**DATE: / /2025**

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

Dear Bakersfield City Council,

I am writing to formally protest the proposed increase in sewer rates from $239 to $950 annually.

This fee structure does not just affect property owners—it also affects renters. In multi-unit buildings, landlords are likely to pass along this nearly 300% increase in the form of **higher rents or utility surcharges**, yet those tenants have **no legal right to protest the increase under Proposition 218**.

It is deeply unjust to exclude a large portion of the population from having a voice in this process, especially those who are more likely to be low-income or living paycheck to paycheck.

Please delay implementation and reconsider this structure with a more inclusive and equitable approach.

Sincerely,

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

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

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