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As a senior citizen on fixed income, I strongly oppose the rate increase. All of our necessary expenses have increased including food, rent, clothing and other expenses. The federal government is giving us a stimulus check on one hand and the water dept stands posed on the other side to raise rates. In our home, we had to use more water over the winter months by leaving faucets on to prevent pipes in unheated areas from freezing and creating more expenses. This proposed hike does not help many black seniors who are living in poverty and are barely scraping by to make ends meet. Plus many seniors are not aware of this proposed hike. Most of our attention is focused on getting our Covid vaccinations and staying healthy and safe. The timing of these hearings are very suspect to me and should be delayed or postponed at the least to allow the public to be properly notified of these proceedings.

For all of these reasons, I strongly object to any increases at this time.

Thank you.
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