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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
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April 6, 2012

City of Santa Barbara

Re: Utility Rate Increase

I am opposed to the rate increase detailed in my recent water, sewer and trash bill. Last July 2011 you raised rates and now you are raising rates again. Each year once or twice a year you raise rates. Most of the money as we all know goes to wages and benefits. This year your rate hike will be $3.04 PER MONTH!! For someone who is on a fixed income this is too much.

It is time for all to tighten their belts and this includes employees not getting a raise and taking less for benefits and paying more for some of those benefits. I never worked in all my life where I got benefits such as: pension, sick, holidays and I don't think that I should have to subsidize those that do. We all have to do our part to keep costs down and provide for ourselves now and for the future.

I write this letter to sway your vote, but it seems like those that protest (and many don't write) will not be heard and you will go ahead and raise our rates. By the way, if most of our water is used for landscaping as you state in your insert with our bills, then why are we paying equally for sewer as we do for water when this landscape water does not go down the sewer?

I strongly urge you NOT to increase rates, or are you just like the rest of "them" that are in it for all you can get? The time is now to restructure and decrease wages and especially benefits which are draining our reserves in all forms of government whether it be city or big government. I hope other citizens stand up and speak.

Susie Tomlinson

1829 Mountain Ave

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

City of Santa Barbara
City Clerk
City Council
735 Anacapa St
Santa Barbara CA 93101

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I oppose all proposed rate increases for water, sewer, trash. Just say NO

these yearly increases just create a slush fund for inept city workers. No accountability to residents. Not "fair" to raise rates on those with fixed incomes, lower incomes or no income. In this economy should be NO rate increases. You are counting on uneducated, non informed to slip these yearly increases thinking we won't mind another $10 a month with nothing in return

Also oppose monopoly of Cox Commun. Give us a choice with ATT & Verizon

Liz Young
3706 Modena Way
Santa Barbara CA 93105
015655 750675

4-15-12

To whom it may Concern:

I Bret Sean Bretz who is on S.S.I. w/ Disability, total Income $854.40 monthly, am opposed to any increase in your proposed water/sewage Billing. I am barely surviving now. I live off of Sec 8./Housing and I pay everything, electric, gas, water/sewage, phone, rent, Housing Deposit (one among many other Bills that are all necessary for me to live. If not for Catholic charities and other food programs, mostly churches, I wouldn't have enough food to eat for the month. Every Dollar is very, very important to me. I even recycle to help ends meet. I am against any increases or taxes on any of my Bills cause I'm barely surviving how it is. I have applied for every assistance program and I'm still hurting financially. Thank You for You Time & Consideration.

Bret Sean Bretz

329 East Carrillo St. #A
Santa Barbara, CA. 93101

(805) 845-8372 Home (805) 886-2147 Cell

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RALPH V. MODUGNO, INC.
D.B.A. SANTA CRUZ MARKET
324 W. Montecito Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 966-2121

April 10, 2012

City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Santa Cruz Market
324 W. Montecito Street

To Whom it Concerns,

I am definitely not in favor of the City of Santa Barbara raising the rates for water, sewage and solid waste collection. As a small business, the battle to stay in business is never ending, and to have the City of Santa Barbara constantly raising their rates makes things even more difficult. As a lifelong Santa Barbara resident and business owner, I ask that you please keep our rates where they are, at least until our economy recovers.

Sincerely,

Thomas Modugno
President & CEO
Ralph V. Modugno, Inc.

JOHN M. MARALDO
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1003 FREEDOM BOULEVARD
WATSONVILLE CA 95076-3201
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FAX: (831) 722-4969

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April 16, 2012

City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara CA 93101

Re: Protest of Proposed Increase to Utility Rates
Name: John Maraldo
Service Address: 516 East Arrellaga Sreet, Santa Barbara, California

Dear Sirs:

I protest the proposed water, wastewater and solid waste collection rate increases announced in your Notice of Public Hearing dated June 12, 2012.

I protest any and all increases to our utility rates. I deem the rates already excessive.

Very Truly,

John M Maraldo

John M. Maraldo

April 19,2012

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City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa St
Santa Barbara CA 93101

TO: ALLMEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

I do object to proposed increases to water,wastewater, and trash and recycling.

I have not been able to increase rents for the last four years and have had more vacancies than in memory.

Surely there must be other ways to increase revenue to the City, on luxury items, on cultural items, but PLEASE, not on basics of life like water and sanitation.

