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**To:** [GRP-City Council](#); [MGR-Melissa Stevenson Diaz](#); [CLK-Yessika Castro](#); [publiccomment](#)  
**Subject:** Help for homeless in our backyard  
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Dear Mayor Gee and members of City Council,

On Sunday, Feb. 25, the Mercury News featured a local news story about Joseph Kautz of Tent City Barbers, and their compassionate service providing free hair cuts to the homeless. This particular story was reported from an encampment in Redwood City.

While we hear numerous stories of those experiencing homelessness refusing shelter and services, many because they do not want to be separated from their belongings and pets, two of the homeless interviewed in the story want to get back on their feet - to "get a job and be in a normal apartment again".

What confounded me was that this encampment is a stone's throw from the Navigation Center! Where are our homeless liaisons and outreach partners?!

It is my hope that by bringing to your attention the plight of at least two homeless individuals in our backyard who WANT to be housed and employed, that you will call on our Community Wellness and Crisis Response Team Clinician to provide assistance and access to supportive housing and programming to these individuals.

I would also like to encourage adding Tent City Barbers, which is a newly formed 501(c)(3) nonprofit, to our list of homeless outreach partners.

[https://enewspaper.mercurynews.com/infinity/article\\_popover\\_share.aspx?guid=da01e920-7650-4177-8af5-7f4917bef095&share=true](https://enewspaper.mercurynews.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=da01e920-7650-4177-8af5-7f4917bef095&share=true)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Rona Gundrum  
36 year Redwood City resident

**From:** [Kennedy Materne](#)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#)  
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Redwood City Public Comment ,

My name is Kennedy Materne, and I am a resident of San Mateo County who works in Redwood City. As a queer Pacific Islander, my identity is inherently political and forces me to become the active citizen and voter that I am. Witnessing over 30,000 Palestinians killed and more than 85% of the population displaced should radicalize us, especially seeing that so many of your constituents comprise people directly affected by these atrocities. Know that, if you show your unabashed support for a permanent ceasefire, we will all stand behind you as a community and place our trust in you as you would us by passing the resolution.

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**From:** [kevin guibara](#)  
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Dear Council,

Fees have been increasing significantly over the years.

City fees increase the total cost of construction and reduce construction work and reduce jobs in Redwood City. Higher fees benefit no one. Please balance your budget so fees don't keep going up.

Sincerely,  
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Dear City Council,

Residents are quite upset that you have hired 9 consultants (at a cost of \$1.023 million) to help raise taxes and fees on the community.

Even worse, one of the consultants, Godbe Research, is doing “push polling” where they are surveying residents on the idea of a new city property transfer tax. The survey this consultant is using on residents is attached below.

Question #3 makes it sound to a resident being polled that essential public services, including public safety, will be preserved if they approve the tax. But the truth is the money can be used for ANY purpose as was the case with the Measure RR sales tax which promised the exact same essential city benefits if voters approved that tax.

It is evident that the real purpose of this survey is to twofold:

- (1) do early campaigning to residents whom you are polling and get them onboard based on the questions being posed, and
- (2) ascertain what speculative benefits get voters most excited and then craft the ballot question in a way to illicit a “yes” vote.

Even though the truth is the money can be used for any purpose, including more hiring, raises, and funding city employee pensions with no guarantee that any of the benefits will ever happen.

This type of push polling clearly violates Gov Code 54964 which prohibits such use of taxpayer funds:

Law section  
[legislature.ca.gov](http://legislature.ca.gov)

Doing this is particularly troublesome given the hundreds of communications you’ve received (letters, signed petition) from your constituents demanding we have an honest / fair game with prudent use of taxpayer funds.

We don’t want our money to be used on consultants to convince us of the wisdom of more taxes.

Please cease and desist and make this a fair game.

You should tell voters the truth. We have a \$322 million debt (as of 2022) in the form of an unfunded pension liability that must be paid to fund city employee retirements. And with more hiring and more raises, it will only be going up. So you need more taxes to pay for this debt.

That is the truth. So just be honest.

Chris Robell



**GODBE RESEARCH**  
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## **CITY OF REDWOOD CITY**

2024 Revenue Measure Feasibility Survey

Questionnaire

up to n=600

25 minutes

Likely November 2024 Voters

Data Collection: January 25 to February 7, 2024

February 20, 2024

Final

**[www.godberesearch.com](http://www.godberesearch.com)**

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**[ONLINE INTRODUCTION]**

We are conducting a survey for the City of Redwood City, and we would like to hear your opinions. All of your answers to the survey will be kept strictly anonymous and confidential.

**Survey Instructions:**

Once you have answered all the questions on a page, click the “Next” button in the lower-left corner of the screen to continue. If you have any technical difficulties with the survey, please email: [Technical Assistance](#).

**[PHONE INTERVIEW]**

Hello, May I speak with \_\_\_\_\_? Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I’m calling on behalf of GRA, a public opinion research firm. We are conducting a survey for the City of Redwood City, and we would like to hear your opinions, we really appreciate your time. [IF NEEDED]: This is a study about issues of importance in your area. It is a survey only and I am not selling anything.

[IF THE PERSON ASKS WHY YOU ONLY WANT TO TALK TO THE INDIVIDUAL LISTED ON THE SAMPLE, OR ASKS IF THEY ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE INSTEAD OF THE INDIVIDUAL, THEN SAY: “I’m sorry, but for statistical purposes this survey must only be completed by this particular individual.”] [IF THE INDIVIDUAL SAYS THEY ARE ON THE NATIONAL DO NOT CALL LIST, RESPOND WITH GUIDELINES FROM THE MARKETING RESEARCH ASSOCIATION. IF THE INDIVIDUAL SAYS: “There’s a law that says you can’t call me,” RESPOND WITH: “Most types of opinion research studies are exempt under the law that congress passed. That law was passed to regulate the activities of the telemarketing industry. This is a legitimate research call. Your opinions count!”].

- i. Before we get started, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely without endangering yourself or others?

Yes, cell and can talk safely -----1  
Yes, cell but cannot talk safely-----2 [CALL BACK LATER]  
No, not on cell -----3  
[DON’T READ] DK/NA/REFUSED-----99 [CALL BACK LATER]

**[ALL RESPONDENTS]**

- ii. Do you work for the City of Redwood City or are you currently elected or appointed to a city or county board, committee or commission?

Elected to a city or county board, committee or  
commission -----1 [TERMINATE]  
Appointed to a city or county board, committee or  
commission -----2 [TERMINATE]  
Work for the City of Redwood City-----3 [TERMINATE]  
I do not work for Redwood City, and I am not elected  
or appointed to a board or commission -----4 [CONTINUE]  
[ONLINE] Not sure /  
[PHONE DON’T READ] DK/NA -----99 [TERMINATE]

1. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the job the City of Redwood City is doing to provide City services?

[PHONE GET ANSWER, THEN ASK:] Would that be very (satisfied/dissatisfied) or somewhat (satisfied/dissatisfied)?

- Very satisfied -----1
- Somewhat satisfied -----2
- Somewhat dissatisfied -----3
- Very dissatisfied -----4
- [ONLINE] Not sure
- [PHONE DON'T READ]DK/NA-----99

2. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the job the City of Redwood City is doing to effectively manage and spend taxpayer dollars and public funds?

[PHONE GET ANSWER, THEN ASK:] Would that be very (satisfied/dissatisfied) or somewhat (satisfied/dissatisfied)?

- Very satisfied -----1
- Somewhat satisfied -----2
- Somewhat dissatisfied -----3
- Very dissatisfied -----4
- [ONLINE] Not sure
- [PHONE DON'T READ]DK/NA-----99

Later this year voters in Redwood City may be asked to vote on local ballot measures. Here is the description of a potential measure.

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A – REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX]**

3. Shall the measure to preserve essential city services, such as maintaining:

- 911 emergency response times;
- the number of on-duty firefighters/ paramedics/ police officers;
- children’s after-school/ recreation programs;
- senior programs; and
- local library hours/ programs,

by approving a local City of Redwood City real property transfer tax at 1 percent of sales price, for general government use, as described in the ordinance, providing approximately \$20,000,000 annually, until ended by voters, be adopted? [68 words for word count; “City of Redwood City” counts as one word; “20,000,000” to be replaced with \$20 million dollars” for phone interviewing; “/”to be replaced with “and” for phone interviewing]

[ONLINE] If the election were held today, would you definitely vote yes, probably vote yes, probably vote no, or definitely vote no on this measure?

[PHONE] If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on this measure? [GET ANSWER, THEN ASK:] Would that be definitely (yes/no) or probably (yes/no)?]

Definitely Yes -----1  
Probably Yes-----2  
Probably No -----3  
Definitely No -----4  
[ONLINE] Not sure /  
[PHONE DON’T READ] DK/NA -----99

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B – BUSINESS LICENSE TAX]**

4. Shall the measure to preserve essential city services, such as maintaining:

- 911 emergency response times;
- the number of on-duty firefighters/ paramedics/ police officers;
- children’s after-school/ recreation programs;
- senior programs; and
- local library hours/ programs,

by reforming the City of Redwood City business license tax, with rates between 0.1% and 0.3% of gross receipts, for general government use, as described in the ordinance, providing approximately \$13,500,000 annually, until ended by voters, be adopted? [69 words for word count; “City of Redwood City” counts as one word; “\$13,500,000” to be replace with “\$13.5 million dollars” for phone interviewing; “/”to be replaced with “and” for phone interviewing]

[ONLINE] If the election were held today, would you definitely vote yes, probably vote yes, probably vote no, or definitely vote no on this measure?

[PHONE] If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on this measure? [GET ANSWER, THEN ASK:] Would that be definitely (yes/no) or probably (yes/no)?]

Definitely Yes -----1  
Probably Yes-----2  
Probably No -----3  
Definitely No -----4  
[ONLINE] Not sure /  
[PHONE DON’T READ] DK/NA -----99

5. Now, here's a list of city services and facilities that would be maintained with the funds generated by the measure.

[ONLINE] If you heard the funds would be used to \_\_\_\_\_, would it make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote for the measure?

[PHONE] If you heard the funds would be used to \_\_\_\_\_, would you be more or less likely to vote for the measure? [GET ANSWER, THEN ASK:] Is that much (more/less) likely or somewhat (more/less) likely?

[RANDOMIZE]

	[ONLINE OK] [PHONE [DON'T READ]					[ONLINE Not sure [PHONE DON'T READ]	
	Much More Likely	Swt. More Likely	[DON'T READ]	Swt. Less Likely	Much Less Likely	DK/NA	99
A. Maintain 911 emergency response times -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
B. Maintain the number of on-duty firefighters, paramedics and police officers -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
C. Continue after-school and recreation programs for children-----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
D. Maintain local library hours and programs -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
E. Provide affordable housing -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
F. Maintain neighborhood police patrols and crime prevention -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
G. Provide parks and recreation programs for seniors-----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
H. Maintain parks, open space and sports fields -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
I. Maintain senior services including health and nutrition programs -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
J. Provide programs to reduce homelessness-----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
K. Provide and maintain pedestrian and bike paths and lanes -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
L. Maintain the long-term financial stability of the City -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
M. Fix potholes, and repair streets and sidewalks-----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
N. Reduce flooding, water pollution, and provide for the green maintenance of existing storm drain infrastructure -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
O. Maintain storm drains to prevent flooding-----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
P. Maintain police hiring programs designed to ensure Redwood City has the highest quality police officers-----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
Q. Prevent reductions in City services -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
R. Prepare for future natural disasters or public health emergencies -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
S. Keep businesses and support residents in obtaining quality jobs -----	1	2	3	4	5	99	
T. Maintain downtown area for events and activities---	1	2	3	4	5	99	

**[ROTATE Q6 AND Q7]**

6. Voters will hear arguments from supporters in favor of the measure presented.

[ONLINE INSERT ITEMS] Does this argument make you much more likely to vote “YES” or somewhat more likely to vote “YES” on the measure” – or does it have no effect on your opinion?

