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RE: Court of Appeals Ruling On Non-Payment of Water and Sewer Services to GLWA

The City of Highland Park released the following statement in response to the Court of Appeals ruling earlier today regarding the GLWA:

“It's unfortunate that The Great Lakes Water Authority used five major law firms and a multitude of lawyers to convince a 3-judge panel of the Court of Appeals to overturn Highland Park's lower court ruling that vacated the \$20,000,000 judgement levy and settlement award to Highland Park of \$1,000,000 dating back to 2009.

Since 2009, first the City of Detroit and now GLWA has billed Highland Park \$76,000,000 based on an old, expired State of Michigan Emergency Manager Order for water and sewer while Highland Park has paid \$30,000,000 per its Federal Consent Ordered contracts. That is over \$700 per person annually since 2009.

The City of Highland Park has overpaid based on its contracts and is paying 5 times more than GLWA's similar customers.

Highland Park believes that its rights have been violated and due process denied by both GLWA and the Court of Appeals and does not have access to fair and affordable water and wastewater treatment services.

Highland Park is not the cause of the dysfunction of GLWA but is only one of the many excuses for this unregulated conglomerate to operate without oversight while it engages in political warfare with the users of the water system.”

Sincerely,

Hubert Yopp, Mayor
City of Highland Park

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