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Subject: Water rules enforcement/Dept. of Utilities/Securitas

Dear Councilman Guerra,

At the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association's (TPNA) monthly meeting on April 3, board members and residents in the audience expressed concerns regarding the use of private security to enforce alleged violations of the city's watering rules. Specifically, questions were raised about the reason for enforcement during the rainy season in a winter in which we experienced record rainfall; the mandate for such enforcement, and the cost and use of security guards in unmarked cars performing tasks more suited to city employees. The discussion resulted in agreement that TPNA would contact your office and the office of the City Manager and ask for answers to the questions raised, as follows:

Is there a statute, regulation, or other mandated requirement for the water patrols? What are said requirements, and why are they being enforced during the rainy season?

What is the cost to the city for the patrols? Why are they conducted at night by security guards in unmarked cars? Does Securitas or their employees receive incentives for reporting alleged violations? Why haven't taxpayers been made aware of these enforcement tactics? What control does the city exercise over the actions of Securitas?

Do you, CM Guerra, support these enforcement measures?

Generally, there was concern that, in light of recent significant raises of utility rates, these patrols might not be the best use of taxpayer dollars.

In the interest of transparency, TPNA has committed to post these questions and your answers on our website, so the community may be informed on this issue which has raised concern in our community.

Sincerely,
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