[PHONE] Here’s the (first/next) \_\_\_\_\_. Does this argument make you much more likely or somewhat more likely to vote “YES” – or does it have no effect on your opinion?

[RANDOMIZE]

	Much more likely	Swt. more likely	No effect	[ONLINE Not sure [PHONE [DON'T READ] DK/NA]
A. The measure will help maintain Redwood City’s quality of life and local character -----	1	2	3	99
B. The measure will give Redwood City local control over local funds for local needs – allowing Redwood City to be self-reliant and requiring that our tax dollars are spent for Redwood City residents. No funds can be taken by Sacramento -----	1	2	3	99
C. The City will conduct independent financial audits, and yearly reports to the community to ensure the funds are spent responsibly for community priorities -----	1	2	3	99
D. This measure will continue Redwood City's high standards for fiscal accountability and transparency by requiring that any money generated must be spent only on the community priorities, and not for any other purpose -----	1	2	3	99
E. This measure is designed to reduce the impact on local taxpayers so they don't shoulder all of the costs of providing City services ----	1	2	3	99
F. Large businesses will pay their fair share to fund critical City services -	1	2	3	99
G. It is more important than ever that we continue to provide services to the most vulnerable in our community, including our local seniors, by continuing to provide meals and health screening -----	1	2	3	99
H. Redwood City’s staff levels are well below the average for a City of its size, leading to slow-downs in service delivery -----	1	2	3	99
I. The measure treats all taxpayers fairly -----	1	2	3	99
J. If the measure fails, lack of maintenance could increase storm drain failures, flooding, pollution, and debris in the streets -----	1	2	3	99
K. If the measure fails, Redwood City could be faced with choosing between funding for police or emergency services -----	1	2	3	99
L. Developers will pay their fair share for essential City services -----	1	2	3	99
M. Without the measure, a major fire, earthquake or other natural disaster could wipe out the City’s general reserves -----	1	2	3	99
N. The measure will not increase annual taxes on Redwood City residents -----	1	2	3	99
O. The measure is a progressive tax ensuring the large businesses and commercial property owners pay their fair share -----	1	2	3	99
P. This measure would allow the City to continue to recruit and retain qualified police officers while providing proper training time to ensure safe and professional policing for the Redwood City community -----	1	2	3	99
Q. Without this measure, emergency calls and non-emergency service response times would be delayed, and proactive preventative policing measure would be cut as well -----	1	2	3	99

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A – REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX]**

R. This measure will not increase annual property taxes for  
homeowners staying in their homes-----1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 99

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B – BUSINESS LICENSE TAX]**

S. The business license reform measure will be fair to businesses  
of all sizes, even exempting some small businesses -----1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 99

7. Voters will hear arguments from opponents against the measure presented.

[ONLINE INSERT ITEMS] Does this argument make you much more likely to vote “NO” or somewhat more likely to vote “NO” on the measure” – or does it have no effect on your opinion?

[PHONE] Here’s the (first/next) \_\_\_\_\_. Does this argument make you much more likely or somewhat more likely to vote “NO” – or does it have no effect on your opinion?

[RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Much More Likely</u>	<u>Swt. More Likely</u>	<u>No Effect</u>	<u>DK/NA</u>	[ONLINE Not sure [PHONE [DON’T READ]
A. If our tax dollars weren’t going to high salaries, benefits and pensions for public employees, we would not need the measure-----	1	2	3	99	
B. Given the high cost of groceries, gas, and other household necessities, high interest rates, and the threat of recession, we can’t afford this tax now -----	1	2	3	99	
C. The business license tax was just increased in 2011, why do they need to do that again -----	1	2	3	99	
D. The City threatened to gut critical services if the sales tax and cannabis tax increases we’re not approved. Since then they have not solved the budget problems and now they want even more money-----	1	2	3	99	
E. The City is increasing water, sewer and garbage taxes, now they want even more money from taxpayers -----	1	2	3	99	
F. If the City had not wasted the taxpayer money they already get, we would not need another tax -----	1	2	3	99	
G. The County and school districts have also increased taxes, we can’t afford all of these new taxes-----	1	2	3	99	
H. The measure is a forever tax that will never end -----	1	2	3	99	

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A – REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX]**

I. The measure is another tax that homeowners can’t afford -----	1	2	3	99	
J. If this measure is approved, Redwood City would have one of the highest property transfer tax rates in San Mateo County-----	1	2	3	99	
K. This would be in addition to the County real estate property transfer tax which is already being collected-----	1	2	3	99	

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B – BUSINESS LICENSE TAX]**

L. The average resident is already paying extra taxes to the City, now they want to increase taxes on businesses too-----	1	2	3	99	
M. If this measure is approved Redwood City would have one of the highest business tax rates in San Mateo County -----	1	2	3	99	

Now that you know more about the measure, here is the summary of the proposal again:

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A – REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX]**

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- Definitely Yes -----1
- Probably Yes-----2
- Probably No -----3
- Definitely No -----4
- [ONLINE] Not sure /
- [PHONE DON’T READ] DK/NA ----- 99

9. [IF Q8=2, 3, 4, OR 99, ASK:] Instead of updating the real property transfer tax at 1 percent of sales price to preserve essential city services for general government use, such as maintaining: 911 emergency response times; the number of on-duty firefighters, paramedics and police officers; children’s after-school and recreation programs; senior programs; and, local library hours and programs, an alternative would be to update the real property transfer tax at ½ percent of sales price .

[ONLINE] If the election were held today, would you definitely vote yes, probably vote yes, probably vote no, or definitely vote no on this measure?

[PHONE] If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on this measure? [GET ANSWER, THEN ASK:] Would that be definitely (yes/no) or probably (yes/no)?]

- Definitely Yes -----1
- Probably Yes-----2
- Probably No -----3
- Definitely No -----4
- [ONLINE] Not sure /
- [PHONE DON’T READ] DK/NA ----- 99

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B – BUSINESS LICENSE TAX]**

10. Shall the measure to preserve essential city services, such as maintaining:

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- Definitely Yes -----1
- Probably Yes-----2
- Probably No-----3
- Definitely No -----4
- [ONLINE] Not sure /
- [PHONE DON’T READ] DK/NA ----- 99

11. Now here are some people and organizations that are active in Redwood City. For each person or organization please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable view of that organization or person.

[ONLINE INSERT ITEMS] Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of this person or group?

[PHONE:] Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of \_\_\_\_\_ (READ FIRST RANDOMLY SELECTED ITEM)? (GET ANSWER, THEN ASK): Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)? (CONTINUE IN RANDOM ORDER UNTIL ALL ITEMS ARE READ)

[RANDOMIZE]	[ONLINE SHOW/PHONE: DON'T READ:]			[ONLINE SHOW/DON'T READ]			[ONLINE:] Not Sure
	Never Heard Of	Very Fav	Swt Fav	No Eff.	Swt Unfav	Very Unfav	PHONE: DON'T READ] DK/NA
A. Redwood City Mayor and City Council	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99
B. Chamber San Mateo County	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99
C. Redwood City Police Officers Association	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99
D. Oracle	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99
E. Small business owners	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99
F. Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99
G. Redwood City Fire Chief	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99

**[SPLIT SAMPLE C]**

H. Redwood City Parks and Recreation Commissioners	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99
I. Neighborhood leaders	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99

**[SPLIT SAMPLE D]**

J. Redwood City Library Board Members	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99
K. Redwood City Downtown Business Group	-----1	-----2	-----3	-----4	-----5	-----6	-----99

12. Looking ahead to Fall of 2024 do you think the economy will be better than today, be about the same as today, or will it be worse than today?

- Better-----1
- About the same -----2
- Worse-----3
- [ONLINE SHOW] Not sure
- [PHONE DON'T READ] DK/NA -----99

Those are all the questions I have for you. Thank you very much for participating.

**[Following information is included in voter registration records and will not be asked]**

A. Gender

- Male -----1
- Female-----2
- Unknown-----3

B. Age

- 18-29 years-----1
- 30-39 years-----2
- 40-49 years-----3
- 50-64 years-----4
- 65+ years -----5
- Not coded-----6

C. Broad Ethnic Groupings:

- East and South Asian -----1
- European -----2
- Hispanic and Portuguese-----3
- Likely African-American-----4
- Other -----5
- Unknown-----6

D. Marital Status

- Single or Unknown -----1
- Married -----2
- Non-Traditional-----3

E. Presence of Children:

- Not Likely to Have a Child-----1
- Modeled Not as Likely to Have a Child-----2
- Modeled Likely to Have a Child-----3
- Known to Have a Child-----4
- Unknown -----5

F. Years of Education

- Less than HS Diploma - Extremely Likely -----1
- Less than HS Diploma - Likely-----2
- HS Diploma - Likely-----3
- HS Diploma - Extremely Likely -----4
- Some College - Likely-----5
- Some College - Extremely Likely-----6
- Vocational Technical Degree - Extremely Likely----7
- Bach Degree - Likely -----8
- Bach Degree - Extremely Likely-----9
- Grad Degree - Likely-----10

Grad Degree - Extremely Likely ----- 11  
Unknown ----- 12

G. Veteran

Yes ----- 1  
Unknown ----- 99

H. Homeownership Status

Owner ----- 1  
Renter ----- 0

I. Estimated Income Range

\$1,000-\$14,999 ----- 1  
\$15,000-\$24,999 ----- 2  
\$25,000-\$34,999 ----- 3  
\$35,000-\$49,999 ----- 4  
\$50,000-\$74,999 ----- 5  
\$75,000-\$99,999 ----- 6  
\$100,000-\$124,999 ----- 7  
\$125,000-\$149,999 ----- 8  
\$150,000-\$174,999 ----- 9  
\$175,000-\$199,999 ----- 10  
\$200,000-\$249,999 ----- 11  
\$250,000 and up ----- 12  
Unknown ----- 13

J. Estimated Home Value Range

\$0K to \$19K ----- 1  
\$20K to \$49K ----- 2  
\$50K to \$99K ----- 3  
\$100K to \$149K ----- 4  
\$150K to \$174K ----- 5  
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\$1000K to 1M and over ----- 13  
Unknown ----- 14

K. Social Economic Ladder (ISPSA)

1 ----- 1  
2 ----- 2  
3 ----- 3  
4 ----- 4

5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
Unknown	99

L. Individual Party

American Independent	1
Democratic	2
Green	3
Libertarian	4
Natural Law	5
Non-Partisan	6
Other	7
Peace and Freedom	8
Reform	9
Republican	10
Unknown	11

