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To: [MPClerk](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#); [Yang, Elizabeth](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Wong, Thomas](#)
Subject: URGENT: Proposed Refuse Rate Notice
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Dear Council Members Elizabeth Yang, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong, and City Clerk:

I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the Notice of Public Hearing for proposed refuse rate adjustments. After speaking with several residents, it appears many have not received this notice, raising questions about proper distribution. Proposition 218 mandates a 45-day review period, yet I received the ballot only 16 days ago, on June 25, 2025, which is insufficient notice. This lack of transparency and inadequate time to organize a majority protest—required to reject the proposals—undermines public trust and due process. I urge you to investigate the distribution process, extend the review period to comply with Proposition 218, and ensure all affected property owners receive proper notice. Please address this matter urgently before the July 16, 2025, hearing.

Sincerely,
Stewart Hiromi Phillips
Monterey Park Resident

From: noreply@civicplus.com
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Subject: Online Form Submittal: City Council Written Communication
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First Name	Linda
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Last Name	Bell
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Street Number	1850
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Street Name	LOMA VERDE
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Street Type	STREET
Apt #	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	MONTEREY PARK
State	CA
Zip	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Phone Number	323-728-0904
Email Address	62sunbird@gmail.com
Representing: (self, name of organization, or other party)	Self
Written Communication	Please see the attached document for my protest comments regarding the proposed refuse service rate hikes. Respectfully, Linda Bell
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To: City Council of Monterey Park
The City Council Acting on Behalf of the Successor Agency of the Former
Redevelopment Agency, the Housing Authority, the Monterey Park Financing Authority
and the Monterey Park Geologic Hazard Abatement District Agenda

RE: Consideration and Possible Action to adopt an ordinance establishing Refuse
Franchise Fee Rates—Public Hearing July 16, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

July 15, 2025

To the Honorable City Council Members:

Below are the reasons that I submitted a protest to the Monterey Park City Council's proposed
Refuse Rate Adjustments :

From a review of The City's Notice of Public Hearing-Proposed Refuse Rate Adjustments, and
the contract between the City and Ware Disposal Services, it is understood that annual cost
rate hikes may be required. The contract states that the rate hikes are to be tied to the average
percentage change in the published Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers in the Los
Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area (CPI-LLA). The recent historic average CPI-LLA rates
increases have averaged about 3 percent per year.

However, the City's proposed rate hike is 18 percent, which is approximately equivalent to five
years of annual rate hikes which would become effective starting September 2025 when the
first annual rate hike was allowed by terms of the contract.

Why is the proposed first-year increase five to six 5 times larger than anticipated by the City's
contract with Ware Disposal Service? The citizens of Monterey Park deserve to know why the
increase is so much larger than anticipated. How much of the shortfall is due to unanticipated
costs by the City and why, and how much of the increase is being requested by the contractor/
Franchisee and why?

What assurances will be provided that no further refuse service rate increases may be sought
for the in the second through fifth years of service as provided by the City's contract? What
other

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Bell
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