Also, as a homeowner, I do everything possible to keep water rate down. I no longer have a lawn; I no longer have any hedges; I have planted succulents instead of roses; I have paved much of the rear property.Any more water increases will turn all the landscape into a barren desert.
PLEASE, no increase in water, sewer, or sanitation.

Frances L. Green
Green Properties
406 Tallant Road
Santa Barbara CA 93105
(805) 687-2257

Frances Green

4-18-12

City Clerk of Sta Barbara
735 Anacapa St.
Sta. Barbara, Ca. 93101

I protest all of the increases you have outlined in my last billing pertaining to water use - sewer etc + trash + recycle pickups.

You are "nickle + dining" all of us users of necessary utilities to death. There seems to be no end to this constant gouging of our small social security monthly allotments on which we manage to live frugally but well + content. However, when does the increases stop?

At 86 I use the least amount of your services possible + can not do w/ less. Sincerely,

Anna Matew
318 Oceano Ave
93109-2221

TX47091

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Increase to Utility Rates

Date: June 12, 2012
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers, City Hall
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara will consider a recommendation to adopt a resolution, at the above-indicated time and place, to increase water, wastewater (sewer), and solid waste collection rates charged by the City. Increases would be effective on utility bills dated July 1, 2012 or later. Sample billing comparisons for current and proposed rates are shown on the reverse. Small variations in the stated percentages may occur due to rounding.

Water Rates (Applicable only to customers billed by the City for water service)
The proposed water rate change is a 3.5% increase to usage charges and monthly service charges for all customer classes. The monthly bill for the average in-City single family residential customer (12 hundred cubic feet of water) would increase by $2.29. The proposed increase will fund operating costs and projects to replace and repair water mains, pumping stations, storage reservoirs, and the water treatment plant. These projects are needed to meet regulatory requirements and to keep the City's infrastructure in good shape to provide reliable water service for household use and fire protection.

Wastewater Rates (Applicable only to customers billed by the City for sewer service)
In the past two years, the City has been successful in reducing the number of sewage spills and in 2011 there were no spills to local creeks or beaches. In April 2011 Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper sued the City over sewer spills. The City and ChannelKeeper have negotiated a settlement which requires the City to accelerate its program of rehabilitation and replacement of sewer pipelines. To fund this extra work, the City is proposing a 6% rate increase. This is in addition to the previously planned rate increase of 4% needed to continue the on-going capital program to improve the wastewater system. The combined 10% increase to wastewater rates will add up to $3.60 per month for single family residential customers. For more information please go to www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

Trash & Recycling (Applicable only to customers billed by the City for trash/recycling collection)
The proposed rate increase is 2.69% of the City's current charges for all customer classes, including single family residential, multi-unit residential, and business. Of the total adjustment, 1.31% accounts for an increase in the solid waste "tipping fee" charged at the Tajiguas Landfill. The additional 1.38% represents an increase in the amounts paid to the City's contracted hauler tied to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The City is contractually obligated to compensate its franchised waste hauler for these increases. The City is currently engaged in negotiations with its franchised waste hauler on a new contract for the collection of trash and recyclables. If agreement on a new contract can be reached, the hauler has agreed to forego the 1.38% CPI increase for Fiscal Year 2013.

This notice is intended only for customers billed by the City of Santa Barbara for water, wastewater, and/or solid waste collection services. For a complete list of all current and proposed rates, go to: www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/UtilityBilling or call (805) 564-5460.

(Yes I oppose)

If you oppose any of the above increases, please deliver your protest **in writing**, including your name and service address, to the City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, prior to or during the City Council's consideration of this item on June 12, 2012. (If you wish to submit your protest during the public hearing, please deliver it to City Staff in the Council Chamber.) Because multiple rates are being considered by City Council at the same hearing, please indicate the specific rate you are protesting.

Typical Water and Wastewater Billing Comparisons – Current vs. Proposed Rates

Customer Class	Example	Assumed Monthly Usage (hcf/mth)	Total Monthly Water & Wastewater Charges*		
			Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Combined Increase for Water & Sewer
Single Family Residential	Low User 5/8" meter	6	$61.57	$65.45	$3.88
	Average User 5/8" meter	12	$101.03	$106.88	$5.85
	Above Average User 1" meter	40	$267.53	$279.21	$11.68
Multi-Family Residential Building	12 dwelling units 2" meter	60	$600.01	$639.97	$39.96
Commercial	75% at Block 1 rate 25% at Block 2 rate 2" meter	60	$563.86	$593.58	$29.72
Industrial/ High Strength Commercial	75% at Block 1 rate 25% at Block 2 rate 2" meter	100	$925.76	$978.31	$52.55
Irrigation-Commercial	75% at Block 1 rate 25% at Block 2 rate 2" meter – no sewer	60	$410.26	$424.62	$14.36
Recycled Water	2" meter – no sewer	250	$579.51	$599.79	$20.28
Irrigation-Residential	1 acre of irrigated area 75% at Block 1 rate 25% at Block 2 rate 1" meter – no sewer Allotments are annualized – monthly average shown at right	40	$237.38	$245.69	$8.31
Irrigation-Recreation		120	$399.08	$413.05	$13.97
Irrigation-Agriculture		72	$201.44	$208.49	$7.05
Out-of-City Customers	Currently charged at 130% of rates for corresponding in-City classes; no change is proposed in this percentage.				

