.
This increase is prohibitive and unreasonable.

James Weisenberg
Patricia Weisenberg

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Michael Lee
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:32 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Objections to IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

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Dear Pasadena City Counsel,

I am a Pasadena resident and homeowner. Please accept my email as a protest of the **implementation of sewer use fee rate adjustments**. The rate of increase is unreasonably high resulting in many multipliers within a short period of time.

My name is Michael Lee and my billing address is _____, Pasadena CA 91107. Thank you.

With warm regards,

Michael Lee

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Mike Samsing
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:50 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: "Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments",

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I, Michael Samsing, who owns the property at [Pasadena, 91104](#) protest the proposed billing increase on the Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustment. I do not agree with this proposed increase and cast a No vote.

Thanks

Michael Samsing

Pasadena, CA 91104

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From:
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 7:34 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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Hello,

I understand that costs go up, but the rate increase request for this issue is egregious.

Please, stop spending reserves and deferring capital improvements! This has just led you to the point where you are having to ask people to accept a 300% increase to their bills. It's not the way to do things under any circumstances.

I absolutely object to this rate fee increase in its current form. The City should present a more equal rise in fees over the 5 year time period as well as vow that there will be no further funding requests during that time.

Thanks,
Michael Potkins

Pasadena

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: .
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 8:42 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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I cannot attend the Public Hearing.

I am writing to protest Implementation of the proposed Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments.


Name: Adrienne DeVine

Address:, Pasadena, CA 91103

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: EF M
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:03 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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I protest this rate increase for sewer use!


You forced us to reduce water usage. Why did you not plan ahead for the reduced revenue?

Sandra Mueller

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: V H
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:15 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments - Protest

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Name : Vance Haemmerle
Address: , Pasadena, CA 91104

I am protesting the Sewer Fee increase. The addition of a fixed rate and the more than doubling of the Volumetric rate as well as the increase per year much higher than inflation is outrageous.

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Susan Buchanan
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:38 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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To whom it may concern:

We, Susan & Kenneth Buchanan at [City of Pasadena](#), Pasadena 91106 protest the proposed sewer use fee rate adjustment and new rate fee structure.

Sincerely,
The Buchanans

Sent from my iPhone

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Lourdes Bloom
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 2:20 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Proposed Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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To whom it may concern,

My name is M Lourdes Bloom and reside at [redacted]. I strenuously protest the proposed sewer use fee rate adjustment and new rate structure.

The City should have the necessary funds in their general fund to pay for any and all infrastructure repairs/upgrades and such repairs should be done on an ongoing basis so as to prevent higher costs when such repairs/upgrades are required by an emergency situation.

I have noticed that the City (Transportation Dept especially) spends a lot of money on unnecessary street signage, road lane changes (causing havoc with emergency and large delivery vehicles), adding separated bike lanes for a small minority of likely users, etc.

The City needs to get back to providing the necessary infrastructure, utilities, amenities, for its legal, law-abiding residents.

As a longtime Pasadena resident/property owner, I feel this would just be yet one more reason to possibly move out of the area.

~ Lourdes

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Janet Cooper
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 4:07 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Masuda, Gene
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Janet Cooper at [\[redacted\]](#).
I protest the proposed sewer use fee rate adjustment and new rate structure.

Janet

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Gregory Kosier
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:51 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Greg Kosier and I reside at _____ in the city.

I am filing a note of protest to the proposed sewer use fee rate adjustment and new rate structure.

Please contact me w/ any questions.


/s/ GJK

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Joseph Brannon
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:23 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Sewer Use Fee Rate

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I Lauri Brannon

Pasadena Ca. Protesting rate increase on Sewer Use Fee Rate.

