



August 25, 2020

Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
Commission Secretary  
P.O. Box 8370  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Case Number SUZ-W-20-01

Dear Public Utilities Commissioners:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Harris Ranch Development to admittedly support the removal of the Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) tax currently being charged by Suez Water. Harris Ranch is a development located in South East Boise and at full build out will have approximately 1,900 homes with 600,000 sq. ft. of commercial. With the current demand for housing in Boise, the increase of 21.56% tax is cumbersome to say the least and prevents the ability to provide affordable housing to residents. We pride ourselves on creating a diverse community with a mix of income-based homeowners; however, this tax substantially increases the development cost thus increasing the home prices. For example, we will currently pay \$200,000 more in development cost for the remainder our project due to this tax.

We would strongly urge you to approve the Suez application and remove the CIAC tax currently being assessed to new developments. This would not only help the housing market but would ultimately help home buyers by decreasing the cost of the development therefore passing the savings on.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 208-344-1131.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Fowler", is written over the word "Regards,".

Doug Fowler  
President  
Barber Valley Development