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Mayor and Council Member's Statement to the Community
On the NJAG's Civil Action against Trenton Water Works and the City of Trenton
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For the past several years, we have worked with officials from Hamilton, Ewing, Hopewell and the Mayor of Trenton, as well as officials from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, to improve Trenton Water Works since it was failing to meet its obligations to provide clean and safe water to its customers. It was clear to all, that immediate and major improvements to the public water utility's infrastructure, management and operations were necessary.

To that end, the NJDEP, as the authority who regulates public water utilities within our State, took action against TWW to compel improvements required by law. Although these efforts did result in some positive changes, TWW was failing to meet its obligation under a Consent Order it entered into that set forth the overall plan to improve the facility. This, along with a recent vote by the Trenton City Council to deny funding to the facility that is critical for the improvements needed (e.g., lead line replacement program and capping the water reservoir), required the N.J. Attorney General's Office to respond by filing a civil action against the City and TWW to demand the water utility be funded as required, and that it undertake and complete the work to improve the infrastructure, management and operations.

We support the action taken by the NJ Attorney General, and intend to intercede in the civil action to ensure that the residents and businesses serviced by TWW within our Township are represented to advocate for and protect their interests. Everyone deserves clean water to drink and use, and we are committed to making sure significant changes are made with TWW so it can deliver on what we expect and deserve.