From: Michael Cheng [mikecheng3@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, May 25, 2019 8:57 PM
To: Michael Cheng
Cc: Michael Cheng
Subject: Proposed Rate Change on Trash & Recycling Rates by 16%

Hello Council Member,

My name is Michael Cheng. I would like to address the above rate hikes to your direct attention.

I would like to present my appeal in the open hearing. It is however, I would be in Washington D.C. on the date of the hearing.

I am most certain that MarBorg has a million reason to justify its pending rate hike request by 16%. But is it right and fair to impose such a steep hike to our residents in the City at this time?

With the cost of gasoline in excess of $4/gallon, the cost of grocery and daily expenses are creeping up each and every day, the average citizen in the area are really bogged down by the weight of having to pay for more fees, taxes and cost of living on a daily basis.

This steep rate hike is especially punitive to those residents who are living from paycheck to paycheck. Who are making a bare sustainable level of living. The rate hike does not differentiate the rich and the less fortunate among us in the area.

I am requesting the rate hike be scaled back and if it could be held back so that our residents could have some advance preparation in addressing this rate increase in the future.

If this rate increase is not checked, it could initiate an inflation spiral that could cause a rate increase in every business entity and industry in the area. The business owners would simply pass on the higher rate fee onto the consumers.

Council Members, your wisdom in the above matter is requested.

Sincerely,

Michael Cheng

ATTN: Public Hearing on Solid Waste Rate Changes

From: Lisa Howard + Dean Hoffman

We are writing to state that we are the property owners of 31 Orange Ave, Goleta, CA 93117 and we are in opposition to the proposed solid waste rate changes for City of Goleta residences, as described in the attached notice you mailed to us. Our names are Dean Hoffman and Lisa Howard.

Thank you,

Lisa Howard 5/8/19

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May 20, 2019

City Clerk of Goleta
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117

I am writing to protest the proposed trash collection fee increase to fund the Tajiguas Sorting Project Line and ask you to record a NO vote on my behalf. I am an owner of the property located at 5660 Via Trento, Goleta, CA (APN 069-401-015).

Sincerely,

Evelina C. Curzan

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5660 Via Trento
Goleta, CA 93117

May 20, 2019

City Clerk of Goleta
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117

I am writing to protest the proposed trash collection fee increase to fund the Tajiguas Sorting Project Line and ask you to record a NO vote on my behalf. I am an owner of the property located at 453 Linfield Place, Goleta, CA (APN 073-200-015).

Sincerely,

Paul C. Curzan
5660 Via Trento
Goleta, CA 93117

May 8th, 2019

Dear City of Goleta:

I am writing to notify you that I am opposed to the proposed solid waste rate changes.

My address is 802 Camino Corto apt.3, Goleta, CA 93117.

Sincerely,

Jubilee Tang

5/9/ 2019

Dear Sir/Madam:

I know you may have good intentions but I am strongly disagree with the proposed solid waste rate changes.

My address is 6608 Calle Koral, Goleta, CA 93117.

Respectfully,

Ruth Chen

City of Goleta
City Clerk
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117

Attn: Public Hearing on Solid Waste Rate Changes

I am protesting the proposed rate changes to the City's solid waste collection rates.

Bruce Trowbridge
Parcel number 077-391-020
294 Savona Ave.
Goleta, CA 93117

May 10, 2019

City Clerk of Goleta

130 Cremona Dr. Suite B

Goleta, Calif. 93117

I protest the Tajiguas Sorting Line project. Enter me as a vote NO.

Vicki Baldwin (owner)

935 Vista De Lejos Dr.

Santa Barbara, Calif. 93110

Vicki Baldwin

May 10, 2019

City Clerk of Goleta

130 Cremona Dr. Suite B

Goleta, Calif. 93117

I protest the Tajiguas Sorting Line project. Enter me as a vote NO.

Vicki Baldwin (owner)

152 Gerard Drive

Goleta, Calif. 93117

Vicki Baldwin

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5-7-19

444 Dayton Dr
Goleta Ca 93117

City Clerk -
I Object to the rate increase
my Parcel No is. 079-442-014
I Live at 444 Dayton Dr -

Sincerely
Darryl L. Mazel

Phone 8056851391

TO whom it may Concern,

I Cara Goldsworthy property owner of 7614 Pine Tree place (property 079-510-025) oppose the Solid waste rate changes.

property owner: Cara Goldsworthy
property: 7614 Pine Tree place
parcel #: 079-510-025

Thank you,

Cara Goldsworthy

5-6-2019

City of Goleta

This is a written protest of the proposed rate changes to the City's solid waste collection rates. My address is 530 Windsor Avenue Goleta.