* Not including 6% utility tax on water, as applicable

Typical Trash, Recycling, & Greenwaste Billing Comparisons Current vs. Proposed Rates (All collection frequencies 1 time per week)

Service Level	Current Rates*	Proposed Rates*	$ Change
Basic Residential Service (32-gal trash, 32-gal greenwaste, up to 96-gal recycle)	$27.79	$28.54	$0.75
Minimum Multi-Unit Residential (3 cans or less) (3-32 gal trash/ + up to 96-gal greenwaste, up to 96-gal recycle)	$35.52	$36.48	$0.96
Multi-Unit Residential (4 cans) (4-32 gal trash/week+ up to 96-gal greenwaste, up to 96-gal recycle)	$38.68	$39.72	$1.04
Sample Small Business Cart/Can Service (96-gal trash/week, up to 96-gal greenwaste, up to 96-gal recycle)	$60.89	$62.53	$1.64
Sample Business Dumpster Service (4yd trash/week, 4yd recycle/week)	$387.79	$398.22	$10.43

* Not including 6% utility tax on trash/recycling collection, as applicable

For more information, including a complete list of all current and proposed rates:
www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/UtilityBilling or (805) 564-5460

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April 18, 2012

City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara CA 93101

Re: Protest of Proposed Increase to Utility Rates
Name: John Maraldo
Service Address: 518 East Arrellaga Sreet, Santa Barbara, California

Dear Sirs:

I protest the proposed water, wastewater and solid waste collection rate increases announced in your Notice of Public Hearing dated June 12, 2012.

I protest any and all increases to our utility rates. I deem the rates already excessive.

Very Truly,

John M Maraldo

John M. Maraldo

N & R Jaffe
823 Roberto Avenue
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
805-962-9252-U.S.A.

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SANTA BARBARA, CA

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WE OPPOSE RECYCLING AND TRASH 2.69% INCREASE IT IS HIGH ENOUGH. WE LIVE AS SENIORS ON FIXED INCOME AND CANNOT AFFORD IT. INFLATION WILL KILL US FINANCIALLY!!

NORMAN JAFFE/ROSE JAFFE

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SANTA BARBARA, CA

City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara,

I strongly oppose the proposed rate increases that are being address at the public hearing on June 12, 2012. In fact, I've often hoped that you would be able to offer assistance similar to the C.A.R.E. program that Edison offers.

As a single mother of four, I am barely staying afloat financially. Our water/sewer/trash is already one of the most difficult bills to keep up with. We are extremely conservative for a family of our size and it is still a struggle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Buel
620 N. La Cumbre Rd
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 298-3400

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SANTA BARBARA, CA

Re: proposed increases

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Valiant Group. We are opposed to the proposed increase in water, wastewater, trash & recycling rates.

Please deliver our protest to the public hearing on June 12,2012

Respectfully,

Rebecca Buel
Valiant Group

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Bills are under our owner's names:
Ken & Jane Sterling

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SANTA BARBARA, CA

Robert Allbright
735 Palermo Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

April 25, 2012

City Clerk City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I am writing you to **nullify all increases** in any Public Utilities. You all have abused our city funds with your blue lines and bulb outs. Bulb outs are illegal according to the state law of California as a safety danger to the public. You have also violated the law with your utility taxes. Since you will owe we city taxpayers money because of your deceitful errors, why don't you use the utility tax money you have been collecting to pay for your utility increase needs. You will eventually be getting more lawsuits regarding the bulb outs and their danger to the public safety plus other infractions you have caused to our city. How many more lawsuits will the city be able to withstand before there is no money and all operations of our city will come to a halt? You have also been seeing the decrease in business all over Santa Barbara, not only on State Street, but now we have a major food market closing within a few weeks. You all can thank yourselves for your greed. What is your reasoning? Are you attempting to create Santa Barbara as a future ghost town? I believe the time has come to recall the entire city council members and the major and restore people in office who are capable of running our city by running it right with improved productivity in all aspects.

