

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** PFAS contamination was first identified as a worldwide problem in the 1990's. With the proliferation of products that contain PFAS, these "forever chemicals" can now be found everywhere-in our air, water, and food. These dangerous toxins can cause thyroid dysfunction, developmental problems in children, increased cancer risk and many other health issues. The City of Los Angeles, LADWP and other city departments must ensure the safety of our drinking water through all available means. It is not enough to measure the PFAS in our drinking water. All possible sources of contamination must be identified and eliminated.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Terry Saucier

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support CF 24-0456 which requires LADWP and LASAN to continue testing for PFAS chemicals and similar contaminants in our drinking water and environment and requires action be taken to ensure all Angelenos have access to clean, safe drinking water. This is critical as PFAS are known carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and neurotoxins. PFAS are associated with cancer and linked to growth, learning and behavioral problems in infants and children; decreased fertility, early puberty, impaired vaccine response and other illnesses. PFAS chemicals bioaccumulate, and are especially harmful to children who are still developing. The EPA has reported there is no safe level of PFOA or PFOS (part of the larger group of PFAS). In addition to detecting these contaminants and removing them from our water; we also need to identify the products and sources of contamination so that we can eliminate them before they can actually pollute our water and environment.