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From: Christine Homs

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Subject: Concerns on rate increases for water/sewer

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Good Evening Judy,

David and I would like to voice our concerns for the proposal regarding water and sewer increases. For individuals who are on fixed incomes this increase would create a severe hardship. Homeowners in Somerville already pay an extremely high rates but to increase water by 11% and sewer by 17% would cause owners to raise rents or move out of the city to an affordable community. It is our hope that the council thinks about what these increases will do to the Somerville residents before it is voted on. Please consider the impact of a "yes" vote would do to the people that are barely getting by with inflation on the rise.

Sincerely,

Christine & David Homs

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Christine R. Homs