M. Household Party Type

Democratic	1
Democratic & Independent	2
Democratic & Republican	3
Democratic & Republican & Independent	4
Independent	5
Republican	6
Republican & Independent	7

N. Household Gender Composition

Mixed Gender Household	1
Female Only Household	2
Male Only Household	3
Cannot Determine	4

O. Registration Date

2017 to present	1
2013 to 2016	2
2009 to 2012	3
2005 to 2008	4
2001 to 2004	5
1997 to 2000	6
1993 to 1996	7
1981 to 1992	8
1980 or before	9
Not coded	10

P. Voting Frequency

0-----0  
 1-----  
 2-----  
 3-----3  
 4-----4  
 5-----5  
 6-----6  
 7-----7  
 8-----8

Q. Voting History

	<u>No</u>	<u>Poll</u>	<u>Mail</u>
Voted 2/08-----	0	1	2
Voted 6/08-----	0	1	2
Voted 11/08-----	0	1	2
Voted 5/09-----	0	1	2
Voted 11/09 <i>[if applicable]</i> -----	0	1	2
Voted 06/10-----	0	1	2
Voted 11/10-----	0	1	2
Voted 11/11 <i>[if available]</i> -----	0	1	2
Voted 06/12-----	0	1	2
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Voted 11/18-----	0	1	2
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Voted 03/20-----	0	1	2
Voted 11/20-----	0	1	2
Voted 06/22-----	0	1	2
Voted 11/22-----	0	1	2

R. Household Voter Count

1-----1  
 2-----2  
 3-----3  
 4-----4  
 5-----5  
 6-----6  
 7-----7

S. Likely November 2024 Voter

Yes-----1  
 No-----2

**T. Council District**

- 1 -----1
- 2 -----2
- 3 -----3
- 4 -----4
- 5 -----5
- 6 -----6
- 7 -----7

U. Precinct Number: \_\_\_\_\_

V. Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** [commanderpost105@gmail.com](mailto:commanderpost105@gmail.com)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#)  
**Subject:** Redwood City Station  
**Date:** Saturday, February 24, 2024 3:36:36 PM

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Honorable Council Members:

On behalf of the American Legion Post 105 Family and the Redwood City Station project at 651 El Camino Real, Redwood City, I respectfully request you consider reducing or eliminating the "Impact Fees" now in place, in particular the "Park Impact Fee". Doing so would assist in making our Project financially viable.

In view of the current economic situation, regarding interest rates, the increases of cost of materials and labor, any and all assistance the council can provide would be greatly appreciated.

The new home of the American Legion Post 105 will allow us to better serve the Veterans and general public in Redwood City, in addition to providing much needed below market value Veterans housing and helping Redwood City meet housing goals set by the State of California.

Respectfully Submitted,



George W. Smith  
Commander

American Legion  
Post 105 Redwood City

650-365-1337

**From:** [Chris Robell](#)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#)  
**Subject:** Item 8A (for public comment)  
**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024 3:18:08 PM

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Dear City Council,

The city has signed contracts amounting to \$1,023,000 with consultants to help increase utility rates, taxes and fees on the community.

This particular topic, another utility increase, pertains to sewer rates.

A 26% rate increase in sewer rates over 3 years.

On top of a 29% ANNUAL increase in 20 gallon garbage rates.

And on top of a +14% ANNUAL increase in water rates.

And on top of whatever new taxes you will put on the ballot in November.

Enough already.

The city has NEVER discussed any cost reduction effort and instead uses taxpayers as ATM machines.

Please consider forming a City Cost Reduction subcommittee, with representatives from the community and perhaps council, to identify creative ways of lowering city expenses without impacting essential services to residents.

There are solutions. Please leverage the community for this all important task so you don't continue the trend of every increasing fees and taxes.

Chris Robell

**From:** [Chris Robell](#)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#)  
**Cc:** [MGR-Melissa Stevenson Diaz](#); [FIN-Michelle Flaherty](#); [Chris Robell](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment for item 9b  
**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024 3:38:22 PM

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Dear City Council,

Given you are approving raises and new hires despite projected operating deficits, I thought it was extremely important to understand the impact of all of this labor cost increase on our unfunded pension liabilities.

On January 26th, I asked for the current status of our unfunded pension liability and was subsequently told this would be addressed by the City Manager and then told it would be covered tonight.

Yet this most important number...how many hundreds of millions of dollars of debt we are owe...remains a mystery.

What I do know (from the CalPers website) is Redwood City's unfunded pension liability was \$312 million as of 2022.

With all the hiring and raises, I assume it is more now.

Do you consider the impact on our debt when doing more hiring and more raises?

If not, I strongly suggest you do so. This can cannot be kicked down the road indefinitely.

Most recently, I was told my Michelle Flaherty that this number would be shared in the spring. I hope one of you asks what the current number is now. I'm sure it's available, and, much like a credit card balance, I would assume we all want this debt burden know, right?

Thank you for asking tonight so any decisions are made with full sunlight.

Chris

**From:** [Klein, Veronica](#)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on 2.26 City Council Meeting Item 9A  
**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024 3:50:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Mayor Gee and Redwood City Council Members,

I am writing to comment on item 9A, Aggregate Fee Burden Analysis for impact fees and certain development fees, and policy recommendations regarding impact fees.

Tishman Speyer proposed the Gatekeeper project at 2300 Broadway nearly four years ago, and we are very concerned with the impact of the proposed fee increases on our development and the associated 100 units of affordable housing at 609 Price Ave.

The increasing development cost significantly challenges pipeline projects because the business plans were based on the information available when we decided to pursue entitlement. Any additional cost increases, including development impact fees, will further stress these projects and delay groundbreaking and community benefits.

To support unlocking pipeline projects, I request that the Council consider adding language to the ordinance stating that all pipeline projects (including Gatekeeper projects) are subject to the fees in place at the initial application submittal. This revision means the rates for existing fees would be consistent with when the Sponsor submitted the initial application, and any fees implemented after the initial application is accepted would not apply.

If this is not acceptable, I urge the Council to at least consider adding language to the ordinance allowing impact fees to be reduced through the Development Agreement negotiations, in exchange for community benefits.

I appreciate your consideration,  
Veronica

**Veronica Klein**

**Director**

M: +1 415-609-0771

[vklein@tishmanspeyer.com](mailto:vklein@tishmanspeyer.com)



TISHMAN SPEYER

**From:** [Mark Manning](#)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#)  
**Subject:** Aggregate Fee Burden Analysis for impact fees - Comment on Single Bedroom Addition  
**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024 4:53:50 PM

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The current and proposed Parks Fee Burden for a residential, single bedroom addition of \$18,324 is disproportionate and amounts to an excessive tax on adding a new child to an existing 1 child family in Redwood City.

A standard 2 bedroom house in Redwood City could easily be expanded to 3 bedrooms to accommodate a new child, but the additional \$18,324 Parks Fee adds approximately 10% to the cost of the addition just for the Parks Fees bringing the total fees for an additional bedroom to \$28,178

Based on the analysis the fees per square foot and per prototype are 3 to 4 times higher than any other city analyzed in the report. See Table 2.

This fee is excessive and disproportionate to the addition and any other City analyzed. This should be reviewed and corrected.

Best Regards,

Mark Manning  
+1-408-420-3883

**From:** [ljensena@aol.com](mailto:ljensena@aol.com)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#); [Laura Aden](#)  
**Subject:** City Budget  
**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024 6:34:27 PM

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Dear Redwood City Council-

On the Budget, be judicious with the money you are spending. You are spending the people's money, not yours. In general, stop spending more and more money, giving it to non-profits, analysis companies, creating more city jobs and increasing everyone's salary when times upturn a little for a short time. The economy is not great. Residence are barely making it. Retirees, like me, have fixed income, people are being laid off because the big business can't justify the big salaries. The only added lucrative jobs seem to be a city or government jobs. When we are all working for the government, who pays the bills? Please cut don't expand.

Thanks,

Laura Aden

**From:** [ljensena@aol.com](mailto:ljensena@aol.com)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#); [Laura Aden](#)  
**Subject:** Fee Burden Analysis  
**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024 6:28:58 PM

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Redwood City Council,

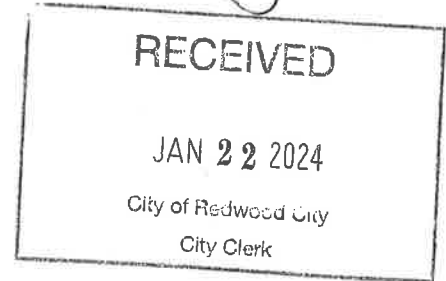
I listened to the Fee analysis burden session. These really are not fees, they are taxes. And it makes it ok because it will be placed on the new developers, so we should be ok with it. Well, we are all paying more for every single fee (that are really taxes.) On every bill I receive there are additional fees that boost the cost of almost any service we receive. This Fee Burden Analysis company is comparing fees with Menlo Park and other cities as if we have to keep up with them, which becomes a vicious cycle of increased FEES. Please stop!

Redwood City is paying tons of money for these analysis organizations that increase the cost of what all the residents must then pay. Yes, new infrastructure needs to be in place because our city was never meant to build "out of control" housing that the state is mandating the cities to do. Much of the building is speculation. I want to know, are the new housing units and commercial properties built in the last 10 years full in Redwood City? It doesn't seem so. If the developers decide the fee burden for infrastructure is too onerous and they stop building how does that effect RWC budget that now you put in on all the residence. This is so wrong.

Thanks you,  
Laura Aden

January 17, 2024

Maurice (Rush) Rehm  
835 Lakeview Way  
Redwood City, CA  
94062



Parcel # 057 233080.

I strongly disapprove of the proposed  
changes in rates. This is appalling  
and totally unjustified.

Maurice P. (Rush) Rehm  
APN 057 233080.

January 14, 2024



Solid Waste Rates  
City Clerk  
City of Redwood City  
1017 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Subject: Protest of Solid Waste Rate Increase

In addition to this letter of protest, a secondary protest regards the percentage of the proposed increase. Residents who have the smallest garbage can, 20 gallon, will be charged a 29.3% increase, 32 gallon users will have an 18% increase, those with 60-65 gallon cans 10.5% increase and 96 gallon garbage cans 7.3% increase. All residential customers are proposed to pay the same increase regardless of the size of their garbage can. Those who have the smallest amount of trash will pay proportionately a larger fee. This should be reconsidered.

Sincerely,


Gary Dilley  
260 Fulton Street  
Redwood City, CA 94062

Parcel Number: 052-242-080



1-14-24

To the City Council, Redwood City

 Nancy Scheppeler  
750 Newport Cir.  
Redwood City, CA 94065-191

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JAN 22 2024  
City of Redwood City  
City Clerk

I write a letter to protest  
the increase of Solid Waste rates.  
The city wastes too much money  
as it is + home owners can't  
afford all the rate increases,  
ie sewer rates

The last big waste was the  
Fitness Court installed next to  
the library in Redwood Shores.  
It could only be used by 1% of the  
fitness in America + has a  
lot of raised concrete blocks for  
people to trip over + then sue  
the city.

I know you do not pay attention  
to the letters I write - because  
I am not ready + using public  
social services.

