

## **Correspondences**

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Ofeili Gharibian  
[REDACTED] E. Harvard Rd.  
Burbank CA 91501

3 April 2020

City of Burbank  
Burbank Water and Power  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

Dear, To Whom It May Concerd!  
I have lived in Burbank since  
year 2000, at the above address.  
I refuse the proposed increases  
in water fees and charges in  
the amount of \$3.33.

sincerely,  
Ofeili Gharibian

Wednesday 18, 2020

To: The City of Burbank

Re: Increases to Rates & Charges  
for Water and Refuse Services

In this climate of Coronavirus  
I would like the City of Burbank  
Council to table this agenda  
for three (3) years. Then go  
back to this agenda in  
better times.

Thank - you,

Mr. Pat Davis

[REDACTED] Lima Street  
Burbank, CA. 91505



Patricia Davis  
[REDACTED] N Lima St  
Burbank, CA 91505

ATTACHMENT 3

Cory Doctorow  
[REDACTED] W Verdugo Ave  
Burbank CA  
91505  
[REDACTED]

Burbank City Council  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E Olive Ave  
Burbank CA  
91502

To whom it may concern,

I write in regards to the planned fee and charge increase for water and refuse services.

I support the planned increases.

I am a Burbank homeowner, small business owner, and resident. My wife is a VP with a large Burbank employer. Our daughter is a student in a BUSD middle school. We all feel we get excellent value for money from our city services and understand that recent litigation, CALPERs overhangs, and other factors have put a strain on the city's finances.

In order to maintain Burbank's excellent public services, we all support this modest and necessary increase. Please do not be swayed by extremist/libertarian voices who write in to oppose this – and any other – increase in city fees, taxes, or charges. A well-run city is not free. Our property values, our health, our prosperity and our enjoyment of our city depend on a healthy, well-funded public treasury.

Sincerely,

  
Cory Doctorow

3/20/20

To Whom it May Concern:

I hereby formally submit my written protest  
against the proposed rate increase to Water & Refuse  
Services.

Please do not raise our rates.

Sincerely,  
James Pinedo  
James Pinedo

CCLERK '20MAR26PM 4:48



City Clerk

Burbank City Hall

275 E. Olive Ave.

Burbank, CA 91502

3/3/2020

CCLERK \*20APR 7AM 9:41

Dear Ms. Mullins,

I am a longtime resident of Burbank, having been born here and with family roots that all lived and worked here. My business, Triangle Environmental, was based here for 20 years and my dad was a captain in the fire department in Burbank.

I have never complained about fee increases before but given present circumstances, with so many out of work and businesses shut down, making decreased demands on refuse pickup and water consumption, I must "protest" this rate increase and I know I'm in a majority, whether they take the time to write or not.

I can understand the need for offsetting rising costs of water purchases but many other reasons given for increases are too nebulous. For example, "conservation" and "capital improvements" are not self-explanatory and would seem to be unnecessary at the current time.

The pandemic is not the City's fault but like all of us who are sacrificing, I think it would be wise to put off some of these wish-list items which, I'm guessing, could bring down the rate increase amount or eliminate the need for an increase altogether until we get past this crisis.

Out of work and retiree fixed income residents will praise you for this temporary concession.

Sincerely,

David Duke

██████ E. Providencia Ave.

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ATTACHMENT 3

Jim & Irene Hutton  
[REDACTED] N. Lincoln St.  
Burbank, Ca. 91605  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

CCLERK '20APR28AM10:48

April 18, 2020  
Zizette Mullins, MMC  
Office of the City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA. 91502

Dear Ms. Mullins,

I would like to formally protest the proposed increase in fees and charges for water and refuse services that have been requested by Burbank Water and Power.

In light of the current COVID situation, with businesses closed, people unemployed and an uncertain economic future for not only business, but also for everyday Americans, an increase at this time would be devastating.