Thank you, Lauri Brannon
Sent from my iPad

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Victor Caballero
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:06 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Márquez, Miguel; Olmos, Tony; Dyson, Darla; Gordo, Victor
Subject: Re: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments - PROTEST

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On Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 12:23 PM Victor Caballero <victorcab@gmail.com> wrote:
Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments - PROTEST

NAME: Victor Caballero

PARCEL OR BILLING ADDRESS: _____, Pasadena CA 91104

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Brent M. Mason
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:21 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Madison, Steve
Subject: Sewer Use Fee Reduction Protest

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To Whom It May Concern,

This communication constitutes my protest against the proposed Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments as outlined in an undated Notice of Public Hearing distributed to Pasadena residents.

Brent Mason

Pasadena CA 91103

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From:
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:38 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS AND CITY OF PASADENA PROPOSED REFUSE COLLECTION FEES

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I am writing to protest consideration of the implementation of Rate Adjustments to Solid Waste Refuse Collection Fees, and

The proposed Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments and New Rate Structure.

Sincerely,

Catherine Meindl

Pasadena, CA 91103

Richard

Su Chen Chen

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Stephen Lipira
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 3:04 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Hampton, Tyron
Subject: OPPOSITION TO SEWER AND TRASH RATE INCREASES

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I am writing in response to the proposed increases in trash and sewer services. I am willing to support rate increases but not as presented.

First of all, it is my understanding that some households received a flyer in the mail regarding the increase and others didn't.

As I recall, there was an incentive for us to reduce waste into the landfills to go to a smaller cart and at a reduced fee to encourage recycling. Now those customers, myself included, are the ones that will be hit the hardest.

Second, I can understand an increase in operating expenses and fees but being aware of and experiencing this, why has there not been a rate increase in the past twelve years? A gradual increase would be justifiable and understandable.

Lastly, how much of this increase is due to the hiring of MSW as consultants? Don't we have staff who could have undertaken this project and avoided that expenditure?

This needs to be reevaluated. I can support an increase but not this one as I feel is poor planning on the part of Public Works and City Hall.


STEPHEN C. LIPIRA

Pasadena, CA 91103

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Kai-lo Syu
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 6:02 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of sewer use fee rate adjustment

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To whom it may concern:
my name is yi sheng Syu at Pasadena 91107. I protest the propose sewer use fee rate adjustment and new rate structure.


Sent from my iPhone

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Jacqueline Lee Rivera
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:09 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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City Council,

I protest (saying NO) to the new rate. Stop trying to raise these rates.

Name: Jacqueline Lee Rivera

Address: , Pasadena CA 91107

Thank you,
Jacqueline

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Eduardo Rivera
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:31 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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City Council,

I protest (saying NO) to the new rate. Stop trying to raise these rates.

Name: Eduardo Rivera

Address: [REDACTED], Pasadena CA 91107

Thank you,
Eduardo

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From:
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 7:47 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: RE: Implementation of Sewer Fee Rate Adjustments

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I HEREBY PROTEST SEWER FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS.

**Genette Foster, 1748 Monte Vista Street
Pasadena CA 91106, Council District 2
April 7, 2024**

The initial increase, effective July 1, 2024, is 150% despite the fact that assumed current sewer usage is 13 hcf /month followed by an assumed reduction to 8 hcf/month for FY2025-2029. Rate adjustments also include an immediate volumetric rate increase from \$0.35/hcf to \$0.65/hcf and continue to increase annually. The immediate increase of 150% for the total bill as well as the overall 5-year increase of 226% is unreasonable.

