

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Coucilmembers, I am writing to you in protest of the proposed LA Sanitation rate increase. I am a single person living in a studio apartment, in a building with 18 units of studio apartments. There are two additional studios in the back of the lot, for a total of 20 units of studios, most with a single person per unit. We have 5 black bins, 1 blue bin, one green bin in the large front building, and one black bin, one blue bin, one green bin for the two back units. I am also an environmentalist. I compost my green waste, I make my own drinks from scratch, and eat clean whole foods with little packaging. It takes me two months to fill up my kitchen garbage can. Why on earth am I, and everyone else in my building/lot, going to be paying as much as a family of four in a single family home for solid waste? It appears the people like me who are single dwellers living in studios or small apartments are really getting shanked here, in a city that is already unaffordable for single dwellers. I am currently paying around \$25 per month for solid waste/LASAN charges on my DWP bill. According to your proposed rate increase, that cost will immediately raise to \$56 per month, over TWICE what I am currently paying. By 2029, the proposed rate will be \$66 per month, which means \$132 for solid waste on my bi-monthly bill. From \$50 which I pay now, to \$132. Do you not see the big problem people like me have with this? I understand that rates increase over time, but this seems grossly exorbitant and unfairly considered for our demographic. And this city has A LOT of studio apartments, whose renters will be paying the lion's share of this rate increase. A lot with a single family home will pay \$66 per month by 2029, a lot with 20 studios will pay \$1320 per month. Please reconsider the rates you will charge for studios and small apartments in apartment buildings, and a lower rate increase overall. Thank you.