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Chairman Mayes,

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On behalf of the faithful homeowners who attended the public comment session last night, and those who, for whatever reason, did not or could not attend, please accept our sincere appreciation for patiently spending three and a half (3-1/2) hours listening to us pour out our hearts to you, and your fellow commissioners, about a subject that touches each of our daily lives deeply.

Your patience and sincerity throughout the session was heartwarming, and we truly appreciate the genuine respect you all displayed, even when a couple of homeowners said things that humiliated the masses - things that were uncalled for and unwarranted. But I am delighted that those couple of comments were minuscule compared to the accolades.

I chose not to speak last night because I am one of the "new kids on the block", speaking in the vernacular. I have only been a homeowner in Maricopa for ten (10) months, but I have witnessed a lot of agony and disappointment during those months. My neighbor next door is a single mother with two teenage children, and during my ten months here, I have seen her less than a dozen times. She leaves home for work Monday through Friday at 5:20 A.M. and she returns home around 4:15P.M. - that is eleven (11) hours. Assuming that she gets up at least by 4:00 A.M., that means she is up about twelve and a half (12-1/2) hours, then she has to take care of all of the things that a single parent has to do when she returns home. Last summer, there was no phone service available to her children, so when they needed to contact their mother they had to ask to borrow my phone - that was sad. Three weeks ago, as I was returning home, I noticed a cable serviceman disconnecting her cable service, so now her children have no access to the Internet for school work. She is struggling to keep her head above the proverbial water. My neighbors directly across the street in front of me are in their early thirties, and they have twin, eight year old daughters. The husband lost his job about six-months ago, and the wife does odd jobs and babysits for young families with very young children while they work. A few weeks ago, they had one of their cars repossessed, and about the same time they lost their cable connection. I have dubbed this community "Hollywood back lots east", because one can drive down the streets in our new subdivisions and what you see is a facade that looks nice, but behind that facade, homeowners are at risk and suffering physically and emotionally. I purchased my house on 26 January 2009 - ten (10) months ago for \$108,900; it was bank owned by Bank of America. The house was completed in 2007 and sat here until I purchased it in 2009. I checked Zillo.com yesterday and it shows that my house has lost 6,900 in value since I purchased it ten (10) months ago - I am upside down in my mortgage. My neighbor up the street in the next block bought a house almost exactly like mine about 18-months ago and they paid \$165,000 for their house and now it is worth the same as mine, so they have lost \$63,000 in value in 18-months.

The situation out here is so bad, neighbors have discussed pooling their water bills, then running garden hoses from one house to the one in the middle to the house on either side, but when they realized that no matter what, each would have to pay what is a \$25.00 assessment basic water charge, plus a \$33.00 assessment waste water and sewer charge, for a total of \$58.00 even if they did not use a drop of water, so to make it work, two of the houses would have to have their water and

sewer disconnected, but that would not work because the county would probably not allow a family to live in a house with the water and sewer disconnected. Desperate people are forced to do desperate things.

Commissioner Mayes, Maricopa is in crisis! This community is standing on the edge of a financial precipice and it would only take a slight financial event to push us over the edge into a very, very deep crevasse from which most could never recover. On behalf of my fellow homeowners, please do NOT approve any rate/assessment increase for Global Water.

Thank you and the other commissioners for listening to our cries in the proverbial wilderness for help - you all are our last resort!

Respectfully,

William H Lundy

P.S. If it is permissible, please include this E-mail in the files of the Global Water application for rate increase.