



CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

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Office of the Water Department

Director – Damon L. Garrett, PE

Metro Consulting Associates, LLC

February 25, 2025

Suzanne R. Coffey, PE, Chief Executive Officer
Great Lakes Water Authority
735 Randolph, Suite 1900
Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: February 26, 2025, Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2026 and FY 2027 Biennial Budget

Dear Ms. Coffey,

Highland Park has been current on payment since the execution of the new Water and Sewer Contracts between the two parties. The city is opposed to, does not approve of, nor support the new proposed water and sewer charges. These charges continue to place a significant financial burden on a community that is 50% vacant and unmetered. Over seventy percent of Highland Park's water and sewer rates are comprised of the expense associated with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) water and sewer charges. The charges are not proportionate, or representative of the consumption; and how could they be the system is unmetered. The installation of the Water Master Meters currently under construction will reduce the water consumption ambiguity and collection of sewer volumes from installed sewer meters will reduce ambiguity associated with sewer volumes. As a result of these projects Highland Park expects our charges to be reevaluated, reduced thus the additional financial burden placed on the citizens and our retail customers will be relieved.

Sincerely,

Damon L. Garrett, PE
President

Cc:
Glenda McDonald, Mayor
Cathy Square, Highland Park City Administrator
Jarion L. Bradley, PE, MCA
Highland Park City Council

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