<u>Single Family Residence</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>FYE 2025</u>	<u>FYE 2026</u>	<u>FYE 2027</u>	<u>FYE 2028</u>	<u>FYE 2029</u>
Average SFR Bill (New)	\$4.55	\$11.37	\$13.19	\$13.71	\$14.26	\$14.83
Proposed Fixed Fee (New)	n/a	\$6.16	\$7.15	\$7.44	\$7.73	\$8.04
Volumetric portion of bill	n/a	\$5.21	\$6.04	\$6.27	\$6.53	\$6.79
Volumetric Rate (New)	\$0.35	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.78	\$0.82	\$0.85
Implied usage (hcf)*	13.0	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0
(*) hcf = hundred cubic ft						
Annual % increase to SFR Bill		150%	16%	4%	4%	4%
Total % increase to SFR Bill						226%

The **fixed fee is regressive**, and most **harmful to lower income and small households**. The imbalance between the volumetric portion of the bill and the proposed fixed fee obscures any savings from reduced water usage, thus posing a **disincentive to reduced water use**.


<u>Single Family Residence</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>FYE 2025</u>	<u>FYE 2026</u>	<u>FYE 2027</u>	<u>FYE 2028</u>	<u>FYE 2029</u>
Average SFR Bill (New)	\$4.55	\$11.37	\$13.19	\$13.71	\$14.26	\$14.83
Proposed Fixed Fee (New)	n/a	\$6.16	\$7.15	\$7.44	\$7.73	\$8.04
Fixed Fee % of Total Bill	n/a	54%	54%	54%	54%	54%

Why are the proposed fixed fees for residential and commercial customers identical? How can Public Works assume that it is equitable to charge the same fixed fee for low income and small households as for commercial users, regardless of size? **Identical fixed fees for residential and commercial customers is an unconscionable instance of REGRESSIVE PRICING POLICY.**

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Alan Barbara m>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:40 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Hampton, Tyron
Subject: NO ON RATE INCREASES FOR SEWER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM AT THESE RATES

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Dear Department of Public Works Staff via Correspondence@cityofpasadena.netStaff,
Spring Greetings!

We are writing to ask you to PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE THE RATE FOR SEWER USE.

1) We want to be certain ALL Pasadena Residents have enough time to become aware. We only received one letter. If the RATE CHANGE CAN BE adopted if less than a majority of property owners file a protest, there needs to be more time to get the word out. Multiple notifications, especially in our City Of Pasadena Water & Power Bills.

2) We DO NOT support the RATES INCREASE as proposed by the letter.
Example-Residential Average \$4.55 jump to & \$11.37 in 2025 is unacceptable. \$6.82 difference, wow! The majority of us do not get "Cost of Living" increase that could cover these increases. The percentages of increase is TOO HIGH.

4) We understand that our City of Pasadena Public Works are the BEST in California!
We also understand that there is a need to raise rates to cover costs of operating our Water/Sewer BUT these increases are TOO much for we City residents. We would support half this amount of the proposed increase.

Sincerely,

Alan & Barbara Wann

Pasadena, CA 91104-1224

Cc: Council member Tyrone Hampton

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Stephen Lipira
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:55 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: OPPOSITION TO TRASH AND SEWER RATE INCREASES

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I am opposed to the trash and sewer rate increases.

Stephen C. Lipira

Pasadena CA 91103

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Nun Chau
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:32 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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My name is Malvin Chau at [\[redacted\]](#), Pasadena, CA 91107.
I OPPOSE the proposed sewer rate increases.

Note: I sent in protest sewer rate email on Mar 21, 2024. I did not receive confirmation email and I did not see my protest in the correspondence attached to the council agenda item.
Therefore I submit this email.

Malvin & Nuntaya Chau

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Thad Weinlein
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:34 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: > PARCEL PROTEST of Rate increase.

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Alton investment group llc, Pasadena California 91105 PROTEST the rate increase as will be considered at 5:30 p.m. in the Pasadena City council chamber. We respectfully request you to vote NO in response to this rate increase.

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Brandon T
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:06 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: OPPOSITION TO RATE INCREASE

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I do not approve of these rate increases. We can barely afford the current rates let alone double... This is ridiculous.

