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From: [Roberta Phillips](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Prop 218 Sewer Rate Study/ Agenda #6 Feb 28,2023 Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:57:41 AM

Dear Council Members

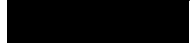
I am writing to oppose an increase in our sewer tax. Inflation has hit the senior community and people on fixed income very hard. I intend to vote against a sewer rate hike unless an exemption or a senior discount is offered.

Personally, I spend over \$7000.00 annually for my husband's medication alone, not counting medical and dental insurance. Seniors should not have to choose between getting their medication and buying food or transportation to medical appointments. Los Altos says they are an age friendly city and want to spend \$30,000 to get certified as an age friendly city. The money would be better spent on actually doing something for the senior community, rather than having a certificate in a draw.

I am also confused as to when the city will mail notification on a public hearing and how and when they can vote. Is this item #6 a discussion item or is it considered a public hearing?

Sincerely

Roberta Phillips



From: [Frank Martin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM #6 - February 28 Council Meeting
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:20:15 PM

Dear City Council and City Manager,

I am writing to strongly oppose an increase in our sewer tax. In the last 10 years my sewer tax has increased from a low of \$169 to a current 2022-23 property tax special item of \$804.62 – an increase of over 476%.

Now you are considering whether or not to increase this amount by another 75%.

Meanwhile my tax bill for most of the remaining property tax items will only increase by a maximum of 12.5% thanks to proposition 13.

So, if enacted, my sewer tax will increase from \$804.62 to \$1,408 – meaning the sewer tax will increase from 24.4% of my total property tax to 32.6%.

I find this recommendation to be unfair and hardly in the spirit of prop 13.

As a senior I believe this sewer tax increase is excessive and exorbitant. At the very least you should consider an exemption for seniors if you want to live up to your vision of being an age friendly city.

If the council approves this 75% tax increase, I will vote against it if given a chance.

In summary, you should reconsider this sewer tax increase and find a fairer solution.

Sincerely,

Frank Martin

