

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to STOP the sewer rate increase until an independent analysis is completed. Tell the Councilmember to vote to STOP it. This increase will harm the most vulnerable among us and those already struggling to make ends meet, especially the elderly and others on fixed incomes. Tell the Councilmember to step up and put their fiduciary responsibility to the electorate and his constituents over this sewer rate increase! Backwards Approval Standard A standard that a proposed rate increase will be approved unless a majority of ratepayers file timely written protests is backwards, counter-intuitive and should be as unacceptable to Los Angeles City Council as it is to ratepayers. The City Clerk reports that only 7,864 valid written protests were received, about 1% of the 786,311 parcels the LA Sanitation Department identified upon which the rates are proposed for imposition. This “paves the way” for the Council to proceed with the adoption of the rate increase because the majority protest threshold was not met. Do you think ratepayers WANT sewer rate increases? Hell no! They didn’t even know about it! The City is circumventing a tax increase ballot measure by using its monopoly power to impose a massive cost increase on residents and businesses to offset the hundreds of millions in taxpayer funds lost on failed policies. This quietly doubles our sewer charges. #STOPSewerRatesFromOverflowing Virtually no ratepayers knew about the sewer service rate increase, limiting the very opinions which every elected Councilmember should solicit, welcome and encourage. Thank you for your time, Nicole Antoine