Yours truly,

Robert Allbright

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APR 30 2012

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
SANTA BARBARA, CA

City Clerk
City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Oppose the increases in utility rates proposed by City of Santa Barbara

To the City Clerk,

I oppose any of the utility rates proposed by the City of Santa Barbara for Water Rates, Wastewater Rates, and Trash & Recycling. I have read local articles on this subject and have learned that a big part of the rate increase is due to the lawsuit filed against the City of Santa Barbara for water contamination. This new rate increase is for 10 %, this is outrageous considering that we have been having rate increases every year despite the suffering economy, and for many local residences, no pay raises.

Thank you,

Douglas Furse
3914 Maricopa Dr.
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

P.S. I am a local bill paying resident of Santa Barbara.

4/17/12

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to oppose the increase in trash/recycling and wastewater rates. I already pay over $200/mo for utilities and cannot fast the increase. I oppose all rates increasing.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Hurtado

2131 Modoc

Sta Barb, CA 93101

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1269 Ferrelo Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
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SANTA BARBARA

Santa Barbara City Council
c/o City Clerk
735 Anacapa St.
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101

Objection to increases in:
Water Rates
Wastewater Rates
Trash/Recycling rates

Dear Council:

This constitutes our objection to the proposed rate increases indicated in the NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING dated June 12, 2012.

We believe that whoever made this recommendation should have been initially tasked to work in the interest of maintaining existing rate levels, or possibly reducing them, but this does not appear to have happened. In our view the City Council owes this to its constituents.

Natural gas costs are currently plummeting due to massive new discoveries and production in other parts of our country. The price of gas affects not only electric power costs, but in some cases transport fuel. We note that Marborg is currently touting its use of compressed natural gas in some of its haul trucks. The City of Santa Barbara should be able to participate in any resulting cost savings available to its service providers.

The relatively high unemployment rate in Santa Barbara County affords the city a unique opportunity to establish a two tier compensation structure for its employees, together with a commensurate change in pension arrangements. Other public entities are doing this successfully as well as are some major manufacturers like Caterpillar and GE. The relatively high desirability of living in Santa Barbara would give us a distinct advantage in such a program.

Finally, we believe the City Council should immediately consider the establishment of an independent committee to study and recommend changes and improvements to the work rules for city employees. Recent revelations have indicated that significant cost savings are available in this area.

Thank you for your consideration

John A. Hutchings

Shirley B. Hutchings

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SANTA BARBARA CA

I BRET SEAN BRETZ SS# [redacted]
who RENTS & RESIDES ALONE AT MY ADDRESS 329 EAST CARRILLO ST. #A, SANTA BARBARA, CA, 93101 hereby PROTEST UPMOSTLY TO ANY INCREASE TOWARDS WATER/SEWAGE. REASON WHY: I AM ON SOCIAL SECURITY WITH A DISABILITY who JUST RECENTLY in THE LAST YEAR WAS APPROVED FOR S.S.I. AND ALSO Sec. 8, (Housing), I live in A STUDIO APARMENT THAT Regularly Runs $1,250.00 A MONTH along WITH A $1,250.00 Deposit where I ALSO have TO PAY Electric, GAS, WATER/Sewage ON TOP of MY RENT & Deposit LOAN PAY BACK. Right NOW MY MOST expensive/ST Bill is WATER. I don't even use THAT much BUT MY Bills ARE what IT SAYS THEY ARE. I ALWAYS PAY. ANY INCREASE, even A DIME A MONTH would BE A FINANCIAL hardship. I CAN BARELY AFFORD WHAT IT IS AS of NOW. I waited 8 years for S.S.I. & ANOTHER 4 1/2 years on THE WAITING list for Sec. 8/Housing I NOW finally GOT IT AND I get A letter SAYING WATER/Sewage is Going up A few DOLLARS. I AM in The CATEGORY of "Extremly" Low Income, Below The POVERTY Level. I have ALL PAPERWORK TO prove IT. ANY RAISE in WATER/Sewage, even A Couple DOLLARS would BE without A DOUBT A very Sincere hardship for MY Living & Expences. ANY Higher

payment then what it is now would be very, very detrimental to my well being financially. I fully oppose any increase towards me & my present standing as what my monthly bill's are as is. It would cause an extremely financial burden, a couple of dollars even at that. I will send you any copy you may need of anything, any proof or anything at all what you may need. I am willing to work with you. Any questions, please contact me: Bret Sean Bretz [redacted], 329 East Carrillo St. # A, Santa Barbara, CA. 93101, Phone# (805) 886-2147 (cell).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bret Sean Bretz

May 8th, 2012

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SANTA BARBARA CA

4-28-12

I adamantly OPPOSE To this AND Any HIKES ON Any OF OUR UTILITY RATES. This WEALTHY city CAN AFFORD NOT TO INCREASE The RATES TO All CITIZENS of SANTA BARBARA ON Any OF OUR UTILITIES. TO INCREASE OUR RATES SHOULD & MUST REQUIRE a city WIDE VOTE by The CITIZENS AND NOT by the city council or city Manager.