Nancy Scheppeler  
750 Newport Circle

94063-199317

**Michael A. Comstock**  
**512 Keelson Circle**  
**Redwood City, CA 94065**  
650.743.5299 cell  
[macomstock@comcast.net](mailto:macomstock@comcast.net)



Jan 17, 2024

Solid Waste Rates  
City Clerk  
City of Redwood City  
1017 Middlefield Rd  
Redwood City, CA 94063

To whom it may concern:

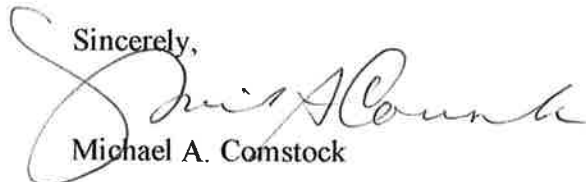
I strongly protest the proposed Solid Waste Rate Increase proposal scheduled for public hearing on February 26, 2024.

Service address: 10 Eddystone Ct, Redwood City, CA 94065  
Parcel number: 111-200-130

Owner: Michael A. Comstock, Trustee of the Comstock Family Trust,

The increase of \$7.00 per month is a 30% increase which is far beyond a reasonable increase based on current inflation. In addition, the rationale provided is that this increase is calculated to recover costs but there is no substantiation that costs have increased to this degree. The lack of transparency of government decisions such as this is unacceptable.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Comstock

January 18, 2024



Solid Waste Rates City of Redwood City Public Works.  
Protest letter for Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increase.

1. I am protesting the rate increase for the year 2024. I am receiving less service for more money. Many times, portions of my garbage at both properties that I own do not collected, Many times, garbage spill unto street when garbage truck deposits into truck and driver does not pick up, bins are left in the approach to the driveway or in the street or next door, care is not taken to situate bins properly, fewer employees needed since trucks are mechanized. Rates should be lower. City needs to seek competition instead of having one company monopolize the disposal.
2. My name is Steven Grabianowski
3. Assessors parcel number 052-241-190
- 4.

*Steven Grabianowski*

**From:** [Jing Fang](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest against proposed solid waste rate increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:52:54 PM

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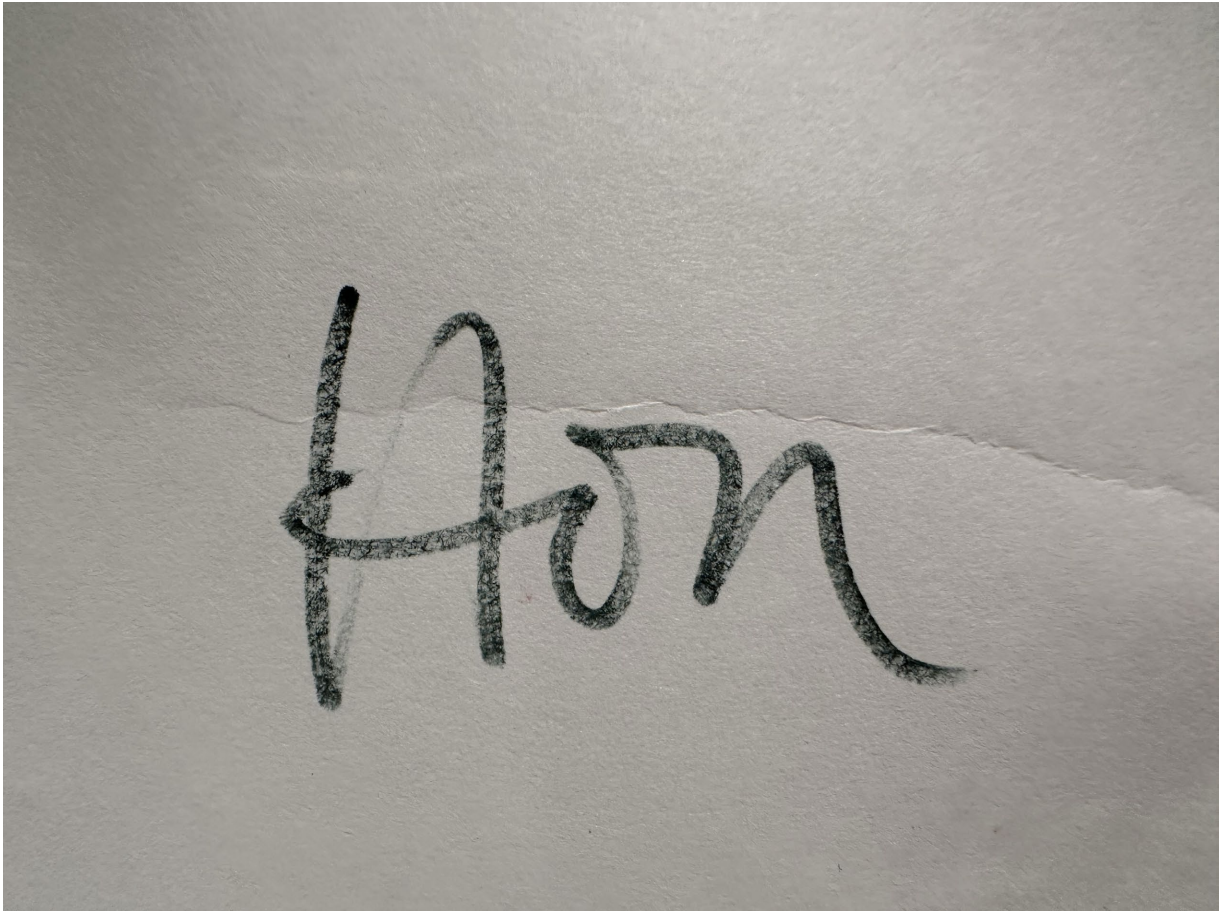
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Hi,

This is a protest against the proposed solid waste rate increase.

Owner: Wai Hon Law

Service address: 19 Spinnaker Pl, Redwood City, CA 94065



Best,  
Wai Hon

**From:** [Rush Rehm](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:35:56 AM

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I write to oppose in the strongest terms the proposed solid waste service rate increase. It's already way too expensive, and I would opt out completely if I could. What are you people thinking? And you've set it up so that only those who open their mail, read the fine print, find their parcel number, write you, etc. have a say. This only makes sense if you want to raise rates without people knowing about it.

Why not email every one, with a big subject line: YOU CAN OPPOSE SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASES. CLICK HERE. Then you would see what most people think about the proposed rate increase.

Sincerely,

Maurice P (Rush) Rehm  
835 Lakeview Way  
Redwood City, CA 94062  
APN057233080

I have attached my signature.

Rush Rehm  
Professor, Theater and Performance Studies, and Classics, Stanford University  
Artistic Director, Stanford Repertory Theater (SRT) <http://stanfordrepthheater.com/>

Stanford Repertory Theater invites you to enjoy the Bay Area's natural beauty in the company of Thoreau, Carson, Abbey, Sophocles, Rumi, Levertov, Lin Po, Muir, Stegner, Neruda, and many others. Take a walk – whenever you like! – in Wunderlich Park, Pearson–Arastradero Preserve, Coyote Hills Regional Park, Mount Diablo State Park, and Mori Point. With *Sound Walks* on your phone, you will be guided to particular locations and carefully selected passages from SRT's *Voices of the Earth* -- **totally free!** To access *Sound Walks*, go to our website <http://stanfordrepthheater.com/sound-walks>

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A.J. Muste was picketing the White House in opposition to the Vietnam War, and a journalist asked him, "Why do you demonstrate in the rain? Do you think you will change the country?" "No," replied Muste, "I don't do this to change the country. I do this so the country doesn't change me."

**From:** [Jim Recker](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Rates Protest letter  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 5:05:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)

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- i. This email is my statement protesting against the proposed rate change, being considered February 16, 2024.
- ii. Customer on record: **James Recker**
- iii. Service Address: 3534 Altamont Way, Redwood City, CA 94062
- iv. Signature:

*JC Recker*

**From:** [Sue Schlesinger](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest against proposed solid waste rate changes  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 8:24:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)

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Dear Council,

The proposal to raise solid waste rates is regressive, and it penalizes those who create and dispose of less waste. Its structure is contrary to the reduce-reuse-recycle philosophy that should be guiding public policy, especially in a crowded but progressive area like Redwood City, CA. This is a letter in protest of the proposal for discussion 26Feb or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Where are the discounts for using smaller solid waste bins, or requiring less frequent bin pick up? There must be someone on council who can figure out a way to introduce and include these ideas and others like them into this proposed rate change.

Could someone please step up and propose a meaningful alternative rate plan to address the regressive nature of the current system, and promote waste reduction, resource conservation, and fairness to good citizens lowering their waste and carbon footprints? A policy which does this is good for everyone.

Thanks for listening,

Suzanne Schlesinger  
282 Nevada Street  
Redwood City, 94062  
Parcel 058-091-100

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Schlesinger', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**From:** [Judith Kirk](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** A chance to make a big difference county-wide in the care of our planet  
**Date:** Saturday, January 20, 2024 2:33:42 PM

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We absolutely must base our solid waste rates on 4 issues: promoting waste reduction, conserving resources, financial fairness (i.e. not regressive), as well as fairness to the people who are trying hard to lower their waste of scarce resources by using smaller bins. We are protesting the proposal that has been sent to all of us, which does none of those things. Our city can do better and must do better. Please.

Further, we want our city to work with the other cities in our county to create solid waste rates that are beneficial to all in the county, not just in our city. Much more benefit lies in that direction, both in finding the most beneficial rates and making the most environmental progress.

Thank you and sincerely,  
Judith Kirk  
Redwood City

**From:** [Elke Reiter-Bartz](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to waste removal fee hike  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 8:25:08 PM

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Dear Redwood City Council,

I strongly oppose the proposed fee hike for solid waste removal. This increase will disproportionately affect low-income and fixed-income residents, many of whom are still recovering from the economic impact of the pandemic.

I urge you to reconsider this proposed fee hike and explore other revenue-generating options that do not place such a heavy burden on our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Horn and Elke Reiter-Bartz

459 Sapphire St, Redwood City, CA

650-275-4820

Parcel #058-143-300

**From:** [Jean Tarantino](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Solid waste protest  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:28:31 PM  
**Attachments:** [DOC012324-01232024091206.pdf](#)

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Council,

Please see my attached letter protesting the proposed solid waste increase.

Thank you,

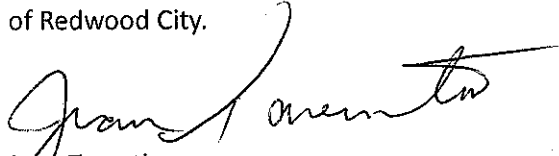
Jean Tarantino

Solid Waste Rates  
City Clerk  
City of Redwood City  
1017 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, CA 94063

January 22, 2024

Members of Redwood City Council,

This is my formal protest of your proposal to raise solid waste rates by over 29% beginning March 1, 2024. Notwithstanding Recology's poor service, this is an excessive increase that will hurt many residents of Redwood City.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Tarantino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jean Tarantino  
1158 Junipero Avenue  
Redwood City, CA 94061  
Parcel # 058-212-130

**From:** [Cynthia Zurolo](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest to price increase on on waste collection  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 10:25:43 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to protest the price increase on waste collection.

