

**SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS POSED BY CYNTHIA KISHINCHAND AND
PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT RESPONSES**

APRIL 24, 2018 PUBLIC INPUT HEARING

Questions Posed by Ms. Kishinchand	Philadelphia Water Department Responses
<p>1. The history of the charitable discount, its impact on rate payers who do not qualify for any discount, the amount of dollars of the discount since it was granted, the financial assets of those institution qualifying for the discount, and a list of municipalities which offer a similar discount.</p>	<p>Response: Special rates for charitable institutions have been in existence pursuant to City ordinances since 1878. An ordinance adopted on April 18, 1957, required the Water Department to establish special charity water rates and charges for public and private schools, institutions of purely public charity and places used for actual religious worship. An ordinance adopted on December 17, 1978, extended the requirement for special charity rates to sewer rates and charges. An ordinance adopted on January 20, 2014, transferred the authority to establish charity rates from the Water Department to the Rate Board. This discount totaled \$10,202,350, \$10,463,706 and \$10,855,772 in fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively.</p>