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Attn: Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board

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Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting at 6:00pm itoday, March 22, 2023 to see the outcome. Though it sounds like a done deal again.

MY COMMENT:

It's time to think outside the box for solutions to the continually increased costs to maintain or improve sewage systems for monetary sources.

As far as monetary collections, you should be looking towards the 50 Million visitors that come to O.C. annually as a possible source of income to maintain the sewer system they utilize while here. The profit driven businesses that help attract so many visitors, have a better ability to help pay for these well used services that they are required to provide to the public. The profitable businesses should be stepping up to the plate and paying higher fees.

Please put your brains to work on a more justifiable and fair service fee.

I would like to inform you that increasing fees on single home parcels constantly will create hardships on those of us in or approaching retirement, on Disability income, and lower income homeowners, Perhaps I am missing information on the pricing system, as I found that I am paying \$347 for my single parcel for my single self living and using sewage services, while my neighbors single family parcel that at one point in time housed multiple people (15+ and many guests) may very well be paying less than myself for such services if claiming "multi-family parcel" despite the obvious difference in sewer usage demands. If paying just \$347 for all those people to live there they still win! It just all seems very unequal how this is divied up. At some point you will be demanding \$1000 or more a year for these fees.

Consequences of overcharging:

In 1976 before Prop 13 came into effect, my mother and I were taxed out of our home in Hermosa Beach, as were countless other families there. Schools closed due to the lack of children attending- my old Elementary school, the Junior H.S. and several other Elementary schools because families couldn't afford the tremendous jump in their housing taxes and had no choice but to sell and flee to find lower cost housing to afford to live in. We fled to O.C. Later, our first home in Garden Grove became part of Imminent Domain, another hardship that cost us more in the long run.

Putting in my two cents, even knowing that nothing will change during this meeting and nothing I can say or do will make a difference.

Thank you for the moment to share a little of my story.

Thanks,

Debbie McMahon