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Good evening,

The proposed 14% increase to cover the TAP-R fund shortfall is excessive and unduly burdens city homeowners above the qualification for the program. In order to increase solvency in the program, the starting rate of \$12 for the most indigent must unfortunately be increased slightly (perhaps by \$1-\$2, still be well below average usage cost). Price inflation hurts us all; balancing the fund exclusively on the backs of those who are working to keep the fund solvent is unjust. Rate increases are just if they are properly tracked to inflation across all the income classes.

Most respectfully,  
Frank Hauser