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Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

I am not writing to bring to your attention to the way the City presents the proposed rate increase:

"In summary, for a typical single-family residence, the Fiscal Year 2022-23 recommended rate increases are:

Water—12.0% Sewer—8.0% Trash/Recycling/Organics—6.0%"

First, a better measure of the rate increase should be for a typical household not a type of housing (household pays the bills, a vacant home doesn't generate trash)

Second, way over half of Mountain View households live in mutli-family buildings where waste collection charges are shared. While more complicated to calculate, City should present two sets of increases: for a typical household in a single family residence and for a typical household in a multi-family residence. That would key information for the City Council to use an equity lens before approving

Third, in addition to rate increases, the City should provide information about existing costs for a typical household (single family and multi family) before and after anticipated rates. e.g. in 2022, avg household paid \$x , in 2023 avg. the household will pay \$y.

I hope that you will ask for that additional information to be provided next year so that you and the public can better understand how the rates will affect them (regardless of the type of residence one might live in). Information might be useful to maybe recalibrate the rates between types of housing (especially considering that households living in Single Family Homes tend to be wealthier).

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte

 Mountain View