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To: Board of Directors; Michele King; John Varela; Barbara Keegan; Richard Santos; Linda LeZotte; Nai Hsueh; Tony Estremera; Gary Kremen
Subject: Item 2.9 - NO on Water Rate Increases

Dear Valley Water Board of Directors,

My name is Jeremy Barousse and I am a resident of San Jose in the Evergreen neighborhood. I am writing to you today to urge you to vote against water rate increases for the upcoming fiscal year. Now is not the time to impose rate increases on ratepayers and families.

Residents and families have struggled to pay for groceries, rent, utility bills, and more -- increasing water rates by 10% over the next 10 years would put even more strain on low-income households that have suffered this past year from the COVID-19 pandemic. This 10% water rate increase would occur faster than any social security check increase would.

This is why I am urging Valley Water's Board of Directors to stand up for residents & families by eliminating the proposed rate increases.

Thank you,

Jeremy Barousse

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