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AUGUST 2017 UPDATE FOR CLASS MEMBERS

Dear Class Members:

June and July were important months for Flint Water litigation. Please find below a summary of your Legal Team's recent victories and upcoming efforts.

I. Flint Water Class Action Legal Team –Major Victories!!
a. Federal Court of Appeals unanimously reinstates Mays Federal Class Action Suit

On June 15, 2017, the Flint Water Class Action Legal Team won a major victory in the federal court of appeals. In the Mays v. Governor Snyder et al case, case number 16-10323, the federal court of appeals (6th Circuit) unanimously ruled in our favor by holding that your claims against the State and City of Flint for violation of your constitutional rights can now proceed. Your case will now be remanded to federal district court where Judge Levy will preside over the Class Action. [An audio recording of the oral argument can be accessed here.](#)

b. Your Legal Team Has Been Appointed Interim Lead Counsel of all class actions cases pending in federal court

We are also excited to share that on July 26, 2017, federal district court Judge Judith Levy, who is presiding over all the Flint Water Class Actions and individual cases that have been filed in federal court, appointed our legal team, led by Michael Pitt of The Flint Water Class Action Legal Team and Ted Leopold of the New York law firm Cohen Milstein, as interim co-lead counsel for all class action cases filed by any other attorneys pending in the federal court. This means that your legal team will be leading the efforts and making decisions to obtain justice for you and other citizens of Flint harmed by the water crisis. Michael Pitt is an original member of your Legal Team which was first to file suit in federal court, in state court and against the EPA and who have been advocating for the Flint community since the news first broke of the crisis. We are pleased that the federal judge in charge of these cases has recognized that your team's skill, knowledge, and commitment warrants a leadership position in these class actions.

With the appointment of lead counsel and the reinstatement of the federal class action, we can now move forward in obtaining a just resolution of your case.

II. Discovery in Your Case Against the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is Underway

We are pleased to report that the Flint Water Class Action Legal Team is starting discovery in your case against the EPA (if you have not already signed up to be part of this case, you should contact our Flint Office at 248-658-0020 immediately). The EPA has already produced thousands of important documents to us and we are planning on taking the depositions (sworn testimony) of important representatives from the EPA in the fall. These depositions will aid in proving the federal and state government's role in the Flint Water Crisis and pave the way to getting you justice in the courts.

Information about all lawsuits filed by the legal team can be found on our website:
www.flintwaterclassaction.com/lawsuits-filed

III. Solicitation, Communications, Phone Calls and Letters From Other Attorneys Claiming They are Working with Us or Trying to Get You to Sign Up With Their Firms

You may have received phone calls and/or letters, from mostly out of state attorneys, suggesting that there are deadlines approaching, asking you to complete and return paperwork to them and even suggesting they are working with us. **You are already a client of The Flint Water Class Action Legal Team who have actually filed cases on your behalf and are actively working in your best interests. These communications from other attorneys are NOT being done with our approval. These attorneys are not part of our legal team.** On the top of this letter are the names of the firms who are part of the Flint Water Class Action Legal Team and who you have retained to represent you in this matter. While the choice of which lawyer/firm you wish to represent you in this matter is yours to make, we do not want you to be confused by communications that you may receive from attorneys who are not part of our team, nor be unduly pressured with scare tactics or promises of a specific outcome.. You can ignore these communications from other attorneys. We are already actively asserting claims on your behalf in state and in federal court as formally court- appointed lead counsel in these cases. If you have any questions or want to confirm that you are a client of the Flint Water Class Action Legal Team, please contact us immediately by calling the hotline or coming to the office to meet with a representative of the Flint Water Class Action Legal Team.

IV. Flint Water Liens and City of Flint Waivers

The Flint Water Class Action Legal Team is actively engaged to stop the placement of liens on houses for people who have outstanding water bills. We drafted a resolution placing a one-year freeze on forcing nearly 80,000 residents to pay their delinquent bills, and the City Council passed it. In June, the state oversight board (appointed by Governor Snyder), which monitors Flint's finances, rejected the city's vote for a moratorium, however, Mayor Karen Weaver courageously publicly stated that she disagrees with the state boards'

rejection of the moratorium and that she will withhold the water tax liens from Genesee County to prevent the liens from being placed on residents' tax rolls.

In addition, The Flint Water Class Action Legal Team reacted to attempts by the City of Flint to have people whose pipes are being replaced, sign waivers. The City Attorney has agreed to stop the practice and any waivers you may have signed will not be held against you. We urge you to take photos of any pipes being removed and keep a sample and advise us if and when your pipes are being replaced as well as any water testing that occurs at your residence.

V. Final Reminders (Signing Up and What to Save)

Friends and family who are interested in becoming part of our class actions, should contact us immediately by:

- Leaving a voicemail on our hotline at (248) 658-0020;
- Filling out a questionnaire on our website: www.flintwaterclassaction.com; or
- Coming to our Flint office and speaking with a representative from our Legal Team

The Flint office is located at the following address:

1176 Robert T. Longway Boulevard, Flint, MI 48503
Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

PLEASE stop by our Flint office to provide us with any documentation, such as blood lead level test results and/or water lead test results, lien notices. If you are unable to come to our office during business hours, these documents can be mailed to the above address or faxed to the Legal Team at (248) 398-9804. It is important to remember that you may not be able to recover damages if you do not preserve your documents. All future updates will also be featured on our website: www.flintwaterclassaction.com. Additional information regarding our legal actions can be accessed at the noted website as well.

Peace and Solidarity,
The Flint Water Class Action Legal Team