

West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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Newsha K. Ajami President, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission 525 Golden Gate Avenue, 13th Floor San Francisco CA 94102

Dear President Ajami and PUC Commissioners,

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council (WTPCC), comprised of 18 homeowner groups, opposes the current rate increases being proposed and asks for a longer public participation process to inform, educate, and discuss with homeowners.

The presentation made by PUC staff at our meeting last night was informative, however, many questions remain as to whether this rate increase is needed or if other cost cutting measures may be applied by controlling costs and eliminating redundancies and inefficiencies.

The lack of representation for rate-payers on the voter-approved Rate Fairness Board is cause for concern. The participation of a residential rate-payer would offer the homeowner's perspective on the significant rate increase and new structure of the stormwater charge.

The impact of a 90% percent increase over 5 years on fixed-income households, middle class families, seniors, and working middle class homeowners is unfair and heavy-handed in this economy.

We urge you to continue to work for cost savings before burdening ratepayers with additional costs.

Stephen Martin-Pinto
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