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Proposed utility rate increases

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To: citycouncil@cityofwatsonville.org, cityclerk@cityofwatsonville.org

Dear Watsonville City Council Members:

I am writing to encourage you to move forward with the proposed utility rate increases. Of course the city has to cover the usual increases in employee salaries and benefits, city vehicles and fuel costs, etc. But I am most concerned that the city continue its forward-looking program of infrastructure repair and improvement. We only have to look at the city of Flint, Michigan, or the state of Texas during the recent winter superstorm, or the regrettable failure of the state of California to upgrade its IT capabilities for the DMV and EDD departments, to realize that we don't want the City of Watsonville to replicate those terrible failures. I will be happy to pay the higher utility rates to assure that raw sewage will not be flowing into my street or into the Monterey Bay, and that millions of gallons of water will not be leaking from our sewage or water supply pipelines. We need to invest now to assure the safety and efficiency of utility services in the years to come.

Thank you – Amy Newell, [3 Park Way, Watsonville, CA 95076](#)