



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
1.		<b>Oppose</b>	Monisha Parker	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to address the important issue of affordability concerning the water rate adjustments for the Waterworks Districts and Marina del Rey. As we navigate the complexities of water resource management in our County, I firmly believe that it is crucial to establish a balance between our revenue needs and the financial capabilities of our residents.</p> <p>In pursuit of this balance, I would like to propose several strategies that could contribute to making these adjustments more manageable for households across Los Angeles County. Here are some key approaches to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tiered Pricing Structures: Implement a tiered pricing system to encourage conservation while ensuring that basic water needs are met at a lower cost. By adjusting the cost per gallon to increase with higher usage, we can motivate residents to use water more efficiently.</li> <li>2. Subsidies for Low-Income Residents: It is imperative to enhance support for low-income households by providing discounts or credits on water bills based on income levels. This assistance can greatly alleviate the financial burden for those who struggle to meet their essential water needs.</li> <li>3. Water Conservation Programs: Promoting initiatives focused on water conservation can help reduce overall consumption and alleviate cost pressures. Public education campaigns and workshops can empower residents to adopt water-saving practices and technologies.</li> <li>4. Incentives for Efficiency Improvements: Offering rebates for water-efficient appliances and landscaping can lead to significant long-term savings for households, while also reducing demand on our water supply.</li> <li>5. Regular Assessments and Adjustments: Conducting routine evaluations of water rates will ensure they are reflective of actual costs and economic conditions. Gradual adjustments, paired with transparent communication about rate changes, will foster trust within the community.</li> <li>6. Maintain and Upgrade Infrastructure Efficiently: Investing in maintenance and upgrading of our infrastructure is essential to prevent leaks and wastage. Enhanced efficiency through technologies like smart meters will empower residents with real-time data about their water usage.</li> <li>7. Community Engagement and Feedback: Involving the community in discussions about water rates is vital. Gathering consistent feedback allows</li> </ol>

			<p>us to develop solutions that are more acceptable and inclusive of the residents' concerns.</p> <p>8. Grants and Funding: Exploring state and federal grants for water conservation and infrastructure improvements can significantly diminish financial burdens on ratepayers, allowing us to make necessary investments without raising rates excessively.</p> <p>9. Public-Private Partnerships: Collaborating with private entities can provide additional resources and expertise for infrastructure development, leading to lower costs for consumers while ensuring high-quality service.</p> <p>10. Educational Programs: Developing educational initiatives about water conservation and rate structures can enhance awareness and cultivate a culture of conscious water usage.</p> <p>11. Phased Implementation: Implementing rate adjustments gradually can help residents adjust over time, thus minimizing the impact of sudden rate increases.</p> <p>By strategically focusing on these approaches, I believe Los Angeles County can work towards creating a sustainable water rate structure that accommodates the financial realities faced by our residents. It is critical that we prioritize equitable access to water services while addressing the fundamental financial requirements necessary for these services to thrive.</p> <p>Thank you for considering these recommendations. Sincerely, Monisha Parker</p>
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