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From: Karen Butter <karenbutter@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 5:15 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Fwd: LWV Support for Stormwater and Flood Protection Fee

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Date: October 1, 2019 at 5:11 PM
Subject: LWV Support for Stormwater and Flood Protection Fee

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

On tonight's agenda is a consideration to ask property owners in Alameda to approve the Stormwater Fee and Flood Protection.

The League of Women Voters of Alameda voted to support the fee at its September 19th meeting. While the League supports the Stormwater Fee, we would have preferred to use a parcel tax to raise revenue, which requires a 2/3 threshold to win and would have allowed **all registered voters**, not just property owners, the opportunity to cast a vote.

Karen Butter

LWVA Action Chair

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From: Liam Garland
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 10:14 AM
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Cc: Jim Oddie; Eric Levitt; LARA WEISIGER; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; Malia Vella; Gerry Beaudin; Jerry Bradshaw
Subject: RE: Water Quality Initiative

Mr. Humphries and Ms. Graber:

I appreciate your interest and diligence in understanding this proposed fee measure. Below are a two items that may help clarify the financials underlying the proposed fee.

- The proposed fee does include capital expenses. The fee would enable ~\$18 million in capital spending spread over the next 15 years, or about \$1.2 million annually dedicated to capital projects. The \$18 million in total capital spending would cover a substantial amount of the \$30+ million in high priority capital projects identified in the fee study and in prior engineering studies. The fee study assumes a pay-as-you-go approach—not a bond issuance—for these capital projects. With fee revenue dedicated to these capital projects, the City will be in a better position to have the necessary local match to better compete for grant funds so that the remaining balance of \$30+ million in capital needs can be addressed sooner.
- The existing income, current expenses, and needs to prevent current degradation are not additive. Instead, current revenue is \$2.5 million, current budget is \$4.2 million, but total annual revenue needs are indeed \$5.4 million. (In the fee study, the total annual revenue needs are \$5,451,000; in the community presentation, this was rounded to \$5.5 million. See page 8 of the fee study.) Overall, if Alamedans approve the new fee, this new dedicated revenue source would bring in an increase of \$2.9 million on top of the existing fee revenue of \$2.5 million, for a total of \$5.4 million.

I hope this is helpful. I've copied Jerry Bradshaw, a consultant from SCI, and Jerry and I would be happy to arrange a time to discuss any further questions you have.

Best,
Liam

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From: Reyla Graber <reylagraber@aol.com>
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Subject: Water Quality Initiative

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Below is a summary from George Humphries, engineer and long time Alameda resident. His summary(below) concerns various figures given to the public regarding the 2019 Water Quality and Flood Protection initiative.

Per George's analysis, the figures show several substantial discrepancies between the August 14 public mailing, the Public Meeting Fact Sheet and the City of Alameda website re Clean Water Initiative.

1. Existing income is stated to be \$2.5 million a year

2. Proposed increase in monthly and/or yearly charges for average sized residence:

Current fee = \$56.00 per year (pg.3 of website etc)

Additional fee= \$78.00 per year

$\frac{\$134.00}{12} = \11.17 per month (**ok --this figure checks out**)

2. Annual budget figures:

Pg 7 of 8 of website figures:

(www.alamedaca.gov/clean water)

Current budget

Without increase must decrease by

\$4million year divided by

\$1 million a year

$= 3\text{million/year} = 1.33$ or 133 % per cent increase

The proposed fee of

\$ 134.00 /year divided by

\$56.00/ year

$= 2.39$ or 239 % per cent increase

This is a difference of over 100%. So does the total fee include capital expenditures? What?

It must include more than bare operating costs.

However, the original public mailing dated 8/14/ 2019 contained different figures:

Existing income \$2.5 million/ yr

Current expenses \$4.2 million/yr

Needed to prevent current degradation \$5.4 million/yr

$+ \text{-----}$
 $= \$9.6 \text{ million/yr}$

Please compare \$9.6 million with \$4million/yr cited above. This does not correlate.

So, \$9.6 million/yr. divided by \$2.5 million/yr(stated current income)= 3.84 or a 384% increase ,
Whereas the new proposed total is only 239% /yr.

Then in the original mailing it also says they additionally they need a \$30 million bond for capital improvement.

Would this amount be covered by a future bond issue? Depending upon the terms of a capitol bond, they might need \$1.5 million to \$2 million per year to pay off the bonds--in addition.

Therefore, with the 30 m dollar bond, they might need \$11 million to \$12 million /yr total.

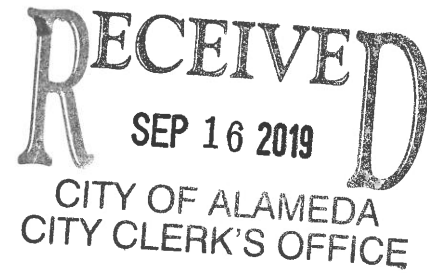
Assuming 25,000 residents, this bond plus the Initiative would require about \$400.00 per year per residence.

In conclusion, as you the City Council, are the public guardians for Alameda residents and their taxpaying pocket books-- if you have not already done so-- we ask you to take an in depth look and further analysis of the Water Quality Initiative figures.

Thank you,

George Humphreys
Reyla Graber

September 10, 2019



To the City Clerk,

We are the owners of the Alameda parcel of real property at 301 Robert L Stevenson Avenue. We feel it is imperative to pass the Water Quality and Flood Protection Fee. We are writing in support of the vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catherine Egelhoff".

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randall Block".

Catherine Egelhoff
Randall Block