825 Seminole Way  
Redwood City 94062

Please let me know if you need more information from me

Cynthia Zurolo

**From:** [Enrica](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposal solid waste removal fee hike  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 7:44:56 PM

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Address 3709 Laurel way, parcel 057-212-250  
Enrica Poggio

If the council could be fiscally responsible, there is NO need to increase this fee.  
Why spending so much money on building high bumps on most streets when the traffic  
is so bad and slow there is the aggravation of bumps every 50 feet, such as in Canyon Road.

Reconsider please, why charging the citizens to give a hefty raise to the city manager and  
Others.  
Those of us who use the smallest garbage can don't get a break. Please reconsider.

Thankyou  
Enrica Poggio  
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

**From:** [Annette Parker](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Increase in Garbage Rates  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 4:44:02 PM

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Please!! We cannot afford more increases! Biden has made everything more expensive. Good, gas!! Everything!  
Please don't add insult to injury!! No more rate increases!! Please  
Annette Parker  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** 721 upton street garbage increase  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 4:00:51 PM

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Hello, my name is 'Christina Nguyen and I own my home under AM RE Holdings

I am writing to protest against the proposed increase in garbage rates.

Christina Nguyen

Broker/ Owner

650-776-4085

#01353370

Please excuse any typos as this is

Sent from my Iphone

**From:** [Steven Aubert](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest rate increases  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 1:00:01 PM

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Sent from my iPhone as a retiree I am vehemently against any rate increase for trash, or any other services. We are having trouble making it now why make it worse

**From:** [Gino Fumagalli](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest against the proposed change in rates  
**Date:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 7:42:06 AM  
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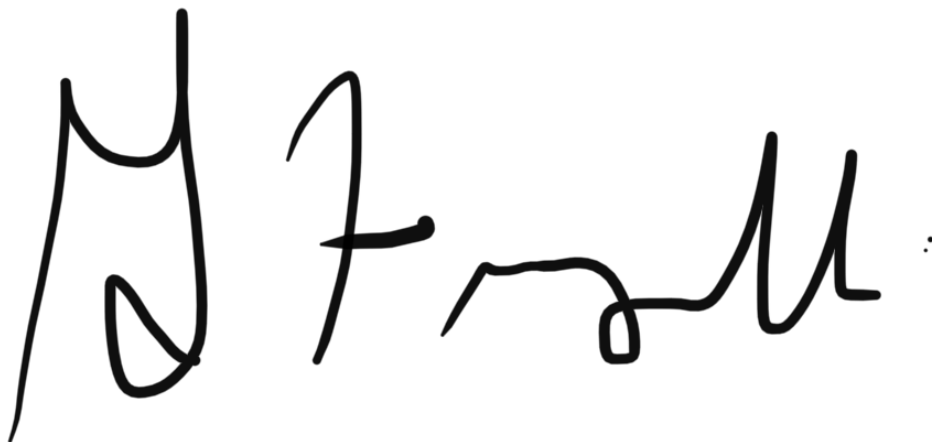
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Hello,

As a resident of Redwood City I am against the rate increase. Why is Burlingame and Foster City rates half of the rates of Redwood City?

Gino Fumagalli  
1733 Hempstead Place  
Redwood City, CA 94061


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gino Fumagalli". The signature is written in a cursive, fluid style with a period at the end.

Sent from my iPhone

January 18, 2024



**Solid Waste Rates City of Redwood City Public Works.  
Protest letter for Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increase.**

1. I am protesting the rate increase for the year 2024. I am receiving less service for more money. Many times, portions of my garbage at both properties that I own do not collected, Many times, garbage spill unto street when garbage truck deposits into truck and driver does not pick up, bins are left in the approach to the driveway or in the street or next door, care is not taken to situate bins properly, fewer employees needed since trucks are mechanized. Rates should be lower. City needs to seek competition instead of having one company monopolize the disposal.
2. My name is Steven Grabianowski
3. Assessors parcel number 052-191-160
4. 

**Michael A. Comstock**  
**512 Keelson Circle**  
**Redwood City, CA 94065**  
650.743.5299 cell  
[macomstock@comcast.net](mailto:macomstock@comcast.net)



Jan 17, 2024

Solid Waste Rates  
City Clerk  
City of Redwood City  
1017 Middlefield Rd  
Redwood City, CA 94063

To whom it may concern:

I strongly protest the proposed Solid Waste Rate Increase proposal scheduled for public hearing on February 26, 2024.

Service address: 512 Keelson Circle, Redwood City, CA 94065  
Parcel number: 095-120-450

Owner: Michael A. Comstock, Trustee of the Comstock Family Trust,

The increase of \$7.00 per month is a 30% increase which is far beyond a reasonable increase based on current inflation. In addition the rationale provided is that this increase is calculated to recover costs but there is no substantiation that costs have increased to this degree. The lack of transparency of government decisions such as this is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

  
Michael A. Comstock

**From:** [mckee0586@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mckee0586@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** [GRP-City Clerk](#); [Redwood City City Council](#); [MGR-Deanna La Croix](#); [MGR-Melissa Stevenson Diaz](#)  
**Cc:** [Mark Toney](#); [Mark Toney](#); [Charlayne Wright](#); [PWS-Terence Kyaw](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Public.advisor](#); [rb@ag.gov](#); [Nextdoor](#); [HEAP Program - Central Coast Energy Services](#); [CA.gov](#)  
**Subject:** 1/25/24-PROTEST LETTER FOR RECOLOGY RATE INCREASES  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:59:07 PM

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HELLO CITY CLERK OF REDWOOD CITY,

PROTEST LETTER REGARDING RECOLOGY RATE INCREASE CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH '24 APPROX.

MOST FOLKS CAN'T PAY UTILITY BILLS ANY LONGER. AND TOO, RECOLOGY IS VERY DYSFUNCTIONAL WITH PICKUP SERVICE AND PHONE SYSTEM. I NEED WEEKLY HELP TO GET MY GARBAGE WHATEVER COLOR IT IS AS IT CHANGES FROM WEEK TO WEEK TO GET DRIVER'S TO RETURN TO PICK UP MY CANS WEEKLY BI -WEEKLY AND THE SMALLEST BLK CAN HOLDS ONE 15 GAL SMALL GARBAGE BAG. HOW DARE PUBLIC WORKS AND RECOLOGY ASK FOR RATE INCREASES WHEN THEY AREN'T BEING COMPETANT TO PICK UP WEEKLY GARBAGE FOR FOLKS IN MY ZIP CODE AND MYSELF 94061 PUBLIC WORKS HAS TO HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM BUT CAN'T SOLVE IT UNLESS THEY CANCEL RECOLOGY CONTRACTS FOR THIS CITY.

MY PG&E BILL IS OVER \$500 FOR ONE PERSON SENIOR LOW INCOME AND IT IS GOING TO GO HIGER AS PG&E WAN'T 55 BILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR FROM ALL CALIF CUSTOMERS WITH ON GOING MONTHLY RATE INCREASES AND TOPPED THAT OFF WITH INCOMPETANT CIVIC GOVERNMENT UTLITY BILLS AND RATE INCREASES. REDWOOD CITY BETTER BE PREPARED TO START PAYING ALL RESIDERNTS UTILITY BILLS PER SEN SCOTT WEINER SF CA AS WE ARE IN A SINKHOLE WITH MONEY GREED WHICH IS GOING TO BREAK THE COUNTIES AND STATE AND PUB LIC RESIDENTS WITH NO ABILITY TO PAY.

SANDRA MCKEE  
1003 CHESTERTON AVE  
REDWOOD CITY CA  
94061

**From:** [CLK-Yessika Castro](#)  
**To:** [PWS-Terence Kyaw](#); [PWS-Adrian Lee](#)  
**Cc:** [CLK-Crystal Tuifua](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Solid Waste Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 4:11:11 PM  
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Thanks for sharing, Terence! We'll file with the other protests on our end.

Thanks,

**Yessika Castro, CMC, CPMC**

City Clerk

City of Redwood City

Phone: (650) 780-7221

E-mail: [ycaastro@redwoodcity.org](mailto:ycaastro@redwoodcity.org)

[www.redwoodcity.org](http://www.redwoodcity.org)



To support community and employee health, many City services are being offered virtually or with modifications. See current information about City services and operating hours [here](#). Visit [MyRWC](#) to access services available online 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

\*For Public Records Act requests, please visit our [online public records request system](#). We thank you for your patience during these unprecedented circumstances.

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**From:** PWS-Terence Kyaw <[TKyaw@redwoodcity.org](mailto:TKyaw@redwoodcity.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 3:20 PM  
**To:** PWS-Adrian Lee <[alee@redwoodcity.org](mailto:alee@redwoodcity.org)>; CLK-Yessika Castro <[ycaastro@redwoodcity.org](mailto:ycaastro@redwoodcity.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Solid Waste Increase

FYI

Terence

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**From:** Linda Green <[lgreenski@msn.com](mailto:lgreenski@msn.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 3:09:59 PM  
**To:** [pauli@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:pauli@cityofsanmateo.org) <[pauli@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:pauli@cityofsanmateo.org)>; PWS-Terence Kyaw <[TKyaw@redwoodcity.org](mailto:TKyaw@redwoodcity.org)>; PWS-Sindy Mulyono-Danre <[smdanre@redwoodcity.org](mailto:smdanre@redwoodcity.org)>  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Increase

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***Linda L. Green***  
***1176 Valota Road***

*Redwood City, CA 94061*

[lgreenski@msn.com](mailto:lgreenski@msn.com)

**URGENT**

Ecology  
225 Shoreway Road  
San Carlos, CA 94070  
[pauli@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:pauli@cityofsanmateo.org)

Redwood City Public Works Services Department  
1400 Broadway Road  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
[tkyaw@redwoodcity.org](mailto:tkyaw@redwoodcity.org)

January 25, 2024

RE: Solid Waste Increase

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing and also sending an e-mail regarding the proposed garbage increase.

I am 78 years old, on social security and on a fixed income. I still have a mortgage. PG&E increased, water increased, and now you want the garbage to increase. I am so opposed to this increase. Do you not care about the people, especially the elderly, in Redwood City. My oldest daughter had to move out of California and Redwood City due to the inflated cost of living. I love it here, but this is not right. How am I supposed to pay all these increases, are you going to help me?

My husband had 5 different cancers over 18 years, first occurred when my children were in grade school. Their childhood was growing up watching their dad sick and dying. He passed away 15 years ago. My youngest daughter got cancer seven months after he passed, and again six years ago. Thank God, she is in remission, but this is a constant worry that it will come back. Our family has been through hell and back, but we are still alive. I am crying as I write this. I am telling you not to be a victim but to let you know everyone has a story. You must listen to us, PLEASE, and do NOT increase our garbage. You have public meetings to hear the concerns from the people, but then go ahead and do the increases. You are not listening to us.

How can you even consider an increase when we are in the middle of a

recession and struggling to get food on the table.