Many homeowners cannot make their mortgages and renters cannot make their rent. How can they possible afford increases to utilities? The utility companies should be looking to cut their expenses internally to increase their profit margins, not looking to their clients. Perhaps they can adopt energy cycles with reduced rates to entice users to use utilities in off peak hours? This practice is used successfully in other Counties. With all the recent rains, the water tables should be higher, so shouldn't water rates be lower? Regarding recycling fees, how can you justify increases in recycling when most recycling centers don't accept recycled materials anymore? Aren't we therefore paying for a service that is no longer even available? Perhaps you can review your bulky item pickup service and offer a predetermined collection limit, with a limit to large item counts and charge customers if they go over that, instead of penalizing everyone who may not even use the service.

If utility companies get any kind of government assistance during this COVID crisis, will they be passing savings and discounts along to their customers?

I hope that the City Council will support homeowners that pay hefty property taxes during this time by encouraging a reduction in utility rates and not an increase.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Hutton

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April 13, 2020

CCLERK '20APR20AM 9:06

Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

I am absolutely against this increase.

This is inconceivable that Burbank expects its customers to pay any more than what we have been.

No one is getting raises. Landlords are charging enormous rents. Gas prices are high.

The city is crammed and getting to and from anywhere is a nightmare.

And, just know that every other entity is wanting to *increase their fees* as well.

All of these increases add up.

The only thing that isn't increasing is our salaries!

I work 5 days a week and come home and turn on ONE light. A 40 watt bulb. And, I turn on my tv.  
That's it.

My electricity bill is still high. Way higher than it should be considering I don't use a lot of electricity.

If you raise the landlords water bill, guess what? They pass that increase to their tenants.

I hope that this ridiculous rate increase does not go through.

Thank you,  
Mick Barrett  
[REDACTED] W. Alameda Ave., [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91506

No phone calls – please.



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4-24-20

Burbank city council  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave  
Burbank ,Ca. 91502

CITY OF BURBANK  
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
2020 MAY -7 P 2:24

CCLERK '20MAY12PM 1:41

RE: notice of water rate increase.

I am writing you this letter in OPPOSITION of increasing the water rate.

We, as a family, cannot just ask for more money because prices increase and the city needs to do the same. Our property taxes increased \$200 this year and now you want more. We say NO to raising ANY rates or taxes!

Thank you

Bruce and Melissa Basura

██████ Keeler st

## A Note From...

CCLERK 120MAR23AM101

Ms. Carmen Gardina

~~HOW~~ IS NOT  
THE TIME TO BE  
RAISING PATISON  
WATER AND REFUEL  
SERVICES.

THERE ARE GOING  
TO BE HUNDREDS  
OF PEOPLE IN OUR  
CITY THAT ARE  
FORCED TO BE HOME  
FROM WORK.

BE SENSIBLE.

*Ms. Carmen Gardina*

ATTACHMENT 3

RICHARD E. NORTON, JR

CCLERK '20MAR23AM10140

March 18, 2020

Burbank City Hall  
Attn: City Clerk  
275 E. Olive Ave  
Burbank CA 91502

In re: Proposed Utility Cost Increase

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I have been proud residents of Burbank since purchasing our home in 1972. We just received notice of the City's consideration of a proposal for another utility cost increase. My wife and I strongly oppose this proposed increase.

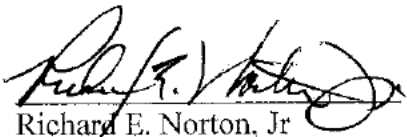
Given the recent events surrounding the Corona Virus and the loss in income so many of us have endured, I cannot believe that the City is moving forward with this proposal!

Instead of another rate increase, I suggest that a close review of the City's budget might identify areas for potential savings to help defer the cost of power generation. I am unfamiliar with the technology that drives the generators in our City's powerplant. If they use petroleum, the dramatic drop in fuel prices should provide interim relief for the City's utility generation cost.

