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To Our Members:

As the impacts of COVID-19 began to be felt, the Authority and the AB needed to revisit our approach and goals to budget review.

We developed 3 priorities:

1. Mitigate MWRA charges to our communities
2. Provide communities with final numbers as soon as possible
3. Not lose sight of sustainable and predictable rates moving forward.

Working closely with the MWRA, we were able to think outside of the box. We looked at all MWRA charges to communities and introduced a massive deferral program for community loans. This program alone potentially reduces community charges to the MWRA by over \$70 million in FY20, FY21, and FY22.

When Debt Service Assistance (DSA) came in we kicked our “pay it forward” approach to the curb and adopted an MWRA proposal to utilize these funds immediately to reduce FY20 assessments.

Of course, we still implemented our Budget Review Process. Working closely with MWRA staff, identified \$30 million to reduce from the FY21 current expense budget.

Along with the loan deferral and use of DSA, over \$100 million is available to our communities to help them survive the impacts of COVID-19.

This could not have happened without the hard work of Mr. Laskey and his Finance Staff.

This could not have happened without the incredible efforts of my staff.

Lastly, this would not have happened without the leadership of our Chairman Lou Taverna and the entire Advisory Board Executive Committee along with the MWRA Board of Directors.

I hope all of our efforts assist all of you through these difficult times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Favaloro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joe Favaloro