Linda Green  
650-722-3630

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Nicholas Luna](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** >>> 1/26/24 NO on Solid waster Rate increase City of Redwood City  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 2:08:28 PM  
**Importance:** High

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City Clerk  
City of Redwood City,  
Council - City of Redwood City,  
1017 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
1/26/24  
council@redwoodcity.org

Re. No on upcoming Solid Waste Rate increases  
Parcel# 058-202-250

I have been a resident and property owner in Redwood City for almost 20 years now. During this time, I have experience “excessive” solid waste and water increases. These perpetual rate increases are without merit and I am against further rate increase for solid waste and water.

### **Note**

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### **Solid waste -Example**

There three large oak trees on the side walk in front of my house which shed lots of leaves in the Autum. Whenever I put out an extra container or additional bags full of these leaves, I’m quickly charged additional fees yet these trees belong to the City of Redwood city -not me! If I ask the garbage company (BFI) for an additional green bin for these leaves, I’m charge additional fee simply to clean up the leaves for the trees that belong to the City of Redwood City! Do you see the point? There is NO LOGIC!

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### **Water well**

I have a non-operational water well which I'm charged an annual inspection fee of ~\$70 by the City of Redwood City. This program is poorly run by the City of Redwood City. Its staff is poorly trained and rarely keep appointments.

Last year I received a failure to comply notice after the water well had been inspected! And of course, there are penalty fees.

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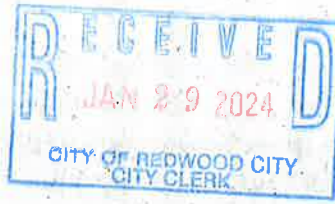
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### **Summary**

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Respectfully,

Nicholas Luna  
Resident and Owner  
1165 Fairview Ave.  
RWC, CA 94061



1165 Fairview Ave  
Redwood City, CA 94061

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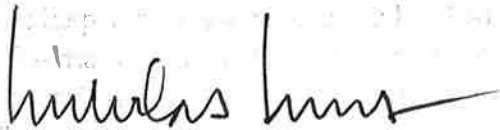
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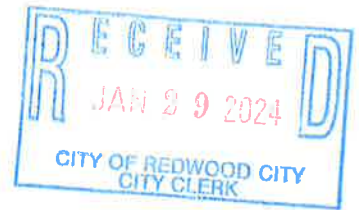
Respectfully,



Nicholas Luna  
Resident and Owner  
1165 Fairview Ave.  
RWC, CA 94061

Em: lunaview@gmail.com

Jan. 24, 2024



To:  
Solid Waste Rates, City Clerk of Redwood City  
City Council of Redwood City

As homeowners and customers of Solid Waste Services, we are writing to:

1. Protest against the proposed change in rates
2. Patricia Mahoney  
ATTN: Kim  
Kim Knollenberg  
Are owners of
3. 333 Hillview Ave. Redwood City, CA 94062-2123
4. Our signatures conclude this protest

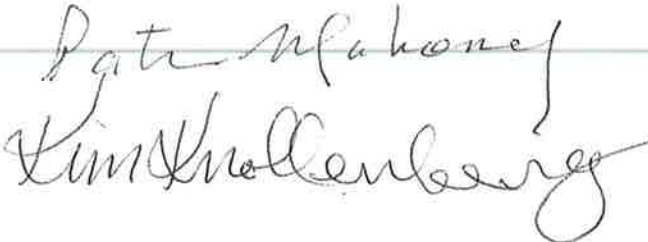
This protest comes amidst the increased cost of services across the board for homeowners in the area.

We can conserve on other services by using less water or power to mitigate rising costs. However there doesn't seem to be a way to conserve on this flat rate, even though the bins in our 2-person household are rarely full.

Also, in light of the recent charge by the state for glass bottles, by redeeming those bottles, the blue bins will require less work.

Please do not allow this cost increase to go forward.

Thank you,

4. 

**From:** [Lillian Ferrando](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest rate increase solid waste removal  
**Date:** Monday, January 29, 2024 8:26:06 PM

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Owners: Lillian Ferrando and John Ferrando

Address: 499 Grand Street

Parcel # 052294120

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Vicki Ferrando](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest Solid Waste Rate Increase  
**Date:** Monday, January 29, 2024 8:30:21 PM

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Name: Vicki Ferrando and Edd Patterson

Address: 2673 Hampton Ave

APN 069132140

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**From:** [Vicki Ferrando](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest Solid Waste Rate Increase  
**Date:** Monday, January 29, 2024 8:32:19 PM

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Vicki Ferrando and Edd  
Patterson

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**From:** [David Bendebury](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Solid waste service increases  
**Date:** Monday, January 29, 2024 9:11:39 PM  
**Attachments:** [signature.png](#)

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Hello,

I am writing to protest the proposed change in rates for solid waste collection services. It doesn't make sense to raise everyone's rates the same amount when the costs are disproportionately due to those with larger bins.

The customer of record's name is David Bendebury. The service address is 260 Wheeler Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061. I have attached my signature.

Thanks,

David Bendebury

CLIFF KRANZ  
3616 HOOVER ST.  
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

Jan 29, 2024

Another rate increase from  
the Garbage man? They just  
had one last year. To make  
it simple- **NO!**

No rate increases for at  
least 3 years not every  
year



**From:** [Joycelyn Wee](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Rates Protest against proposed solid waste service rate increases  
**Date:** Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:11:25 AM

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Joycelyn Wee  
229 Topaz St  
Redwood City, CA 94062  
Parcel: 058-111-240

February 1, 2024

Dear Alicia Aguirre,

I am writing as a concerned resident to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste rate increases currently under consideration by the City Council.

While I understand the importance of maintaining efficient and effective waste removal services for our city, I believe that imposing additional fees on residents is not the most equitable solution. As you may be aware, many members of our community are already facing financial challenges, and an increase in the solid waste removal fee would only add to our financial burden.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. I trust that the City Council will carefully weigh the potential impact on residents and explore alternative solutions that promote fairness and sustainability.

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Joycelyn Wee  
650.483.6403

To the Clerk of Redwood City

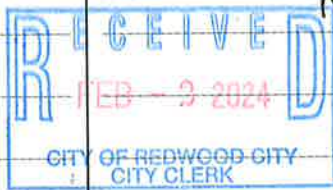
I am writing in protest against the proposed change in rates. The persistent increase of costs to the residents of this city by their alleged advocates is unacceptable on principle alone. The city council must first find a way to cut costs before even proposing any increase. I emphasize the principle in this - the council must regard the citizens as more than a tax base. I have only lived here a few years (being a new homeowner) but it is unfortunate that the majority of those years have coincided with some kind of municipal rate increase. I hope this will spur the citizens from apathy and make the council aware of their dignity - and that the council will heed this reaction.

Regards,

John Woakey  
402 Sapphire Street, Redwood City 94062

Parcel 058-125-080

*John Woakey*



I, Deanna Hallett of 127 Topaz Pl Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: Deanna Hallett

I, Christy Gu of 405 Topaz St Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: Christy Gu

I, KEN CALDERANO of 1911 HARDING WAY Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: Ken Calderano

I, D. Latta of 1826 Harding Redwood City, CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: Deanna Latta

I, Sean Yamada-Hunter of 334 Hillview Ave. Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: Sean Yamada-Hunter

I, K. Pilon of 471 Topaz St. Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: K. Pilon

Genetel Ventura 330 Hillview Ave Redwood City CA 94062

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.

Signature: [Signature]

I, Troy Jordan, of 366 Hillview Ave Redwood City CA 94062

hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.

Signature: [Signature]

I, FRANCISCO RELEW of 346 Hillview Ave Redwood City CA 94062

hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.

Signature: [Signature]

I, Bre Brown of 1815 Harding Ave Redwood City CA 94062

hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.

Signature: [Signature]

protest against

Grazia Castello 532 Topaz Redwood City CA 94062

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.

Signature: [Signature]

KELLY CONWAY 573 TOPAZ ST Redwood City CA 94062

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.

Signature: [Signature]

I, BARRY ZIRAS of 375 TOPAZ ST Redwood City CA 94062  
hereby protest against  
the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

I, P. JACOBSON of 477 TOPAZ Redwood City, CA 94062  
hereby protest against  
the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

I, Amit Joseph of 356 Topaz St. Redwood City CA 94062  
hereby protest against  
the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

I, HYUN LEE of 1860 Harding Ave Redwood City CA 94062  
hereby protest against  
the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

1808 Harding Ave

I, Justin Graham of Redwood City CA 94062  
hereby protest against  
the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

I, Rebecca Lombardo of 526 Topaz Street Redwood City CA 94062  
hereby protest against  
the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: Rebecca Lombardo

I, Erich Hilbert of 110 St. Francis Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

I, Brian Turner of 326 SAPHIRE ST RC Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

I, Doug Wilson of 219 ST FRANCIS ST - RW CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

I, Koosha Jadhani of 23A St Francis St Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

I, Dixie Bailey of Dixie Bailey Redwood City, CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

I, Doug Amick of 374 Topaz St Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: [Signature]

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I, SALLY ROTH, of 343 TOPAZ ST. Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: Sally Roth

I, Kevin McHorn, of 334 Saffire Street, Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: Kevin

I, Siem Mayer, of 464 Topaz Redwood City CA 94062 hereby protest against the proposed increased in solid waste rates for Redwood City.  
Signature: Siem Mayer



Rob Boragno <robboragno@gmail.com>

**Fwd: Written Protest re: proposed rates**

1 message

Rob Boragno <robboragno@gmail.com>  
To: Rob Boragno <robboragno@gmail.com>

Sat, Feb 10, 2024 at 2:24 PM

Solid Waste Rates  
City Clerk  
City of Redwood City  
1017 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, Ca 94063

Please note that this is a statement that is a protest against the proposed change in rates. A \$7.00 increase for regular scheduled for bins equates to the following % increases:

- 20 - gallon : 29.33%
- 32 - gallon : 18.01%
- 64 - gallon : 10.42%
- 96 - gallon : 7.34%

and then a 5.465% increase for unscheduled solid waste services.

The bin rate increases violate the general grounds of economic common sense, as they far exceed the inflation rate. Has the South Bayside Waste Management Authority properly reviewed the full costs of providing solid waste services? Have they delineated between third party costs, related party charges and "protected profit margins" for the benefit of recology? Just benchmarking the current rates to an average is insufficient as a benchmark for data analytics, as the average is easily miscued with Hillsborough rates being on the higher end (probably due to access costs). Why wasn't the mean or median price costs used instead of the average? We all know that these companies like to keep their pricing structures opaque so they can guarantee their profit margins. With that being said, i don't believe these proposed rates are economically appropriate and should not be accepted.

Record of Owner: Boragno Robert J & Suzanne M.  
Affected Parcel Number: 059-213-060  
Service Address: 1728 Carleton Ct. Redwood City, CA 94061

Sincerely,

Robert J Boragno

Suzanne M. Boragno

**From:** [CLK-Yessika Castro](#)  
**To:** [CLK-Crystal Tuifua](#)  
**Cc:** [CLK-Celia Machuca](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Fee rate increase  
**Date:** Friday, February 16, 2024 1:05:08 PM

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For filing with the rest, please and thank you!

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**From:** Council-Jeff Gee <jgee@redwoodcity.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2024 1:04:05 PM  
**To:** CLK-Yessika Castro <ycaastro@redwoodcity.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Fee rate increase

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**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2024 9:13:49 AM  
**To:** Council-Jeff Gee <jgee@redwoodcity.org>  
**Subject:** Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Fee rate increase

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Mayor Gee,

I do not support an increase in the proposed Solid Waste Disposal fee.