Bottom line - the absolute last thing the residents of Burbank need at this time of crisis is a hike in utility rates. If you stop and consider the economic challenges we are all struggling with at this time, I hope you will realize that the only prudent action to take now is to postpone any proposed hike in rates.

Thank you for considering this protest.

Very truly yours,

  
Richard E. Norton, Jr

North Florence Street  
Burbank, California 91505

Phone: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED]

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3/18/20

CCLEK 120MAR23AM10:40

City Clerk,  
City of Burbank,  
Burbank Water and Power  
P.O. Box 631  
Burbank, CA 91503-0631

Attn: City Clerk,

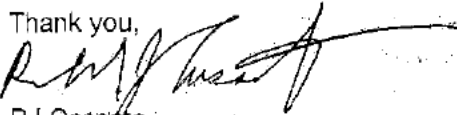
I just received yet another notice of yet another increase in rates of services for the City Of Burbank. Let's Review.

1. Dramatic increase in sales tax to 10.25% in the city of Burbank. Even though it is reported that this was voted for by Burbank Citizens, I have yet to find anyone that I talk to in Burbank that said they voted for this tax increase. Especially business owners that I have talked to. The consequences are that before our current Covid 19 Situation, I have been watching businesses slowly close in Burbank. Where is the advantage of higher taxes when business is dwindling and revenues are down? Suggestion: Reduce Sales to 8.5% in Burbank and you will slowly see tax revenues increase dramatically as businesses return and grow after the Covid 19 issue is settled. People will want to shop and be entertained in Burbank with a 8.5% sales tax. This is 7.5% to the state and 1% to the city of Burbank. Los Angeles County has plenty of tax income from other sources. What I do know from the sales tax increase is that pensions will be funded and Burbank politicians will most likely get a raise in pay. In the mean time Verdugo Ave is an "Off Road" experience between Victory Blvd and Olive Avenue. I should be seeing every street that needs to be paved being upgraded. I have not seen any significant improvements in Burbank since the 10.25% tax was forced down our throats.
2. Measure I. Now to add to the current tax problems there is now additional taxes for both businesses and residents. Housing is extremely expensive everywhere including Burbank. Rental and lease property owners will have no choice except to pass that tax on to renters and lease renewals. This will be dramatically discriminatory towards financial challenged people especial retirees on fixed incomes. This tax was not necessary considering as there is Prop 30 money that Jerry Brown promised. Money from the lottery that is supposed to be flowing to education facilities. I'm not sure the quality of education will be any better as a result of this tax. Today Children are not being educated, they are being indoctrinated. Children are not being taught "How to Think," they are being taught "What to Think."
3. OK, now for the proposed increase in Burbank Water and Power rate increases. This will put even more of a burden on home owners and financially challenged renters. Now in typical Liberal Socialist ideologies, The increase will most likely be claimed to be "Just a few pennies." For a lot of financially challenged people "Just a Few pennies." Starts to add up in real hurry. I believe that the retirement pension program should be revised and make city retirees more responsible for their retirement instead of depending on tax money confiscated from tax payers.

I am against any further increases in any kind of property or sales tax or service fee Increase in the city of Burbank. It is time that the City of Burbank operates with less taxes and becomes more efficient in spending.

In closing I am now seriously thinking about moving to Nevada. The State of California is in a serious deteriorating condition only to be exacerbated by the Covid 19 situation. The Liberal Socialist Dictatorship in Sacramento will make California a very expensive and undesirable place to live and to start and operate a Business.

Thank you,

  
RJ Cassato  
P.O. Box [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91503-0327

March 18/2020

CCLERK '20MAR23#110139

The City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

Acc't: 1609193168  
David Caidan  
[REDACTED] E. ANSELMO AVE [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91502

Burbank City Council

Dear SIR: City Council

This is David Caidan, who received your Notice of public hearing on increasing the water rate for all Burbank residents and commercial.

I do oppose to this move due to unjustify raise with no merit.

