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Clerk of the Board 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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April 24, 2019

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in regards to the proposed increase in the Laguna County Sanitation District's fees. I urge you to vote against any price increase.

If I wish to improve my infrastructure or buy new vehicles I have to actually plan for it. Save for it. Why do the utilities get a free ride? Shouldn't facility refurbishment/replacement be an obligated part of their long term financial plans? Shareholders see returns without risk if the public is always asked to pay necessary expenses the utilities fail to plan for.

I notice the district is basing their request for a 3.8% increase based on the CPI. You know what hasn't gone up? Take home pay. Electric rates are going up, gas rates are going up, water rates are going up, fuel prices are going up, taxes keep creeping upward, and now Laguna wants us to pay for a new facility? How are homeowners supposed to keep up when the paychecks stay the same? You fund that new jail's annual operating costs yet? Homeowners are getting pinched already.

I would remind the board that our rates went up 2.8% last year. This proposed increase is unnecessary, and it seems that the rules are rigged for it to pass.

"The rate increase would be imposed if there is less than a majority written protest at the hearing." That is crafty. A rule intentionally designed to have increases pass without much fuss. Well, here is my \$.55 worth, but I will be as surprised as you all if a majority of property owners actually find time to sit down and write a protest. Please vote no to any increases this year.

Laurie Evans

Sincerely

Re: Public Hearing for Proposed Rates and Fees Increase

County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

105 East Anapamu Street

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Name: George Girges

Parcel:

Address: 1

Phone.

We are protesting this proposed increase. We are seniors on a fixed income and we can not afford to pay for any increases regardless of what it is. Medication, Food and housing are our priority. No more pennies to spare.

NO MORE INCREASES.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

George Girges

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Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Rates and Fees

Notice Date: April 9, 2019, Hearing Date: June 4, 2019

You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that you are a Laguna County Sanitation District customer.

If you are not a district customer, please disregard this notice.

This notice describes proposed sewer rate increases and how you can participate in the process. The district's sewer rate structure is based on a comprehensive rate study model to evaluate costs of service as required by Articles XIII C and D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218).

Why are sewer rates increasing?

- The district is planning a plant upgrade to replace outmoded facilities (up to 60 years old) based on the findings of a master plan presented to the board October 11, 2011. See http://cosb.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/pwd/RRWMD/LagunaCoSanDist_PDF.pdf) or contact the district office for more information. Adjustments to sewer rates are necessary to generate revenue to pay the costs to construct the new facilities and to provide adequate reserves for replacement and depreciation of existing and proposed facilities.
- This year an increase based on the Consumer Price Index of 3.8% is proposed.

How will the proposed changes impact my sewer bill?

- District sewer charges are generally billed annually on the tax roll along with your property taxes. Most customers are billed a flat rate on a per connection basis.
- For your property at APN 105-170-028, the proposed fiscal year 2019-2020 sewer service charge is \$848.76

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED CHANGES TO
LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 19-20

Date: June 4, 2019

Time: 9:00 am or thereafter

Place: County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

511 East Lakeside Parkway Santa Maria CA 93455

County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

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Contains Ton	Current Sewer Charge		Proposed Sewer Charge	
Customer Type	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
Single Family Residence	\$1,009.49	\$84.12	\$1,047.85	\$87.32
Multiple Family/Condo/Mobile	\$819.54	\$68.29	\$848.76	\$70.73
Commercial	Based on type, flow and loading		Based type, flow and loading	
Schools per Staff/Student	\$52.37/capita	\$4.36/capita	\$54.36/capita	\$4.53/capita

How do I protest?

• To protest this action, the property owner must provide a written statement including owner's name and address or assessor's parcel number, to the Clerk of the Board on the 4th floor of the County Administration Building at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 prior to the hearing date. You may also provide your written protest at the hearing.

How and when would the increase become effective?

• The rate increase would be imposed if there is less than a majority written protest of property owners. The new rate would apply to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

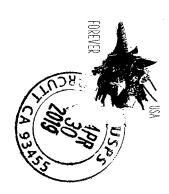
Who can I contact to ask questions?

Questions or comments may be directed to the Laguna County Sanitation District office at 620 West Foster Road in Santa Maria, CA 93455 or by phone at (805) 739-8750.

Can I visit the plant facility?

• Please plan to attend a plant tour on May 11, 2019 at 10:00 am where you may also pose questions and concerns. Address is 3500 Black Road (west end of Dutard Road).

County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room 105 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101



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Dear Members of the County Board of Supervisors,

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I am taking time to voice my objections to the proposed increase in rates for services provided by Laguna County Sanitation District, even though it may be futile.

My spouse and I have owned the property at 1978- our home for 41 years.

in Old Orcutt since December

Every year, the cost of living increases. Water and sewer service are vital. I get that. What I don't understand is why Laguna County Sanitation District <u>always</u> represents more than half of our tax bill, and still water rates keep rising. This last year our property taxes were \$ 1,887.30. Over half of the total was LCSD charges-\$1,010.49.

Back when our family was growing, we wanted to build a unit on our large lot, and was refused a Can and Will Serve authorization, <u>BECAUSE OF RAMPANT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT!</u>
The newcomers and big money got theirs, and long-term members of the community were denied because they had to put a moratorium on the issuance of permits. Ancient history now, but I bring it up because we count of our board of supervisors to be on top of these things.

It is a modest increase they are asking, but I am asking that you are diligent in reviewing the justification for it. We count on the board to study the issues and make good decisions for all of the people they represent. I believe that long term homeowners, say over 25 years, and seniors with limited income should be excluded from any further increases or at least get a break. It is an egregious situation when individuals that have lived here all their lives, worked hard- and can't afford to stay and enjoy their final years.

Respectfully yours,

Judy and Michael Murphy

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Attention Clerk of the Board,

I am the home owner of

, Orcutt, CA 93455 (

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agree with the Laguna County Sanitation District for increasing the sewer rates and fees.

Current rates are high enough for performing upgrades for the facilities if properly managed.

Feel free to contact me for further discussion.

Respectfully,

Bobby Simpson

(805)709-7001

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