**DATE: / /2025**

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

Dear Bakersfield City Council,

I am writing to formally protest the proposed increase in annual sewer rates from $239 to $950. A nearly 300% hike will place an unreasonable burden on working families like mine, especially during a time when inflation and housing costs are already making it hard to stay afloat.

This increase does not take into account income levels, household size, or actual water usage. It is unfair to apply a flat fee that hits lower-income residents the hardest.

I urge the City to reconsider this proposal and explore phased-in increases or more equitable rate structures that protect residents from sudden financial strain.

Sincerely,

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

First & Last Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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