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## Public Comment for Finance Committee on April 12, 2021 about agenda item 1

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Meeting Date	April 12, 2021
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Name	Ryan Bell
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Comments (under 200 words)	Any plan to begin shutting off the utilities of Pasadena rate payers who are behind on their payments with no plan to help bring them current is unconscionable. What's more, raising the assistance from \$100 to \$200 is a slap in the face. People are hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt to PWP, not \$100. Many of these Pasadenans are also tenants that I see in my daily work with the Pasadena Tenants Union. The threat to tenants who are behind on their utility payments is the same as the threat of being behind on rent. People cannot live without water and power. They will easily be ushered in homelessness. As far as I can tell from the staff

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report, there is no plan to help rate payers become current or even inform them of state and federal assistance for their past due utility payments. Can this city of Pasadena really be so blind to the crushing consequences of debt on working families?

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comment read out  
loud during the  
meeting.**

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Yes