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Argument Against Measure WW

Vote NO on THIS DECEPTIVE Tax.

This General Tax PRETENDS to provide special benefits of 'essential City services, such as meals, emergency, fire, safety and street repairs.' This Tax will be placed in the General-Purpose Fund and can be spent on ANYTHING. The Tax MIGHT be spent some popular services but the Tax WILL be spent on Union City's BIG problem: Pension deficits.

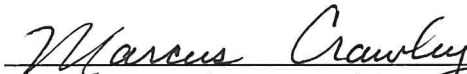
Union City has a BIG pension problem and this Measure's purposes completely skips 'the elephant in the room.' The Mayor explained that Union City has 'rising employer costs.' The Mayor's vague language means out-of-control Pension deficits.

This Measure admits that Union City has a deficit of \$3.5 million per year and growing. The Measure MISLEADS voters by skipping to OTHER expenses and cost cutting efforts to misdirect voter's attention from even thinking about the real source of the deficit – Pension Costs. Union City's Overlords will never reform themselves as long as the taxpayers are giving them ever more taxes for the General Fund.

This Utility Tax will ensure that the Union City doesn't need to make vital Pension reforms. The Taxpayers in Alameda County Cities owe billions of dollars to their Pension trust funds. Already, every household in Alameda County owes \$14,278 in County Pensions. Union City's Pension problem is just as BAD.

Start reform Now. This is a **TERRIBLE time to increase taxes** for struggling taxpayers so that the City's Leadership can enjoy glorious pensions.

Vote NO on this Tax.

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