Please forward my concerns to Melissa and the City clerk.

I want my position on the official record listed as "Opposed".

I would attend the Council meeting, but I'm temporarily living in Germany, caring for my wifes sick, elderly parents.

Thank you,

Cary Bloomquist  
Property Owner  
940 Taft Street

i) To Whom it may concern,

I protest and request that the proposed solid waste rate increase and water rate increase do not happen. I am against the increase.

Sincerely,

Ben Martin - Bogaluf



ii)

Benjamin Martin

2874 McCarvey Ave

Redwood City, CA 94061

iii) parcel # :

058-352-010

**From:** [Zhonghao Liu](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest against sewer rate increase  
**Date:** Sunday, February 18, 2024 8:13:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)

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Dear City Council:

This is an official protest against the proposed change in sewer rate.

Record owner: Zhonghao Liu

Service Address: 823 Bay Harbour Dr.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zhonghao Liu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sincerely,  
Zhonghao

**From:** [Enrica](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Sewer rates increase  
**Date:** Monday, February 19, 2024 8:27:55 PM

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I protest the increase. The funds to upgrade the sewer are available  
If you cut non essential expense ( Like building bumps on roads and  
Extending sidewalks to the middle of the street ) and others.  
Please find a way not to increase the sewer rates.  
Thank you.  
Enrica Poggio

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**From:** [Jing Fang](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Protest against proposed sewer rate increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024 8:18:36 PM

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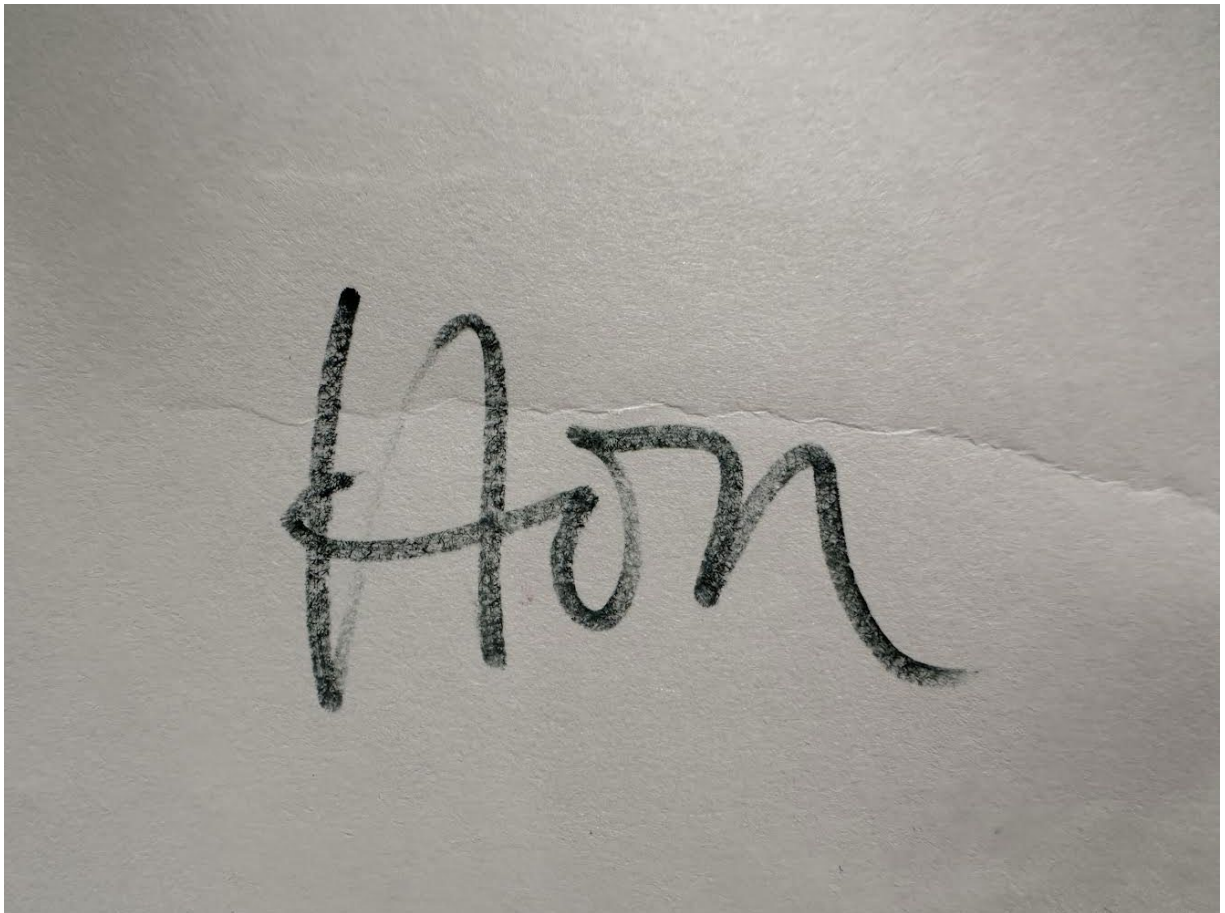
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Hi,

This is a protest against the proposed sewer rate increase.

Owner: Wai Hon Law

Service address: 19 Spinnaker Pl, Redwood City, CA 94065



Best,  
Wai Hon

**From:** [Ruth Liew](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Solid Waste Removal Fee Hike  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 9:25:32 AM

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Ruth Liew

3940 Brookline Way, Emerald Hills, CA 94062

[ruthliew@gmail.com](mailto:ruthliew@gmail.com)

717-802-6166

Parcel Number: 057-263-030

Jan 26, 2024

To Whom This May Concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing as a concerned resident of our community to express my strong opposition to the proposed solid waste removal fee hike currently under consideration by the City Council. While I understand the importance of maintaining efficient and effective waste removal services for our city, I believe that imposing additional fees on residents is not the most equitable solution. As you may be aware, many members of our community are already facing financial challenges, and an increase in the solid waste removal fee would only add to their financial burden. I would like to bring to your attention that residents have been consistently diligent in adhering to waste management guidelines and recycling practices. However, it seems unfair to penalize all residents with a fee hike for the actions of a few. Instead of burdening taxpayers with increased fees, I urge the City Council to explore alternative solutions to address any financial shortfalls in the solid waste removal program. Furthermore, I propose that the City Council consider conducting a comprehensive review of the current waste management system to identify areas where cost savings or operational efficiencies can be achieved. Collaborating with residents to enhance recycling initiatives and exploring partnerships with local businesses for waste reduction programs could also be viable alternatives. I believe that a transparent and inclusive approach to decision-making is crucial in ensuring that the concerns and opinions of the residents are taken into consideration. Therefore, I request that the City Council hold public hearings or forums to allow residents to voice their opinions on the proposed fee hike before any final decisions are made. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. I trust that the City Council will carefully weigh the potential impact on residents and explore alternative solutions that promote fairness and sustainability. Sincerely, Ruth Liew

**From:** [sharonking1616@gmail.com](mailto:sharonking1616@gmail.com)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Rate Proposal Comments (2/26 Public Hearing)  
**Date:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:35:26 PM

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Attn: City Council

- #1: Statement (below)
- #2: Record Owner: Mike King (Sharon King: Spouse)
- #3: Service Address: 1616 Vera Ave. Redwood City 94061
- #4: Signature(s) will be on mailed copy

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Sincerely,

Mike King

Sharon King

**From:** [Sharon King](#)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Solid Waste Rate Proposal Comments (2/26 Public Hearing)  
**Date:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 2:38:51 PM

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 02:35:22 PM PST  
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Sincerely,

Mike King

Sharon King

Feb. 19, 2024

Hi City Clerk,



Please do not raise rates.  
Please do not succumb to Marxist Union  
demands led by Connie Newsom.  
There are people out here living  
on fixed incomes.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Gallagher

Parcel Number: 095-052-070

Marta Booyesen  
3622 Glenwood Ave,  
Redwood City, CA 94062

14th February 2024

To:  
Sewer Rates, City Clerk  
City of Redwood City  
1017 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, CA 94063



RE: FILING A WRITTEN PROTEST AGAINST SEWER RATE INCREASE

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to express my deep concern and formal written protest regarding the recent announcement of a sewer rate increase for "single family dwellings across Redwood City" provided by your company.

I would like to emphasize that single families already bear a substantial cost to reside in Redwood City. The proposed rate increase only adds to the financial strain faced by residents in our community. Given the already high cost of living, this additional burden is particularly concerning and may place an undue hardship on many households. It is essential to consider the broader economic context and the impact of such increases on the well-being of local families.

Please reconsider this decision and explore alternative solutions. I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope for a satisfactory resolution.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Booyesen*

ACCOUNT NO: 1012166-00  
Residential Single Family

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City of Redwood City  
City Clerk

**Robert A. Boland**  
**1798 Carleton Court**  
**Redwood City, CA 94061**  
**650 814-5799**

February 18, 2024

Solid Waste Rates  
City Clerk  
City of Redwood City  
1017 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: APN 059-213-130

Dear Council Members:

Please accept this letter as a formal protest against the proposed solid waste rate increase in that it is disproportionately weighted against those residents who generate the least garbage.

The proposed increase would raise rates on 20 gallon bins nearly 30% (29.325%), while only raising 32 gallon bins 18%, 60-65 gallon bins 10.4%, and 96 gallon bins less than 7.5% (7.344%).

If "the proposed increases are" 'really' "necessary to proportionately allocate increased collection costs, including, disposal and processing fees, . . ." then how is that a proportional allocation to increase the least producers of garbage the highest increase in rates by percentage. I was under the impression that the City's goal as supported by the contracted provider, was to limit the amount of solid waste with it's recycle program. This proposed rate increase seems to contradict that underlying goal.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert A. Boland

**From:** [mckee0586@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mckee0586@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** [Redwood City City Council](#); [GRP-City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** 2/25/24-PROTEST LETTER WATER/SEWER & GARBAGE  
**Date:** Sunday, February 25, 2024 12:18:09 AM

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HELLO REDWOOD CITY COUNCIL,

I RECEIVED A NOTICE OF HIGH INCREASES AGAIN IN WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES ON TOP OF MULTIPLE BACK TO BACK INCREASES NOT NORMAL AT ALL SOUNDS LIKE PRICE GOUGING AND SCAM FOR MONEY GREED FOR SALARIES AND TO MAKE RESIDENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW SEWER LINES, ETC, TOO. WRONG- RESIDENTS ARE TO PAY REASONABLE MONEY FOR SERVICES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE SOC. SEC. ADM YEARLY COST OF LIVING INDEX NOT JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT. TO RESIDENTS OF REDWOOD CITY AND CONTINUE FORCE OUT MIDDLE CLASS, LOW MIDDLE CLASS, LOW INCOME SENIORS, AND DISABLED OUT OF THE AREA AND CALIF AS WELL.