Michelle E. Smith

Michelle E. Smith

May 7, 2019

City Clerk
130 Cremona Dr., Ste. B
Goleta, CA 93117

Re: Attn: Public Hearing on Solid Waste Rate Changes
Protest and Opposition to Solid Waste Rate Changes

Dear City Clerk and Members of the Goleta City Council:

I wanted to register my objection to the rate increases proposed for Marborg trash charges. The cost of living increase is understandable. The balance of the increase is not acceptable.

The Resource Recovery Project may project some increase in recycling, but the same could be achieved by better education of Marborg's customers. In addition, Marborg has apparently got a pass on recycling plastic bags so we should have received a price decrease. It's funny though, apparently there are alternatives in recycling plastic bags as evidenced by recycling stations at Abblits and other establishments as written about in the Independent. Perhaps Marborg executives should read about it. I bring mine there so that they may be used in construction materials. Marborg's publishing that plastic bags were "no longer recyclable" is not true. I'm guessing that the inaccurate flyer that contained this false information was sent out at rate payers' expense. What may be true is that Maborg can no longer produce a profit on recycling such materials. Apparently, they can pick and choose components of their contract that fit their business plan. If so, that contract was poorly written.

Clearly this process is just a rubber stamp for rate increases since the likelihood of a majority of owners/users responding to any city letter is next to none. Having the process be just the opposite with approval by a majority of owners/users would be fairer and would of course be decided in the owner/users favor. This is clearly a rigged process.

Sincerely,

Brian Bailey
280 King Daniel Ln.
Goleta, CA 93117

805-637-1031
Brian@brianbailey.com

5/7/19 Protest proposed rate changes to the City's solid waste collection rates. Opposition to rate changes.

Customer of Record: Rigo Vela

Location: 423 Pacific Oaks Rd
Goleta, Ca 93117

Name: Rigo Vela

Rigo Vela

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CUSTOMER OF RECORD: BELLA VIEW WINDOWS & DOORS IS IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE CHANGES.

ADDRESS: 310 PINE AVENUE SUITE C
GOLETA, CA 93117

CUSTOMER NAME: RIGO VELA- OWNER OF BELLA VIEW WINDOWS & DOORS.

Rigo Vela 5/6/19

May 10, 2019
Attn: City Clerk, Goleta

I ,Pam Dawson, resident of Goleta and customer of Marburg Industries, residing at 6553 Camino Venturoso, Goleta CA 93117, am in opposition to the proposed solid waste rate changes.

15.56% rate increase is too high. Further your letter for the proposed changes, while providing some reasoning, and a worthy goal, do not explain the total cost of this project nor what happens to the money collected after the project is completed. Also while the fee charged to the city per ton is increased, you do not provide how many tons the city currently processes, which makes it very hard to ascertain a reasonable cost to pass on to your residents. Finally what portion are we paying if the county and other regional cities are involved?

Thank you for considering these issues, and accepting my opposition statement.

Pam Dawson
6553 Camino Venturoso
Goleta, CA 93117
805 770 3869

05-07-19

City Clerk of Goleta
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117

I protest. Please log me as a Tajiguas Sorting Line NO vote.

Your 14% rate increase is an insult. The total cost of this $130 million dollar project will surpass $500 million dollars when all is said and done... By then what will our rates be? I predict it will eventually cost each resident an additional $1000 per year. And for what? For a sorting line that will house 100 people laboriously picking through every Q-tip and piece of dog crap that ends up in our trash cans? And what will the carbon footprint be of an additional 100-150 people driving that 50 mile round trip every day?! What happens when China decides they don't want our overpriced recycled trash? It will then just end up in the landfill anyway. And what about the incinerator? From what I've read, most of all of them ***never*** work like they're suppose to. This massive boondoggle isn't needed. The canyon adjacent and east of Tajiguas Landfill is massive and large enough to bury trash for another 200+ years! Stop scaring the public you guys. Landfills are nearly 100% safe. Each bench is lined with impermeable plastic. **NO** trash, no chemical, no battery mercury, ***nothing*** ever leaves those bench layers. Everything in them is sealed for eternity. No risk to our ground water. No risk to the air we breathe as all the methane is burned on site. Modern landfills are an engineering marvel, and relatively inexpensive to operate. They're a hell of a lot cheaper to run than what you're proposing. And all for what? Because the Man Made Global Warming crowd has infiltrated our State bureaucrats and now the common sense of our County Supervisors and City officials? You know who's going to pay for all this nonsense? The middle class and the ***poor*** of our County. These exorbitant refuse fees will be passed down in the form of rent increases, as if they aren't high enough already. Stop this ridiculous project and utilize the canyon next door. Oh, wait, you've built hiking trails there so it can never ***EVER*** be used again as a landfill...

