

July 9, 2021

Members of the Jefferson Parish Council  
P.O. Box 10242  
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Dear Members of the Council,

During the July 7, 2021 meeting of the Jefferson Business Council, President Cynthia Lee Sheng, along with key members of her staff, made a presentation regarding the need for an increase in the Water and Sewer User fees.

The presentation focused on the aging infrastructure, insufficient funding to adequately maintain the current system, needed capital investment, and that the current user fees being the lowest in the region.

The details of the presentation further focused on the annual number of water and sewer line breaks, the cost and length of time to repair antiquated water and sewer lines, and the many projects and compliance issues mandated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that are in jeopardy if not adequately funded.

The proposed rate increases, which will be phased in over time, took into consideration users' consumption, as well as both the short-term and long-term goals to improve the water and sewer systems. Based on this presentation, as well as the responses provided by President Sheng to questions presented by our members, the Jefferson Business Council voted to support and encourage the Jefferson Parish Council to consider favorably the proposed rate increases. Our resolution of support is attached to this letter.

Thank you for the all the time, attention and effort that each of you provide in order to make Jefferson Parish a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Eric E. Bosch  
2021 Chairperson