I propose to leave things as they are for the next 3 years

Thanks

ATTACHMENT 3

BBK City Clerk 04-05-21 PM 12:03

March 31, 2021


City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

Roza Avagyan  
[REDACTED] E Verdugo Ave. [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91502

**Re: Written Protest Against Proposed Water & Refuse Services Rate Increase**

I hereby oppose to the increase of rates on water and refuse services. The rates are already very high, compared to Los Angeles and other cities, and it is becoming more difficult, to catch up with regular increases when the salaries remain the same, social security benefits go up for \$9 a month, and the cost of living keeps sky rocketing, including the rent. Rate increase puts more pressure on residents who have been living in Burbank for many years.

Thank you.

  
Roza Avagyan  
Tenant, Senior Citizen



March 2021

City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave  
Burbank, California 91502

This is a "written protest" against increasing any rates and charges or fees for water, electricity, sewer, etc. Fees and rates are too high as it is - Any increase would result in more losses for the city of Burbank and the state of California. Rates should be lowered. Please do NOT increase fees.

Sincerely,

Vanway and family.

■ W. Cedar Ave  
Burbank, California 91506.

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BBK City Clerk 04-05-21 PM 12:03

March 31, 2021

City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

Edward Moore  
[REDACTED] E Providencia Ave., [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91501

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Thank you.

E. Moore  
Edward Moore  
Tenant

ATTACHMENT 3

BKK City Clerk 04-05-21AM1159

March 31, 2021

City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

Lavrenti Avagyan  
[REDACTED] E Verdugo Ave., [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91502

**Re: Written Protest Against Proposed Water & Refuse Services Rate Increase**

I hereby oppose to the increase of rates on water and refuse services. The rates are already very high, compared to Los Angeles and other cities, and it is becoming more difficult, especially for senior citizens, to catch up with regular increases when the salaries stay the same, social security benefits stay the same, and the cost of living keeps sky rocketing. Rate increase puts more pressure on residents.

Thank you.



Lavrenti Avagyan  
Tenant, Senior Citizen

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BBK City Clerk 04-05-21 PM 12:02

March 31, 2021

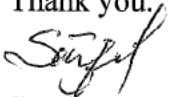
City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

Sargis Avagyan  
[REDACTED] E Providencia Ave., [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91501

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Thank you.



Sargis Avagyan  
Tenant

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BBK City Clerk 04-06-21AM0755

March 31, 2021

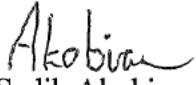
City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

Sedik Akobian  
[REDACTED] E Verdugo Ave. [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91502

**Re: Written Protest Against Proposed Water & Refuse Services Rate Increase**

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Thank you.

  
Sedik Akobian  
Tenant, Senior Citizen

ATTACHMENT 3

BBK City Clerk 04-06-21AM07:55

March 31, 2021


City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

Mariam Moore  
[REDACTED] E Providencia Ave., [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91501

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Thank you.

  
Mariam Moore  
Tenant



ATTACHMENT 3

BBK city clerk 04-06-21 10:07:54

March 31, 2021


City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

Liana Avagyan  
[REDACTED] E Providencia Ave., [REDACTED]  
Burbank, CA 91501

**Re: Written Protest Against Proposed Water & Refuse Services Rate Increase**

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Thank you.

  
Liana Avagyan  
Tenant

**Kimberly Tegio**

North Parish Place  
Burbank, CA 91506



April 9th, 2021

**City Clerk**

Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

City Clerk,

I **OPPOSE** the increase of rates and charges for water and refuse services.

Our water tastes terrible and is heavily polluted. Too bad we can't have clean, drinkable water for what we already pay for. I won't even feed my pets the water. Before asking for more money, maybe improve our water?? Just a suggestion.

Also, 2020 and as of today, most people are struggling due to the pandemic, why ask for more money??

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly Tegio'.

