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Agenda item D.1 Sewer funding

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To whom it may concern,

I appreciate that the bonds under consideration to fund this expansion project at this time seem not to have a direct impact on the cost to residents. However I can remember recently being told that my rates were going up to fund just such an expansion in capacity. I was also told by the sewer company that this is a direct result of the new housing projects overloading existing capacity. As a result I paid \$150/quarter in 2022, \$160/quarter in 2023 and I now pay \$171/quarter. So I put to you the same question I put to the sewer company during the public meeting about rate increases. Since it is the city councils choice to push for ever more and rapid development, more houses everywhere and giving massive tax breaks to companies that relocate here and drag with them even more new residents, why can't new housing construction cover the cost of the expansion needed to accommodate them. This city has grown too fast for too long and am I going to be looking at a \$200 bill in the next year or so just to flush my toilet? This is an unfair burden on existing residents. We are not the ones that are causing the need for massive new capacity. I strongly urge the city council to assure that all new development has the appropriate surcharges to cover their effect on this once great city. Whether that be sewer expansion, water capacity, roads, recreational needs etc. Smart growth is what Reno needs and not all growth is smart.

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