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## Public Comment on Item 10.1 for 10/24/23 City Council Meeting

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The Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I have been a homeowner in the City of Placerville for the past ten years. I ask the City to consider alternatives to the proposed Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance proposed with item 10.1 on October 24, 2023.

As a City resident I pay higher sewer rates with a lower level of service compared to those living in the unincorporated areas of Placerville. Placerville's sewer rates are \$205.81 for the first 7.5 hundred cubic feet. El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID) current rates are \$0.041091 per cubic feet with a \$69.58 base charge, so the Placerville minimum of 7.5 hundred cubic feet would cost \$100.40. Placerville sewer costs are 104% higher than EID. EID maintains the sewer lateral from the meter to the sewer main. Residents of the City of Placerville pay 1% more in Sales and Use Tax, and this tax revenue has and can be used to maintain the City Sewer System. So between the sewer rates and Sales and Use tax, city residents are paying significantly more than EID customers for a lower level of service.

I propose the following revisions/alternatives:

- a. Determine an appropriate fee that would make it feasible for the City to maintain the sewer lateral from the main to the meter. This would make City sewer service comparable to that of EID. I attended the May 24, 2023, workshop on this topic. This alternative was suggested at the workshop, yet the staff report from City staff does not mention this alternative.
- b. Remove the requirement for obtaining a Certification of Lateral Compliance (COLC) upon title transfer/sale of properties. Not all homeowners sell their home to make a profit, some people have to sell to pay medical bills or upon the death of the primary breadwinner. Think of the most vulnerable in our community when making policy decisions, and this requirement would burden those who are struggling and may not have the capital to make these repairs.

I hope you consider my alternatives.

Thank you,

Zachary Kragel