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June 13, 2023

City of Brentwood - Utility Rate Protest  
Attn: City Clerk  
150 City Park Way  
Brentwood, CA 94513

Subject: Written Protest Opposing Proposed Rate Increases/Public Comments for 7:00 meeting

Dear Brentwood City Council,

In April I received a notice from the City regarding proposed rate increases in residential water, sewer, and garbage service. I am here this evening to state my opinion against these proposed increases and to ask that you reconsider them.

I am asking that this evening you provide us with the specific “new and increasingly stringent State and Federal environmental regulations” that you cited in the notice. I ask that you provide this information before approving any increases.

I am retired, on a fixed income. I submit that anything over 1.5% annually is excessive.

Was there any benefit provided to us by the heavy rain and snowfall in the December-April timeframe? Can your rate study experts quantify this for us?

It would have been convenient if you quantified: (i) the higher utility costs to operate facilities; and (ii) the increased costs to purchase, treat and deliver water, which are stated as the major reasons these increases are necessary. Yet, where’s the data to back this up? I read the document but could not find the specific details that would answer these questions.

Thank you,

E. Pagan  
Brentwood resident