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**MEDIA STATEMENT
BIRMINGHAM WATER WORKS BOARD**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (January 10, 2023) – The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham (BWWB) has filed in Jefferson County Circuit Court both a Temporary Restraining Order and an Injunction to stop a Petition for a Proposed Ordinance to Reclaim the Water Works Assets for the City of Birmingham, and submission of the same to the City Council. Tuesday, the Circuit Court entered a Temporary Restraining Order enjoining the Petition from moving forward. The Proposed Ordinance by a group of Birmingham citizens is the same as two prior proposed ordinances that have been ruled illegal and struck down by the Circuit Court and the Alabama Supreme Court. The Water Works Board is a separate and distinct entity from the City of Birmingham and the Alabama Supreme Court has held that it cannot be controlled or dissolved by outside third parties. As such, the Petition and Proposed Ordinance are invalid and cannot legally be submitted to the Council or the public for vote and any such process would be both an unlawful use of taxpayer money as well as a waste of public resources.

Our mission is to continue bringing the highest quality drinking water to nearly 800,000 people in dozens of municipalities across five counties every day of the week. We do so by being fiscally and operationally sound. Birmingham Water Works has a Aa2 Rating from Moody's and AA Rating from Standard & Poor's which designates the system as having a stable outlook on its operations and finances.

ABOUT BIRMINGHAM WATER WORKS BOARD: Founded in 1951, the Birmingham Water Works Board serves 770,000 people in Jefferson, Shelby, Blount, St. Clair, and Walker counties. The BWWB operates four filtration plants, a certified testing laboratory, and has more than 4,000 miles of pipe in its distribution network. For more information about the Birmingham Water Works Board, media inquiries, or tours of our museum, please call 205-244-4225 or visit www.bwwb.org.

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