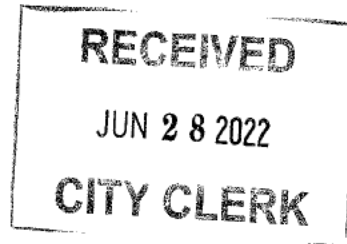


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City of Mountain View City Clerk

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Olga Bright

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Dear Mountain View City Council,

I am very concerned about the proposed rate increases: Water 12%, Sewer 8% and Recology 6%.

First, these price increases are large. The large price increases are particularly harsh for seniors on fixed incomes and workers with no pay increases. Their incomes are not keeping up with inflation. These groups are losing income in real terms due to inflation and this is going to be compounded by these high rates. The water rate increase, in particular, is even higher than the current rate of inflation which is around 8%.

Secondly, the Recology Company, according to the San Francisco Chronical of May 17, 2002, made more than \$23.4 million in profits over a 4 year period than allowed by their contract. According to the SF Chronical, the Recology Company agreed to pay the \$23.4 million back through off setting future rate increases. I am astonished, therefore, that any additional rate increases should occur at this point! The Recology Company is already allowed a profit of 9%. In addition, in prior years Recology was found to be involved in a corruption scandal (San Francisco Chronical May 17, 2022).

I hope you will take these points into consideration.

Sincerely,

Olga Bright

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olga Bright".