Account number:

Name: Brandon Thompson

Phone:

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Shirley Scoggins
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 11:01 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Rate Increases

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Please be advised that I strongly oppose any rate increases at this time. I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. Auto, home and health insurance has increased to the point that it has the potential for our household to struggle to make ends meet. With food prices, gas prices and EVERYTHING else rising, a fixed income is heavily taxed. Please consider your senior citizens before implementing any rate hikes.

Shirley Jean

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Pasadena311
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 8:41 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: eg2849@att.net
Subject: FW: *IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS*

-----Original Message-----

From: Elsa Garcia ·
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2024 2:46 PM
To: Pasadena311 <Pasadena311@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: *IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS*

ATTENTION: Melanie.

Melanie, please forward this email to City Clerks office (email address to protest Proposed rate increase coming back to me as "undeliverable"(correspondence@cityof Pasadena.net) . Thank you Melanie, have a great weekend.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am PROTESTING the proposed rate increase.

Thank you,
Elsa Garcia

Pasadena, Ca, 91104

Sent from my iPad

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Sonja Berndt
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 11:36 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Jomsky, Mark; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Jones, Justin; Lyon, Jason; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Williams, Felicia
Subject: City Council Mtg. 4/8/2024: #15: OBJECTION TO RECOMMENDED SEWER USE FEE RATE STRUCTURE AND RATE ADJUSTMENTS

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I HEREBY PROTEST SEWER FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS.

Sonja k. Berndt,
Pasadena CA 91107, Council District 4
April 8, 2024

The fixed fee is regressive, and most harmful to lower income and small households. As councilmember-elect Rick Cole stated in an April 5, 2024 guest opinion in Pasadena Now:

"Before imposing five years of steeply rising rates, the Council should ensure not only that a consultant has studied the rising costs of providing services – but has also critically examined whether those costs can be minimized through efficiencies or alternative service delivery approaches. Moreover, the Council should understand not only the impact on “average” households, but also the disparate impacts on those with limited incomes or subject to higher than average rates or rate increases. That takes time and effort. But given the stakes, the time and effort would be well spent."

Thank you.

Sonja K. Berndt

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Alex Therathanakorn
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 2:46 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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Dear Madam or Sir,

I'm protesting the rate.

Regards,


Alex Therathanakorn
Sent from Gmail Mobile

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Emily Weinstein
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 2:58 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: neil carman
Subject: Protesting Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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Hello and thank you for your time.

My partner Neil Carman and I are Pasadena residents writing to express our disapproval of proposed sewage and refuse disposal fee increases.

In lieu of our attendance at the Public Hearing, please acknowledge this correspondence as a written protest and expression of our dissent (as described in Article XIII D Section 6 of the California Constitution), protesting Sewer Rate Adjustments.

Thank you,
Emily Weinstein & Neil Carman

Pasadena, CA 91104

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Donna Sider
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:05 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Hampton, Tyron; Jones, Justin; Lyon, Jason; Madison, Steve; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Williams, Felicia; Gordo, Victor
Subject: Protest Sewer Fee Rate Increases

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Council,

The initial increase, effective July 1, 2024, is 150% despite the fact that assumed current sewer usage is 13 hcf /month followed by an assumed reduction to 8 hcf/month for FY2025-2029. Rate adjustments also include an immediate volumetric rate increase from \$0.35/hcf to \$0.65/hcf and continue to increase annually. The immediate increase of 150% for the total bill as well as the overall 5-year increase of 226% is outrageous!

Single Family Residence	Current	FYE 2025	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	FYE 2028	FYE 2029
Average SFR Bill (New)	\$4.55	\$11.37	\$13.19	\$13.71	\$14.26	\$14.83
Proposed Fixed Fee (New)	n/a	\$6.16	\$7.15	\$7.44	\$7.73	\$8.04
Volumetric portion of bill	n/a	\$5.21	\$6.04	\$6.27	\$6.53	\$6.79
Volumetric Rate (New)	\$0.35	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.78	\$0.82	\$0.85
Implied usage (hcf)*	13.0	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0
(*) hcf = hundred cubic ft						
Annual % increase to SFR Bill		150%	16%	4%	4%	4%
Total % increase to SFR Bill						226%

The **fixed fee is regressive**, and most **harmful to lower income and small households**. The imbalance between the volumetric portion of the bill and the proposed fixed fee obscures any savings from reduced water usage, thus posing a **disincentive to reduced water use**.

