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**Michigan Supreme Court Denies City of Highland Park's Application for Leave of Judgment, Allowing for the Entry of a Judgment in Excess of \$21 Million Against the City for its Non-Payment of Water and Sewer Services**

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) received the Michigan Supreme Court order denying the City of Highland Park's application for leave from the Michigan Court of Appeals Opinion dated August 18, 2022. While GLWA is pleased with the Higher Court's decision, the Authority remains committed to working with Highland Park and other stakeholders to seek a long-term resolution of this regional issue.

"As we have maintained throughout this litigation, an examination of the merits of the case clearly indicates that the city of Highland Park is obligated to pay and is deficient in paying for the water and sewer services it receives from Detroit and now, GLWA. This decision reaffirms that Highland Park has the same obligation to pay as the other member partners in the regional system. Once the judgment is paid, GLWA will reimburse the other member partners that have incurred additional charges for the city of Highland Park's non-payment," said Randal Brown, GLWA General Counsel.

If a long-term resolution is reached, addressing the city of Highland Park's local water and sewer infrastructure will be an important component. Highland Park's own 2021 Leak Survey Report, identified 24 water leaks, resulting in 1.289 million gallons per day or 896 gallons per minute leaking from Highland Park's water distribution system and, ultimately, back into the combined sewers. For some perspective on these daily water losses, for every gallon of water consumed by a Highland Park resident, two gallons leak out of Highland Park's water system. GLWA supports the use of infrastructure grant dollars to improve the city of Highland Park's water and sewer systems.

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**About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)**

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent, and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent, of Michigan's population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its services beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of

its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA's board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit, and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent member partner communities outside of the tri-county area.