**Kimberly Tegio**

RECEIVED

**Joni Zamarripa Torres**

██████████ N Parish Pl, Burbank, CA 91502 2021 APR 26 AM 11:55

CITY OF BURBANK  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

4/20/21


City Clerk  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Ave  
Burbank, CA 91502

RE: BWP PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

Dear City Council,

This letter is to protest against the proposed rate increases. I acknowledge that the rate increase is an effort for cost recovery and rising costs. However, this is absolutely not the time to be increasing rates! People (including myself) are still struggling financially due to the pandemic. And phasing out these increases sounds nice, but it does nothing to help. BWP rates are extremely high the way it is. I find it appalling that you are, once again, looking for ways to put more money in your pockets at the expense of your residents. This is NOT okay! It makes me want to move! **I ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE AND PROTEST AGAINST THIS RATE INCREASE.** Do the right thing for the people that are most important in Burbank – your residents.

Sincerely,



Joni Zamarripa Torres

ATTACHMENT 3

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 2:59 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Notice of public hearing

**From:** Anaid B <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** April 23, 2021 at 12:56:12 PM PDT  
**To:** City Council DL <[citycouncil@burbankca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@burbankca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Notice of public hearing

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April 23, 2021

I, Petros Bagdassarian and family are submitting this protest vote to oppose rate increase for water and refuse services consideration by Burbank Water and Power.

We are tired of increases, you should cut down of your spending instead. We all are barely surviving and cutting down from everywhere. You should do the same at Burbank Water and Power instead of making residence pay for it.

Property address:  
Petros Bagdassarian and Family  
[REDACTED] S. Gibson Court  
Burbank Ca 91501

Petros Bagdassarian

## ATTACHMENT 3

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 05, 2021 9:23 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Rate increase for water & refuse services May 18 hearing

**From:** Dave <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** May 3, 2021 at 6:06:08 PM PDT  
**To:** City Council DL <[citycouncil@burbankca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@burbankca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Rate increase for water & refuse services May 18 hearing

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Dear Council Members,

I am a longtime resident of Burbank, having been born here, with extended family roots all having lived in and worked for the city. I owned a business in Burbank for 20 years, providing environmental services and my dad was a captain for Burbank Fire.

I have never complained about fee increases before but given the pandemic, with so many out of work and businesses shut down, making decreased demands on refuse pick up and water consumption, I must "protest" this rate increase. I know I'm in a majority whether others take the time to write or not. I can understand the need for offsetting rising costs of water purchases but other reasons given for increases are too nebulous. Buzzwords like "infrastructure" and "sustainable" have replaced "capital improvements" and "conservation" from past notices but are still not self-explanatory and seem to be unnecessary at the current time.

The pandemic is not the City's fault but for those of us who have sacrificed greatly this past year, I think it would be wise to put off some of the wishlist items which could bring down the rate increase or eliminate it altogether until residents can get out of the woods.

Out of work and retiree, fixed-income residents will praise you for this bold but temporary concession.

Sincerely,  
David Duke  
[REDACTED] E Providencia Ave.  
[REDACTED]

## ATTACHMENT 3

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 05, 2021 9:22 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to proposed rate increases

**From:** Daniel Noa [REDACTED]  
**Date:** May 3, 2021 at 8:47:50 PM PDT  
**To:** City Council DL <[citycouncil@burbankca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@burbankca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Objection to proposed rate increases

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Dear city council,

I have received notice by mail of the proposed power and water rate increases. I further read about the situation in the Burbank Leader. I strongly object to any rate increases in this calendar year. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to remain residents of this city are only now starting to get back on their feet, and many haven't yet. While rate increases are inevitable, delaying until more residence have made up more of their losses from the pandemic will have less of a volatile impact on their financial stability and well being. Our residents need all the help they can get, and waiting until 2022 to increase the rates will not harm the city of Burbank.

Thank you for your shrewd consideration and I hope you do what is best for the city.

Daniel Noa  
Burbank resident  
[REDACTED]

(I provide my address as proof of residency. While I would love for my email to be entered into the record and be public, I ask that my private address not be published).