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Fixed Fee % of Total Bill	n/a	54%	54%	54%	54%	54%

Why are the proposed fixed fees for residential and commercial customers identical? How can Public Works assume that it is equitable to charge the same fixed fee for low income and small households as for commercial users, regardless of size? **Identical**

fixed fees for residential and commercial customers is an unconscionable instance of **REGRESSIVE PRICING POLICY.**

Donna Sider
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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: carmen hernandez
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:17 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: implementation of sewer use fee rate adjustments and city of Pasadena Proposed refuse colleciton fees

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To whom it may concern,

I'm the owner of property in the city of Pasadena, and have been here for over 25 years. The cost of living here is very high and rising rates will cause hardship, I'm one of many people who are just getting by, due to the last couple of years of life changing events. I love this city and have raised a family here and now their own families.

sincerely

A person who lives here

Carmen Hernandez

On Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 3:15 PM carmen hernandez <carmenhernandez1986@gmail.com> wrote:

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sincerely

A person who lives here

Carmen Hernandez

April 4, 2024

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City Clerk
100 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

CITY CLERK
CITY OF PASADENA

RE: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

Please be advised that I protest the rate adjustment.

Sincerely,

Francesca Garcia FRANCISCA GARCIA
AVE 91106

April 4, 2024

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RE: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

Please be advised that I protest the rate adjustment.

Sincerely, SALVADOR GARCIA



Pasadena, CA 91106

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RE: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

Please be advised that I protest the rate adjustment.

Sincerely,

Rosa Madrueno

Rosa Madrueno

Pasadena CA. 91104

March 27, 2024

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RE: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

Please be advised that I protest the rate adjustment.

Sincerely,

Adolfo MADRUEÑO
Adolfo Madrueno

PASADENA, CA. 91104

April 2, 2024

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City Clerk
100 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

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CITY OF PASADENA

RE: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

Please be advised that I protest the rate adjustment.

Sincerely,



ROSA PEREZ

PASADENA, CA.

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: jim infinitelove.org
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:59 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Protesting Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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Jimmy L. Bratcher

Pasadena, Ca 91104

As Rick Cole said in his *Guest Opinion* article in Pasadena Now, the proposed rate increases seem like they are being rushed through without proper study, or attention being given to them. The Council should ensure not only that a consultant has studied the rising costs of providing services - but has also critically examined whether those costs can be minimized through efficiencies or alternative service delivery approaches. Moreover, the Council should understand not only the impact on "average" households, but also the disparate impacts on those with limited incomes or subject to higher than average rates or rate increases. That takes time and effort but given the stakes, the time and effort would be well spent.

In addition to these utility rate hikes, during the next several weeks, the City will also consider adding a \$200 million bond for seismic retrofit of the Library to the November ballot. The School District has already greenlighted a proposal for a \$900 million bond as well as a separate parcel tax for operations on the same ballot. All these increases on top of each other will make it almost, if not totally impossible to get by for many people, myself included!

The purpose of public services is ultimately to serve the public. We need sewer, water, trash and electric services - and libraries and schools. But if they aren't affordable, what happens then? It's not a question that public servants can afford


to avoid addressing. Therefore, I am submitting this email as my protest of the Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments.

Sincerely,
Jim Bratcher

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Donald Kurt n>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 2:06 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: 8 Esther Street Written protest of proposed refuse collection fees and sewer fees

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Dear City of Pasadena,

My name is Donald Kurt, and I own the property at _____ in Pasadena. I'm writing this email to protest the proposed rate increases to refuse collection and sewer services. Thank you for your consideration.