I for one am appalled.

Scott Switzer
85 Tecolote Ave
Goleta, CA 93117

Francesca Palermino
562 Springbrook Ct.

SANTA BARBARA CA 931

I, Francesca Palermino, customer of MarBorg, oppose to the proposed solid waste rate changes at 562 Springbrook Ct. Goleta, CA 93117.

Francesca Palermino

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City of Goleta City Clerk
Attn: Public Hearing on Solid Waste Rate Changes
130 Cremona Drive Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117

May 10, 2019

Re: Proposed Changes in the City of Goleta Trash and Recycling Rates

I object to the proposed new rate structure because it does not properly allocate the rising costs to the level of service.

It would be appropriate to apply the proposed blended 15.56% increase to all users if the costs associated with their level of service all changed by that blended amount, but as shown below they have not. Small users (35 gallon per week) pay about 6 times as much for Collection Costs as they do for Disposal Costs, much more than all other users. The only fair way to allocate the rate increase is by the actual costs associated with each level of service.

According to the Notice, the fees charged are due to two costs: Collection Cost and Disposal Cost. The Collection Cost increase is 1.72% and the Disposal Cost increase is 47% ($150/$102 - 1).

When we look at the current rate structure we see that for small users the main cost is Collection Cost, as evidenced by the fees. The current fee for Single Family Residential Cart Service with a 35 gallon cart is $26.11, while that for 65 gallon service is $29.25, showing the Disposal Cost for the additional 30 gallons is $3.14 (the difference between the cost for 35 gallon and 65 gallon service). Working backwards from the information presented in the Notice, I estimate the Collection Cost for Single Family Residential Cart Service is $26.11 - $3.14 * 35/30 = $22.45, while the Disposal Cost is $3.14 per 30 gallons.

Proper allocation of the rate increase would be for the Collection Cost to increase by the 1.72% indicated in the Notice and for the Disposal Cost to increase by 47%. Thus the Collection Cost would increase from $22.45 to $22.83, and the Disposal Costs would increase from $3.14 to $4.62 per 30 gallons, or $5.39 per 35 gallons. Thus the rate structure for Single Family Residential Cart Service would be as follows:

Single Family Residential Cart Service	
35 gallon	$28.22
65 gallon	$32.84
95 gallon	$37.46

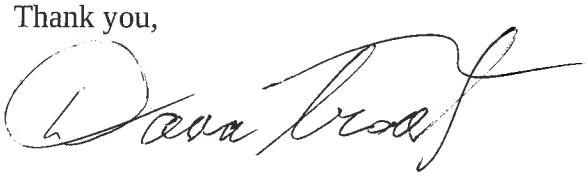
The proper fee structure for Multi Family Residential Service can be determined in a similar manner. The current rate for 35 gallon service is $22.16 and for 65 gallon service is $24.71, a difference of $2.55 per 30 gallons. Thus the current Collection fee is $22.16 - $2.55 * 35/30 = $19.19, while the Disposal Cost is $2.55 per 30 gallons, or $2.98 per 35 gallons. The new rates would be a Collection Cost of $19.19 * 1.0172 = $19.51, and Disposal Costs of $2.55 * 1.47 = $3.75 per 30 gallons or $4.37 per 35 gallons.

Multi Family Residential Service

35 gallon	$23.88
65 gallon	$27.63
95 gallon	$31.38

I realize these figures are only approximate because I am using the limited information shown in the Notice, but they should be pretty close. They demonstrate clearly the unfairness of the currently-proposed new rate structure.

Thank you,



Dana Trout, Property Owner
339 Coronado Dr
Goleta, CA 93117