DONOT INCREASE OUR UTILITY RATES!

J. LaTorre

SERVICE ADDRESS> 750 Calle De Los Amigos
SB CA 93105

May 9, 2012

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City Clerk
City Council Chambers
735 Anacapa St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Sirs:

I wish to Protest an increase water rates and wastewater rates and for Trash & Recycling.

As a Senior Citizen these increases would horrendous. When will you start cutting back and stop these constant increases.

Diane Grant
715 Woodland Dr
Santa Barbara
CA 93108

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2012 MAY 21 AM 11:51
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

May 20, 2012

City Clerk of City of Santa Barbara:

I'm writing to protest the proposed increases to utility rates.

We are homeowners, retired teachers on a fixed income, and do not want our taxes increased. The proposed 3.5% increase in water rates, 10% increase in wastewater rates, and 2.69% increase in trash and recycling can be absorbed by more efficient handling of our city's monies. There is too much waste in the bureaucracy of our city government. I firmly believe that money can be found elsewhere for the purposes as described in the recent notice included in our utility bill.

Yours Truly,

Alice H. Gerety

Alice H. Gerety
826 Willowglen Rd.
Santa Barbara, 93105

May 24, 2012

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

City Clerk/City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: proposed increase to utility rates

To the Mayor and Council Members:

It is preposterous that you are proposing these rate increases at a time when so many of us have houses whose values are under water, carry high mortgages, own businesses that are struggling and day in and day out to attract clients while our downtown environment is crawling with filthy, dirty, drugged-out obnoxious beggars and mentally ill people who drive customers away.

We citizens can't afford these additional increases for services right now and it is irresponsible for you to ask it of us, who are already reeling trying to survive this long term bad economy caused by profligate governmental spending at all levels. As with the federal government, you have, for decades now, been spending taxpayer money not for the actual priorities of government, such as on-going maintenance of infrastructure, but on nonsense I can only call "fluff for friends". Having wasted so much tax money on "fluff", you don't now have money set aside for those things that should always be a city's priorities, infrastructure and maintenance of same.

Those of us who pay for health insurance for our employees and for ourselves have seen those costs rise substantially at a time when income is falling and our investments are down. Our state income taxes have sky-rocketed because of foolish priorities and bad management theory. Food prices are inflating rapidly. Gas prices are taking more out of our family budgets. Educational costs are climbing.

In my opinion, a 10% increase in wastewater rates is simply highway robbery of us citizens who have no other option for wastewater treatment.

I've lived here for 36 years and don't like what has happened to my city. Santa Barbara has become a dirty city full of tee-shirts, unsightly graffiti, low level jobs, cheap goods, hoodlums and dependent people. What kind of management is that?

If we want to build a healthy city economy, we have to change direction so that we attract good businesses who will pay good salaries and provide opportunities for upward mobility for our children and grandchildren who want to remain in their community. We are losing our best and brightest to other states.

Sincerely,

Gloria Buczek
1560 La Vista del Oceano
Santa Barbara, Ca 93109

6-4-12

Dear City Council Members:

Here we go Again! Every year the City utility Hikes are above the CPI.

In fact, the proposed rate hikes are almost always greater than the ~~CPI's~~ COLA's we get from our employment.

I would understand a 1 or 1½% annual increase in the city utility rates, but 3.5%, 6%, + 2.69% increases as proposed is too much. That totals 12.19% proposed increase! I am completely Against the proposed rates.

I AM ON A FIXED INCOME other than a 2% or 2.5% COLA every 2 or 3 years. Gasoline, groceries, + taxes (proposed increase by city + governor) have gone up or will continue to go up.

I have a large yard, but I water sparingly by hand. I will not have a green yard, because the water rates are high.

Thank you.

Michael R. Thompson
320 CANON DRIVE
Santa Barbara, CA. 93105

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SANTA BARBARA, CA

PS: Every year there is an excuse by the city for proposed high utility increases. Better planning may mitigate this —

CRANE & CO.