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Philadelphia is the Poorest Large City in the country, maybe you should be charging more for giant corporations and developers to access utilities rather than raising rates for people living in poverty. The real question is why we pay more for necessities like water, electricity, and public transit each year instead of the city subsidizing those services with the ever increasing amount of money we already pay in taxes. If the cost of everything is always going up for both taxes and utilities, we will always remain the Poorest Large City in the country. Why does a Democrat run city keep putting forth what are essentially taxes on the poor for using services which would be government provided or subsidized in a civilized society? Y'all have a super majority in our city, and it's embarrassing that you keep legislating like conservatives when it comes to our social safety net for the growing number of people living in poverty.

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