-Donald Kurt

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Allan Adrian
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:28 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Gordo, Victor; Olmos, Tony; Hampton, Tyron; Rivas, Jessica; Morales, Margo; Huma Zaidi
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments - PROTEST

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Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments - PROTEST

NAME: Allan Adrian and Huma Zaidi

PARCEL OR BILLING ADDRESS: , Pasadena 91104

I'm writing to let you know that we oppose the drastic rate increase for sewer fees. Rates will go up by about 400% over the next 5 years based on our consumption. Find a way to have a smaller increase please.

Thanks,


Allan Adrian

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Ramona Doering
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:35 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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To whom it may concern:

I, Ramona Doering, owner of the property of Pasadena 91101. Protest the city's proposed increase for the Sewer Use Fee rate adjustment and new rate structure.

Regards,
Ramona Doering

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Stephanie Doerning
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:45 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments

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I Stephanie Doerning, owner of property at 91104 protest the City of Pasadena's adoption of Sewer Use Fee rate adjustments and New Rate Structure.


Stephanie Doerning

Arcadia, Ca 91007

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Susan Talbert
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:58 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Protesting IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

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I FIRMLY PROTEST THE STATED FEE ADJUSTMENTS!!

Susan Talbert
Pasadena, CA

Sent from my iPhone

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Kevin Hayashi
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 5:19 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Implementation of sewer use fee rate adjustment

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Hello,

My name is Kevin Hayashi. I am the homeowner and resident at the address below. I am against the sewer rate increase.

Pasadena, CA 91107

Thank you.

4/6 Acc # 519
 ?? \$81.98 #3/27



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 TO CONSIDER PROPOSED SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS AND NEW RATE STRUCTURE**

"Implementation of Sewer Use Fee Adjustments"

5:30 P.M. April 8, 2024
 Pasadena City Council Chamber
 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249, Pasadena, CA 91101

Valued Property Owner / Customer:

CARL BERGLUND

The Pasadena City Council will hold a public hearing on **April 8, 2024, at 5:30 PM**, in the City Council Chamber at 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249, Pasadena, CA 91101, to receive public comment regarding the adoption of Sewer Use Fee rate adjustments and New Rate Structure as described below to become effective July 1, 2024.

You are receiving this notice in accordance with Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218") because you are a customer or property owner of record of one or more sewer connections located within the City's service area. Proposition 218 law requires City water/wastewater service providers to notify customers so that they can participate in a public hearing regarding adjustments to water/sewer rates and charges. If more than 50% of the City's customers oppose the proposed rate adjustment(s), the City may not increase rates at this time. The Sewer Use Fee is charged to users of the sewer system to pay for the cost of operating the system, ongoing maintenance, and needed capital improvements. The current fee is based on consumers' water use. Over the last ten years, with long-term statewide drought conditions and water conservation efforts, the amount collected has not kept up with the cost of maintaining Pasadena's aging sewer infrastructure. The proposed fee increase will maintain sewer services and the financial stability of the Sewer Conveyance System. The new rate structure has a fixed rate for both residential and commercial customers plus a volumetric rate based on water consumption.

The following table shows the current rate and proposes monthly rates for the next five fiscal years. The bottom of the table shows the average single family residence bill over the next five fiscal years.

	Current	FYE 2025	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	FYE 2028	FYE 2029
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hcf = hundred cubic feet

The following table shows the impact to the monthly utility bill for Single Family Residence and Commercial Customers.

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Average Commercial Bill	\$35.51	\$65.40	\$75.86	\$78.90	\$82.05	\$85.34

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Carl Berglund
CARL BERGLUND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER PROPOSED SEWER USE FEE RATE ADJUSTMENTS AND NEW RATE STRUCTURE

5:30 P.M. April 8, 2024

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Supplemental Sewer Use Fees Rate Adjustments

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