

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning City Council. My name is Laura Garcia, I am a resident of Downtown Los Angeles, an employee at the Metropolitan Water District and the Vice President of AFSCME Local 1902, we represent about 80% of the water workers at the Metropolitan Water District, in addition to 8 other water districts in S. CA. I am requesting that you read the LA Times article that came out on Febraruy 12, documenting the sexual harassment, retaliation, and ongoing inequity at the Metropolitan Water District. I am also requesting that the Los Angeles representatives that sit on the Metropolitan Water Board continue supporting the independent investigator on the Metropolitan culture, and not let it be swept under the rug. I was informed that the Ethics Dept and Shaw Law Group are being pressured by MWD and Directors to improperly end the investigation by the end of March even though it just began. I would ask that you stand for justice and equity and support the independent investigation currently underway instead of rushing the findings in order to end the scandal.