

When it may concern,

My name is JADE MAS KOGA. My  
current residence is

154 Abbey Rd  
Santa Maria CA 93455.

I moved here in November of  
2019. I am writing in protest

A rate increases for the Laguna  
County Sanitation District Sewer-

ages + Fees increase. The decision  
to take place <sup>2020</sup> June 16, 2020  
at <sup>8:00 AM</sup> 10:59 AM  
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I would also like to understand  
what is being done in the county  
for recycling centers. In Connecticut,  
where I lived for 4 years prior to  
moving to California, there are  
Recycling/Reverse Vending Machines  
for glass + plastic cans.

Considering that about 60% of  
recycled materials come from single-family  
residential homes. The burden on the  
sanitation department could be lessened  
by increasing availability of recycle  
centers.

Thank you for your  
consideration,  
JADE MAS KOGA

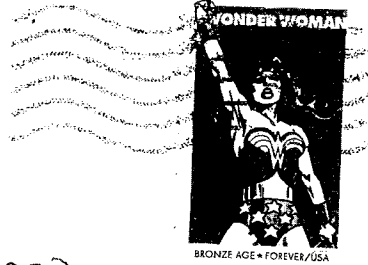
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Protest Letter.

6-1-20

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in protest regarding proposed Rates and fees on my property ApN 105-104-008. Thank you regarding this matter. 421 Pinal Ave. ORCUTT, Ca. 93455

Louis and Lydia  
Magdaleno  
Magdaleno Family  
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Dr. Magdaleno

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Mr. Louis C. Magdalen  
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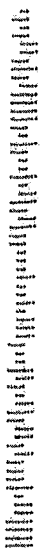
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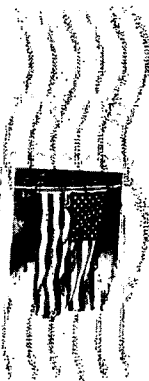
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*Charles King Markline, Ph.D.*  
*905 Romneya Lane*  
*Santa Maria, CA 93455*  
*805-478-1222*

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105 East Anapumu Street  
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May 31, 2020

**Subject: Protest – Sewer rate increase**

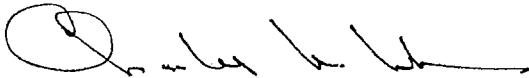
Dear Jacquelyne Alexander:

I protest the sanitation district sewer rate increase.

Given the current national economic crises, including high unemployment rates, now is not the time for rate increases of any kind.

Additionally, many in this county are on fixed income and can ill afford any additional costs.

Sincerely,



Charles K. Markline  
905 Romneya Lane  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

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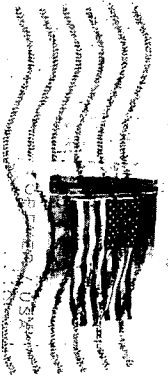
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June 1, 2020

Dylan Youngblood  
5750 Oak Pass Lane  
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Dear Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board,

My name is Dylan Youngblood I am a resident of Santa Barbara County. I received a notice of a proposed rate and fee increase from the Laguna County Sanitation District.

I am not in favor of the increase.

I'm normally a huge proponent for maintaining infrastructure as these types of things are often the last things to get replaced. I have always supported these proposed increases—until now. I believe given the current events and many Californians unemployed; I feel it is necessary to focus on revitalizing our economy and creating jobs during these hard times. According to the latest statistics provided by the California Employment Development Department, as of May 22, 2020, the unemployment rate specifically for Santa Barbara County was 13.7%. These are unprecedented job losses! I believe this propose rate increase should be revisited next fiscal year.

Thank you for your time and your service to your community.



Dylan Youngblood

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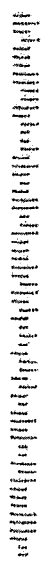
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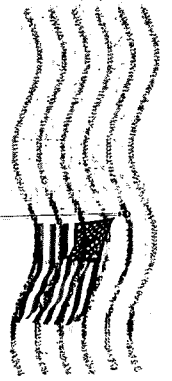
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June 3, 2020

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RE: Laguna County Sanitation District  
Proposed rate increase

Gentlemen:

I recently received notice of a proposed rate increase by the party referred to above. I would like to file a protest for this increase. Although the proposed rate increase for the coming year is only a 2.36%, when I review the 2012-2013 property tax statement, the annual sewer charge was \$654.99. With the new proposed charge for 2020-2021 the annual charge will be \$1,072.56. In this 8-year time period, Laguna has increased our rate by 63.752%.

In the years of 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016, the rate increases were 10.983%, 11.983%, and 11.985%, respectively. During this 3-year period, our rates increased by 35%. I have to assume that these large increases were the result of major infrastructure or possibly conforming to code changes mandated by County or State regulations. But once those costs were completed, Laguna maintained those costs in their budget and in the calculation for all future rate increases.

Was there a cost study during those years to justify such high increases? Was there a cost study for the 2016-2017 year once these improvements were completed, to possibly justify a rate decrease since these must have been non-recurring expenditures? Laguna states that the rate increase this year is less than the 3.1% CPI. Why is that even stated since the CPI is completely irrelevant. Their rate is based on actual provable costs and is not tied into the CPI. That is merely a distraction to those who are making the decision if the rate increase is reasonable and should be justified. I'm sure in those years that the rate increase exceeded 10% the CPI rate was not mentioned. During some of those years the CPI was probably close to zero.

The average annual rate increases over the years of 2016-2021 is 3.315%. Had Laguna not imbedded those non-recurring increases from 2013-2016, and used the average rate increase of 3.315% from 2013-2020, the annual current charge for 2020-2021 would be \$850.24 compared to \$1,072.56. That is \$222.32 less in just this one year. From 2016-2020, the taxpayers have paid \$4,007.01 when they should have paid \$3,136.75 by removing those large embedded expenditures from 2013-2016. That is an

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additional \$870.26 during this 4-year period. Total additional cost to the taxpayers in this 5-year period is \$1,092.58. Not an immaterial amount.

It isn't that the amount of the increase for this next year is shocking or anything, it's just that every year, Public Utilities get a pass on rate increases. For those of us in small business, we don't have the privilege of automatically increasing rates and fees. Sometimes we have to make cuts as our customers may look elsewhere for that same product or service if we raise our rates. In the private sector, we have to balance our budget with a combination of cuts and increases. Public Utilities aren't confronted with that problem. They can basically charge what they want as the public has no choice. Cutting expenses has and will never be something that a Public Utility will be confronted with. It's only, how much will their expenses increase.

I would like to see the Board re-evaluate these automatic increases, no matter how small they are. The rest of us learn how to live within our means. Let's make sure that Laguna County Sanitation District is at least asked to do the same once in awhile. Please have them prove their actual costs before you grant an "automatic" rate increase, and revisit their policy of embedding infrastructure costs in their annual budget.

Very truly yours,



David J. Dickinson

Parcel #101-370-061

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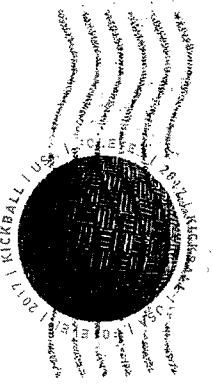
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