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June 11, 2026

To the Lake Orion Village Council,

I am writing today to urge the Village Council to prioritize its residents rather than burdening them with further water and sewer rate hikes. Compounding this financial strain is the upcoming special assessment for the roads and sidewalks- infrastructure that frankly should already be maintained by the Village, given that it is public property. While I plan to address that specific assessment separately it cannot be ignored when looking at the total financial impact on homeowners.

While Lake Orion has historically been a wonderful place to live, the decisions made over the last three years make it increasingly apparent that the Village Council members are prioritizing their own pockets, over the financial survival of its community members. We have already absorbed a massive 22.1% increase in water rates and a staggering 66.43% increase in sewer rates. Proposing yet another increase is unsustainable. Residents are facing continuous hikes year after year with absolutely no visible infrastructure improvements -only higher bills.

With inflation driving up the cost of all basic necessities, it is unreasonable to expect residents to absorb these compounding costs when our wages have not kept pace. These aggressive utility rates and high taxes are actively pricing long term residents out of their homes. This is not a budgeting failure on our part: it is an unsustainable management issue from the Village, also compounded by the fact that the DDA tax captures and diverts critical funds away from the general village needs.

Changes must be made to protect local homeowners. That starts with the Village council rejecting further rate hikes and finding solutions and support to help your residents instead of hindering them to the point of displacement.

Sincerely,

Sandra Schaer-Fisackerly

