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### **RESOLUTION NUMBER R-304078**

### DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 1 0 2008

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER BILL INSERTS.

WHEREAS, as part of the settlement of *Michael Shames v City of San Diego*, San Diego Superior Court Case No GIC 831539, Utilities Consumers Action Network [UCAN] is permitted to include inserts in City water and sewer bills to raise funds to be used to hire experts to review and evaluate the City's future water and sewer ratesetting activities, and

WHEREAS, the language of the inserts is subject to approval by the Mayor and the City Council, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the bill insert language provided by UCAN and modified by the City, attached hereto, is approved, with the additional edit of all references to the "San Diego City Council" changed to the "City of San Diego"

APPROVED. MICHAEL J AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By

Thomas C Zeleny

Deputy City Attorney

TCZ mb 09/04/08 Or Dept Water R-2009-254

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of Diego, at its meeting of September 2, 2008.

By Deputy City Clerk  Deputy City Clerk
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

## Water Bill Insert Copy Version 1: SIDE A

HEAD, TOP PANEL, SIDE A

When the San Diego City Council wants to raise your water and sewer charges ...

HEAD, CENTER PANEL, SIDE A

Read this!

Subhead:

(This is not a message from the Ca n Diego)

Deliver to: UCAN Water Project
3100 Fifth Avenue, Suite B

San Diego, CA

PLACE STAMP

HERE

HEAD, BOTTOM PANEL, SIDI

It's tame to start asking some very tough questions.

Water Bill Insert Copy Version 1: SIDE B

TOP AND CENTER PANEL, SIDE B

TEXT UNDER GLUE STRIP: Moisten and Fold Last

COPY: TOP AND CENTER PANEL

Dear Friend:

In December of 2006, San Diego City Council approved 4 years of water and sewer rate increases. <u>UCAN</u> is questioning the rate increases!

UCAN is the not-for-profit Utility Consumers' Action Network. For 24 years, UCAN has been fighting unfair utility rate hikes. As part of the settlement in Michael Shames v. City of San Diego, the City of San Diego agreed to include in the City's water and sewer bills solicitations from a non-profit organization to raise funds to hire experts to review and evaluate the City's future sewer and water rate setting activaties. A Superior Court judge selected UCAN as the non-profit to fulfill this role.

### Why should YOU contribute to UCAN NOW?

Because UCAN will use and of the money you send to hire a team of lawyers and utility experts to check - and double check - every cent the City has calculated it needs ... to make sure they get only what's genuinely needed . and not a penny more.

Last year, legal action against the City returned \$35 million (\$152 each, on average) to every eligible single family residential sewer customer. Every dollar you contribute, gets us closer to knowing what the City NEEDS.

Butta can't do it without your support.

Whether you send \$1 or \$1000, every penny will go to fighting unfair rate hikes. So if you're concerned about your water and sewer bill, don't just get mad .. Take action by sending your contribution today!

Sincerely,

Michael Shames Executive Director P.S. This message was written and paid for by ratepayers just like you. We are NOT the City, and we are NOT a part of any government agency.

#### BOTTOM PANEL

YES! I'm ready to TAKE ACTION and contribute to water and sewer rate review. Here's my contribution of \_\_ \$50 \_\_ \$25 \_\_ \$15 \$\_ Other Amount

This money will be used exclusively to hire experts to review and evaluate the City's future sewer and water rate setting activities. The City or Court will have the opportunity to audit the funds collected to make sure they are used for these purposes only.

Use this self-mailing envelope to send your contribution.

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