

Communication from Public

Name: Spaulding Square HPOZ

Date Submitted: 04/10/2025 03:39 PM

Council File No: 23-0600-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Please, I ask all Council Members to vote against this insane 54% rate hike for sanitation services. This will adversely affect most people in our City and is massively unfair when so many of us are already struggling with high bills and the cost of living. Overall, our rate would soar by 80% by 2030. This is wholly unacceptable. Please thin of all your constituents.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/10/2025 04:11 PM

Council File No: 23-0600-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Resident of Spaulding Square writing to oppose proposed fee increases for sanitation. The fee increases are exorbitant.

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Name: chris Bensinger

Date Submitted: 04/10/2025 04:32 PM

Council File No: 23-0600-S9

Comments for Public Posting: The increase in trash rates are egregious, all too sudden, and reflects fiscal mismanagement, strapping the consumer with having to cover projected budgets year to year that clearly missed the mark. We should not have to suffer usury increases in rates. Do not approve this. -CHRIS BENSINGER 1418 N. Genesee Ave. LA, Ca. 90046

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Name: Robert Smith

Date Submitted: 04/10/2025 04:32 PM

Council File No: 23-0600-S9

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed increase in trash removal fees is unfair, exorbitant and highway robbery, to borrow a phrase. How does the Council justify such a large increase with built in excessive hikes? Be reasonable.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/10/2025 04:34 PM

Council File No: 23-0600-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO on the proposed sanitation increase.

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Name: Christopher A Mejia

Date Submitted: 04/10/2025 06:30 PM

Council File No: 23-0600-S9

Comments for Public Posting: This increase is not justified, and has not been communicated to residents in a transparent manner.

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Name: Dan Hess
Date Submitted: 04/10/2025 07:05 PM
Council File No: 23-0600-S9
Comments for Public Posting: Why are you making this city so expensive to live in? What is the justification for raising sanitation rates by so much?

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Name: Jason

Date Submitted: 04/10/2025 01:21 PM

Council File No: 23-0600-S9

Comments for Public Posting: We do not need another sanitation price hike! There is no transparency as to where any of the money is going and it's likely any increase in revenue will be mismanaged (as is the current revenue that's generated). Arbitrarily raising rates to put band aids on budget deficits is not the way to go. The underlying problem will still be there.

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Name: Jerard D Wright
Date Submitted: 04/10/2025 02:40 PM
Council File No: 23-0600-S9

Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Council President Marqueece Harris Dawson and Full City Council, On behalf of the Greater Los Angeles Realtors® (GLAR), a real estate trade organization representing nearly 12,000 REALTOR® members throughout the Los Angeles region, including the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Los Angeles, Santa Monica and West Hollywood, we are offering feedback on the proposed rate action for trash hauling for single family residents and multi-family units. There have been many demands from tenant advocates for rent caps and rent freezes over the last 18 months. One of the chief drivers of the high cost of rent in the region is cost to maintain property within the City of Los Angeles in part due to the unintended consequences of well-intended but poorly constructed policies such as SB 1383 and others. Wednesday's proposed trash fee conversation is yet another of these policies, and it mirrors a lot of the concerns and frustrations that many housing providers are having with respect to rising costs to maintain and provide rental housing. Housing providers have finite financial resources with which to subsidize the program which will now make the cost of living more expensive for families in the city. An important question that we have is: If these fees are increased will they be allowed to be passed through to the tenants? The timing of this action could not be at a more vulnerable time to housing providers as costs have increased over the last four years. • Insurance premiums increased by 25 to 50% and expected to rise even more due to recent natural disasters ([CLICK HERE](#) to read news article) and rising replacement costs. • Utility costs (which are owned by the City of Los Angeles) went up on average 15%. Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky said it clearly at Wednesday's hearing: "It's clear to me that we can't continue to subsidize the solid waste program with general fund dollars. It's not responsible budgeting, especially as we stare down a billion-dollar deficit..." Housing providers, who often operate on tight margins, have been saying similar comments like this with respect to rent freezes and fiscally unsustainable and unrealistic rent caps for many years. Their concerns often go unnoticed and unheard.

April 10, 2025

LA City Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012



**Re: ITEM 4 – Solid Resources Proposed Rate Action – 23-0600-S9
(FEEDBACK/COMMENTS)**

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Housing providers are getting out of the business and selling to corporate landlords because of the burden of costs and liabilities continue to further erode our naturally affordable housing stock in the city. The city council needs to ask itself: Is pushing small housing providers out of business in the best interest of our communities?

GLAR, along with our housing provider partners, strongly urge the Council to remember this when you vote to approve increased fees such as trash hauling and utility rate hikes and then turn around and suggest that housing providers should subsidize the costs of these increases without any pass-through or cost sharing with tenants who also use the services.

GLAR will continue to advocate for increasing homeownership opportunities for all, increasing workforce housing production, protecting property rights, and supporting small businesses. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Government Affairs Director at (323) 919-9424 or jerard@glarealtors.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns with this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Anne Russell
GLAR President 2025