

To: City of Lodi  
Attn: City Clerk  
221 West Pine Street  
Post Office Box 3006  
Lodi CA. 95241-1910

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Re: Protest Against Proposed Water/ Wastewater/and Contracted Solid Waste Rate Increases***

Dear City Clerk and the City of Lodi Public Works Department Directors:

I write to you today to protest against the proposed Water - Wastewater - and Contracted Solid Waste Rate Increases that I was informed of through a letter of "Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Water - Wastewater - and Contracted Solid Waste Rate Increases." The ongoing homeless encampments along the Mokelumne River, many of which are allowed to exist on state and city land, are morally and fiscally irresponsible. The City, County, and State of California/CalTrans must do their due diligence by preventing these encampments in the first place, not just cleaning up after them long after the damage has been done. I understand that our state-of-the-art surface water treatment facility is capable of turning raw sewage into potable water; however, it was not designed for that purpose. It was designed to treat river water. The cost of the continuous clean-up efforts, and additional costs associated with water treatment, are a burden to all tax payers in the community.

Additionally, I kindly request that the City of Lodi provide greater transparency about the current water quality of the Mokelumne River. Citizens have the right to know what health and safety risks lurk in Lodi Lake and Mokelumne River recreational waters, so they can assess and mitigate those risks. At the very least, I wish to review the 2018 Water Quality Report for the City of Lodi, which I am told is not going to be available until July 2019. **Consider this letter my formal written protest against the proposed Water - Wastewater - and Contracted Solid Waste Rate Increases.**

Sincerely,

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(Signature)

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(Print Your Name)

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(Your Address)

Mail protest letter to: **Letter must be received by the City Clerk by March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
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