

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for next council meeting  
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Hi City Council,

Since water and sewer are on the agenda this week, I'd like to offer this letter for public comment.

I protest the proposed Water and Wastewater Rates as stated in the May 2024 Prop 218 Notice.

My address is [REDACTED]

About 10 years ago I received a notice water and wastewater rates would double for ostensibly the same reasons as stated in your recent letter. A fair amount of that rate money was to go into fixing the water supply pipes.

Now I get another notice saying you will double the water rates again with the same pitch.

If you're going to make capital improvements, they should be in a bond and put on a property tax bill.

Secondly before you jack up our rates, please make sure your rates are in line with other communities in the county. Your own audit of the money used for water bills shows the city is using \$700,000 per year of water bill money to pay for items other than water and sewer service. I'd say it's time to consider other options because the bills are getting out of hand and your actions cannot be justified with plain common sense.

Best wishes,

James Haug