

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ellen Evashwick

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:57 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0600-S9

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to STOP the sewer rate increase until an independent analysis is completed. I am urging you to vote to STOP it. This increase will harm the most vulnerable among us like me, on fixed incomes. Step up and put your fiduciary responsibility to the electorate and your constituents over this sewer rate increase!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eleanor Wallen

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:08 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0600-S9

**Comments for Public Posting:** I trust that I speak for the citizens and residents who are on fixed incomes and have worked so hard to own or rent and maintain a home in Los Angeles. I have lived in West Toluca Lake, District 2 for 35 years and owned a business in Toluca Lake for 25 years. There is no accountability for the millions of dollars that have been spent in this city on critical challenges such as homelessness, crime, safety and education to name a few. Resources have been abused and not scrutinized. The LA City Council members are voted in by the shareholders of Los Angeles, the people who pay taxes and your income. Those resources come from the working inhabitants of your city. We pay the bills. We pay your salaries and you have the audacity to gaslight us. We are responsible for balancing our personal budgets in this time of punishing inflation so that we can keep our families comfortable and nourished, our homes inhabitable and valuable, our communities safe and clean. You are methodically stripping us of our limited finances and our pride. I applaud Councilpersons Monica Rodriguez, Heather Hutt, Traci Park and Kevin DeLeon for questioning this proposed ordinance and supporting their districts. Councilman Krekorian, I am in District 2 but did not receive notification from you about the increases towards doubling of the Sewer Service Charge, nor is there a proposed ballot measure for transparency or fair deliberation. I encourage those members of the LA City Council named above to continue to VOTE NO on this Ordinance and demand an independent review and analysis along with the Office of Public Accountability.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Matteson

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:53 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0600-S9

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi Mayor Bass, We are happy residents and homeowners in Sunland-Tujunga and are very opposed to the proposed sewer rate increase (CF 23-0600-S9) and ask you to please vote no if the proposal comes across your desk. I received the pamphlet from LADWP a few months ago and it contains no information about their plan and how they intend to spend the exorbitant amount of money they will get from the rate increase. We already pay a lot in taxes as property owners and hidden fees in our utility bills. A 200% rate increase overnight and then every quarter is outrageous. We cannot afford that, and it's unfair to expect us to accept this without more information. I'd appreciate information released by the utility company for these questions: -Will my family in 91040 benefit from these new projects or are these for new developments outside of my neighborhood? -What is the timeline for the projects to ensure they don't come back in 4 years demanding more money? -Who is overseeing these upgrades and keeping the vendors accountable and on schedule? I work in project management and it is very common to get off budget. -If there are savings on project completion, will that return to citizens in some form? Let's incentivize these vendors to come in under budget and earlier than scheduled. Withhold money until project is done. Please vote no on the sewer rate change. This is not the right time for a cost increase for my neighbors in LA, and LADWP should do better to adopt a more aggressive budget.