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**Subject: Formal Protest – Sewer Rate Increase**

Dear Bakersfield City Council,

I submit this letter in protest of the proposed increase in sewer rates. The scale and speed of this proposal—raising fees nearly 300%—requires a level of transparency that the City has not provided.

There has been no detailed breakdown of costs, long-term plans, or justification for why residents should shoulder such a steep burden. Without clear information and community input, this proposal undermines public trust.

I urge you to delay the vote until a full explanation of the funding model, rate structure, and industrial cost contributions is made available to the public.

Sincerely,

Signature of owner or authorized representative: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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