REDWOOD CITY COUNCIL AND CIVIC GOVERNMENT STATES IN NEWS THAT REDWOOD CITY WANTS TO PROVIDE LOW INCOME HOUSING TO THE POOR, HOMELESS, ETC. WELL HOW CAN THIS BE SUCCESSFUL IF REDWOOD CITY CIVIC GOVERNMENT IS TURNING AROUND AND TRYING TO GOLD DIG AND MAKE THE RESIDENTS YOU ARE TRYING TO HELP GO BROKE AND LOSE THEIR HOUSING WITH THESE SKY ROCKET UTILITY BILLS. THIS ACTION BY RWC IS NOT NORMAL. I HAVE LIVED IN THIS TOWN MOST OF MY LIFE AND MY FAMILY WENT YEARS WITHOUT RATE HIKES AND IF THERE EVER WAS ONE IT WAS SO MINIMAL AND WAS 1X EVERY YEAR OR 3 OR 5 YEARS NOT MONTHLY , B I MONTHLY QTRLY LIKE YOU ARE DOING TO FOLKS NOW. REDWOOD CITY GOVERNMENT IS BECOMING A SECOND PG&e AND ADVOCATES FOR UT9LITES ARE TRYING TO USE LEGISLATION TO PUT A CAP ON HOW MUCH UTLIITES --ALL UTILITIES IN THE STATE CAN INCREASE. MEANING INCREASES IN RATES FOR UTILITIES FROM RWC WILL HAVE A CAP AS WELL AND WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY COST OF LIVING INDEX NOT LIKE WHAT YOU REDWOOD CITY UTILITIES ARE DOING AS PG&e IS DOING AND ALL CITIES AND PG&e WILL PAY CONSEQUENCES WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM ONCE THE LEGISLATION IS COMPLETED ON THESE HORRIBLE MATTERS. MOST FOLKS IN OTHER STATES WONDER HOW PEOPLE LIVE IN THIS GOLDEN GOLD DIGGING STATE WITH SCAM, GREED PRICE GOUGING FROM UTILITES AND RETAIL INDUSTRY AND THEY THINK CALIF IS A VERY STRANGE PLACE CHARGING OUTRAGEOUS RENT, HOME PURCHASE COSTS, PROPERTY TAX, RETAIL TAX, AND MORE AND MORE GREED AND THEY SAY THEY WILL NEVER SET FOOT IN CALIF AS THERE IS NO RESPECT FROM THIS STATE TO THE RESIDENTS FOR AFFORDABLE LIVING ONLY GENTRIFICATION FOR BILLIONAIRES AND THERE SOON WILL BE NO MORE MIDDLE CLASS BLUE COLLAR FOLKS AROUND TO WORK IN STORES, GAS STATIONS, REPAIR SHOPS, FAST FOOD CHAINS. YOUR BILLIONAIRES ARE NOT GOING TO DO THIS WORK SO WHY RUN THE MIDDLE CLASS OUT. VERY SAD OF CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AS OTHER CITIES, TOO AND PG& E TO DO THIS TO

CALIFORNIA POOR RESIDENTS AND MIDDLE CLASS. ALSO, THE SAN MATEO JOURNAL AND PALO ALTO DAILY HAVE WRITTEN MANY ARTICLE IN JAN. 24 ON REDWOOD CITY RESIDENTS OPINIONS ON THESE ONGOING, NON STOP RATE HIKES AND THEY ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE CIVIC GOVERNMENT HERE IN REDWOOD CITY AND WOULD LIKE TO VOTE SOME COUNCIL FOLKS OUT SO THEY SAID ON THE NEWS ARTICLE WRITTEN BY REPORTERS OF THESE PAPERS BACK IN DEC '23/JAN '24.

MY NAME FOR PROTEST LETTE

SANDRA MCKEE SAN MATEO CO. ASSESSOR

PARCEL # 058-354-100

1003 CHESTERTON AVE

REDWOOD CITY CA 94061

LAND PHONE 1/650-368-9666 W ANS MACHINE

DATE OF PROTEST LETTER FOR APRIL '24 HEARINGS ON SEWER/WATER

**From:** [City of Redwood City](#)  
**To:** [GRP-City Council](#)  
**Subject:** City of Redwood City: Sewer  
**Date:** Saturday, February 24, 2024 10:54:08 AM

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I am protesting the new single family residential sewer rates for Redwood City. I feel the new rates for multi family and commercial rates are unfairly low compared to single family. If you need more money please adjust the rates in a fair manner. Patricia Pellizzari 687 Upland Rd. Redwood City 94062

**From:** [Merrily Robinson](#)  
**To:** [Redwood City City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Waste rate hikes  
**Date:** Sunday, February 25, 2024 6:32:20 PM

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I know that there is inflation BUT every single year y'all just rubber stamp a yes to increases :(  
Do you ever negotiate a better deal for us??  
Just say NO! Not this much!!

Thank you,  
Merrily Robinson

Sent from my iPhone

Julie McMillan  
573 Keelson Circle  
Redwood City, CA 94065

February 26, 2024

Solid Waste Rates  
City Clerk  
City of Redwood City  
1017 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear City Council:

I am not one to usually write in about rate increases and such, for I don't feel like I'll be heard anyway. However, I really feel the need to speak up this time. Please consider this a letter to stop the solid waste rate increase.

I've been a resident of San Mateo County for the majority of my life, and it is so sad what has happened to the cost of living here. It seems that fees and taxes are never enough, and I'm so tired of it. People are living paycheck to paycheck, just trying to afford living here, yet the rates for solid waste and sewer keep going up. There must be a better way to manage money than to keep asking for more from the customers. You are running the hardworking people out of here with all these constant increases in fees. With the number of residences paying for these services, you don't already have enough money to pay for what is needed to run the company? I find that extremely hard to believe. The rate increases have to stop!

I don't know how to digitally sign an email other than to type my name, so I'm hoping that this is enough. Please advise me if this is not acceptable, for I want to be sure that my letter is accepted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julie McMillan  
Resident of Redwood City

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City of Redwood City  
City Clerk

Tom Williams  
1654-56 Palm Ave.  
Redwood City, CA 94061  
Account number: A89635

February 21, 2024

Solid Waste Rates  
City Clerk, City of Redwood City  
1017 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, CA 94063

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to protest the \$7.00 increase for regular, scheduled, basic collection of residential solid waste.

This increase disproportionately burdens those, including myself, who have 20-gallon carts. It represents a very large 29.3% increase for 20-gallon customers while the increases for larger cart sizes are comparatively modest: 7.3% for 96-gallon carts, 10.4% for 64-gallon carts, and 18.0% for 32-gallon carts.

Based on observation, I suspect that larger carts are predominantly used by higher-income residents. If true, then the 29.3% increase on smaller cart households may unfairly exacerbate financial strain on lower-income residents.

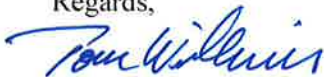
Moreover, from an environmental perspective, it is imperative that the community incentivizes the use of smaller carts to reduce the volume of materials directed to landfills. Smaller carts encourage residents to maximize the use of their blue and green carts for recyclable and compostable materials. However, the current proposal diminishes the impact of this incentive, potentially leading to an increase in materials going to landfills.

Implementing a uniform \$7.00 increase across all customer classes is inequitable and reminiscent of a regressive tax hike. The proposal vaguely references the necessity to "proportionately allocate increased collection costs" without providing clarity on what defines this proportionality. The City Council owes residents greater transparency regarding the calculation of the increase, including details such as the percentage of residents utilizing each cart size and the total revenue expected from the rate increase.

While I acknowledge the necessity for cost adjustments to cover disposal and processing fees, labor expenses, fuel and power costs, etc., and understand that these increases align Redwood City with neighboring communities, I implore the City Council to explore alternative methods of raising the same total revenue through a more equitable distribution of rate increases.

I trust that you will carefully consider these concerns and take appropriate action to ensure fairness and transparency in this matter.

Regards,



Tom Williams  
Redwood City, CA  
650-766-7216

[twilliams@pointforward.com](mailto:twilliams@pointforward.com)

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City of Redwood City  
City Clerk

Feb. 21, 2024

Solid Waste Rates, City Clerk

City of Redwood City

1017 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City, CA 94063

I am Kathryn Ailand, I reside at 1371 Sierra Street, Redwood City, CA 94061  
Parcel # 059-026-080

I am protesting the solid waste rate increase

With all the new condos, apartments and homes in Redwood City, Recology should have a surplus and budgeted for these increases.

I have gotten a notice that my garbage cans were not spaced far enough apart. Sometimes the parking on my street doesn't allow for much space between cans.

I also have to sort my garbage, I don't get paid to do this.

Recology can put the cans back in your driveway or on their side, and they do not pick up the drop garbage on the street.

This is A service we are paying for  
but I don't feel its good service.

Sincerely  
Kathryn Ann Ailand

**From:** [ljensena@aol.com](mailto:ljensena@aol.com)  
**To:** [publiccomment](#); [Laura Aden](#)  
**Subject:** Solid waste collection fees  
**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024 6:21:13 PM

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Redwood City Council,

I strongly oppose the enormous hike in Solid Waste Collection rates. Most of our residents have not had any increase in salary. Many live on fixed income or have recently been laid off. Our incomes are not going up but everything we pay for is increasing, water, electrical, gas, sewage, garbage collection, property taxes & fees. I know many people who have been laid off and having difficulty finding jobs.

Why such a huge increase? Instead of just paying should you not open their books and look at why the huge increase. It feels like a rip off of the tax paying public. This group behaves as a monopoly and they have had financial scandals in the past. Also, just because another city is paying more does not mean we should match it. It is time to get another company to bid?

Thanks you,  
Laura Aden

**From:** [CLK-Crystal Tuifua](#)  
**To:** [CLK-Celia Machuca](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Protest against Solid Waste increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 10:14:17 AM

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Another one.

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**From:** Mike S <mikesalafia@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 6:27 PM  
**To:** GRP-City Council <council@redwoodcity.org>  
**Subject:** Protest against Solid Waste increase

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Hello council,

I would like to submit my protest of the proposed increases to the Solid Waste Rate for Redwood City. As a homeowner in Redwood City, this proposed plan hurts small families the most as the rates are increased with a flat fee, and instead this should be a tiered (%) increase to achieve the goal of increasing funds for this service.

At the current rates, for instance, the rate for a 64-gallon container is roughly 3x the rate for a 20-gallon container. With the proposed changes, the 20-gallon container increases by almost 30%, while the 64-gallon container increases by only 10%. This should not have such a devastating impact to the smallest available container.

Thank you,  
Mike Salafia  
1004 Rockport Ave, 94065



### SPEAKER'S CARD

City of Redwood City

Please fill out and submit to the City Clerk to speak to the City Council.

**Providing your contact information below is optional, but if you do provide it, it is a public record.**

DATE: 2-26-24 PHONE NO 626-390-7298

NAME: Alice Robinson

ADDRESS: 600 Warrington Ave ZIP: 94063

EMAIL ADDRESS alice.robinson37@gmail.com

Please check this box if you would like to receive the Redwood City E-News.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 OR SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED (if any): \_\_\_\_\_



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DATE: 2-26-2024 PHONE NO (650) 520-5674

NAME: Jena Shami

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 26 Feb -24 PHONE NO \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Misbaal Riaz

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 26 Feb 2024 PHONE NO 650483 9799

NAME: America <sup>With</sup> Yamaguchi

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