

**WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL
P.O. Box 27112, San Francisco, CA 94127**

June 4, 2007

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd
Chair, Government Audit and Oversight
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**Re: Support resolution rejecting the 2007-2008 Water and
Wastewater rates adopted by the San Francisco Public Utilities
Commission**

Dear Supervisor Elsbernd:

On April 23, 2007 the West of Twin Peaks Central Council unanimously voted to oppose the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) new rate proposal. On May 29, 2007 the organization further adopted fighting the new rate structure at the Board of Supervisors.

As you know, the West of Twin Peaks Central Council is a homeowner organization representing sixteen neighborhood homeowner associations on the Westside of San Francisco, the district you represent. We urge your strong, unwavering leadership as our representative to oppose the burdensome new tiered rate structure as negatively impacting families and property owners.

We appreciate you adding your name on the resolution to reject the rate increases, as the new rate structure is inequitable and unfair. While seemingly purporting conservation - at least for those who have a meter, the new structure demands that property owners pay the water bill for the entire population. Thus, single residences, regardless of family size will be charged by an excessive and compounded new method of water measurement, the Inclining Block Rate Structure. Despite the SFPUC efforts to silence residential customers by invoking some arbitrary administrative resolution counting members in households, we urge you not to be hoodwinked by their disingenuous attempt to placate a targeted customer class.

This new structure marketed as a promotion tool for conservation belies the fact that San Francisco has noteworthy consumption habits in the state and the nation. The rate increases follow exorbitant increases in garbage and water rates for the past five years and unnecessarily burdens single-family residences

Nonetheless, the new structure and measurement standard disproportionately penalizes and therefore is discriminatory towards single-family homeowners and families.

We strongly urge you support the resolution rejecting the 2007-2008 water and wastewater rates adopted by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Sincerely,

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Cc: Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier, Supervisor Chris Daly