


**From:** Kelly Fergusson kj@fergusson.com   
**Subject:** Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: EPASD under attack -- Protest Hearing today at 2:30  
**Date:** July 22, 2024 at 9:54 PM  
**To:** Kelly Fergusson kjfergusson@menlopark.org, sharifa sharifataalks@gmail.com

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On May 22, 2024, at 12:02 PM, Kelly Fergusson <kj@fergusson.com> wrote:

Our local independent sewer district, formed in 1939, is under attack. East Palo Alto Sanitary District, which serves areas of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, is the object of a takeover attempt by the City of East Palo. If the City takes over, our yearly sewer rates will likely more than double from about \$600 to over \$1300 per year. We will no longer receive the prompt, personalized, and exemplary service we currently enjoy. We will no longer have a separately elected board of directors we can hold accountable at the ballot box for quality service and ratepayer value. ***We sewer district ratepayers will be forced to subsidize the cost of new commercial development rather than for-profit developers paying their fair share.***

We ratepayers will no longer have a separately elected board of directors we can hold accountable at the ballot box for quality service and ratepayer value. Menlo Park ratepayers will not be able to vote on anything at all because they cannot vote in City of East Palo Alto elections resulting in ***taxation without representation***. No wonder there is a revolt going on!

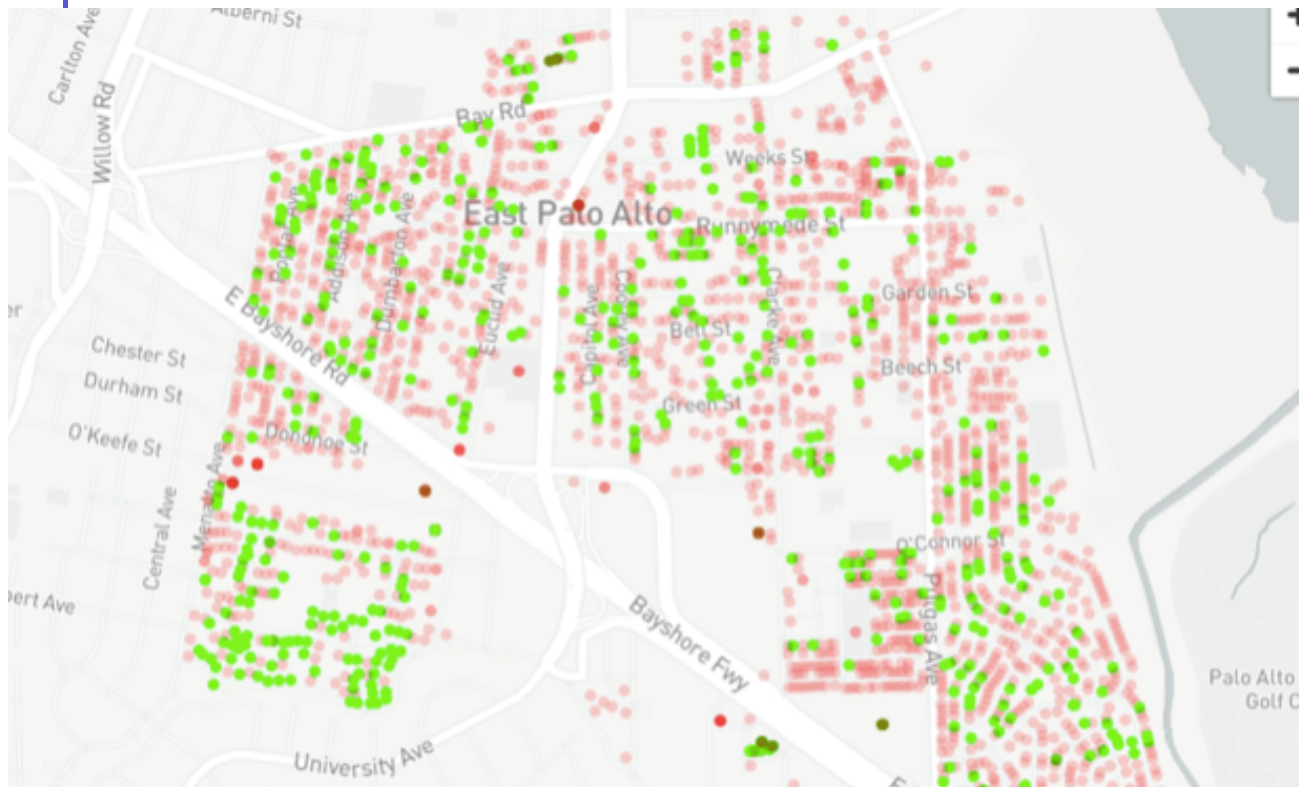
The LAFCO Board of Directors is meeting today at 2:30pm in the East Palo Alto City Council chambers at 2415 University Ave. They can decide to put this matter on the Nov 5 ballot for the voters to decide, or they can continue their misguided effort to support the City of East Palo's takeover.

Volunteers belonging to Residents for an Independent Sanitary District (<https://independentsanitarydistrict.org/>) collected THOUSANDS of protest letters from Sanitary District residents which will be turned in at the LAFCO meeting today. Protest letters continue to pour in this morning.

Agenda attached.

Kelly Fergusson, former Mayor of Menlo Park  
168 Oak Court  
Resident of East Palo Alto Sanitary Sewer District

Sharifa Wilson, former Mayor of East Palo Alto  
2389 Glen Way, East Palo Alto  
Resident of East Palo Alto Sanitary Sewer District

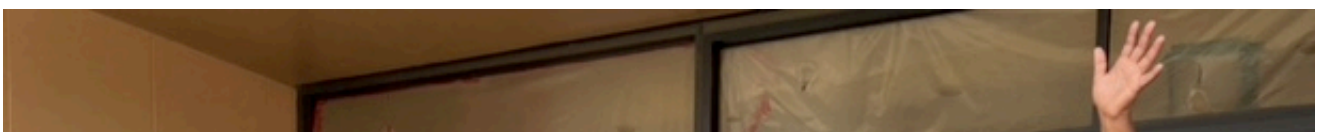




Green dots indicate Signed Landowner Protest Letters



Former mayors Kelly Fergusson (Menlo Park) and Sharifa Wilson (East Palo Alto) along with volunteer Teresa wheel thousands of Ratepayer Protest Letters into the LAFCo kangaroo court.





Volunteers celebrate the collection of thousands of residents' and property owners' Protest Letters on May 22. San Mateo LAFCO's counting criteria is dramatically skewed in favor of commercial property owners and inequitably against fixed income seniors and other in-District residential property owners. No number of Protest Letters could have achieved San Mateo LAFCO's impossible, corrupt, and opaque incomprehensive counting criteria.