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Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure WW

The Proponents argue that the City has already made 'deep cuts in services.' Probably the City has made deep cuts in services that benefit the public. The City Leadership has NOT made deep cuts to their own exorbitant privileges. The generous Pensions to the City Administration are killing the services to the public.

The Impartial Analysis explains that this Tax can be spent on 'any legitimate government purpose.' Pensions constitute a legitimate government purpose. This Tax will be spent for the mandated purpose of the Pension Fund. This Tax is shifting the hard budget choices onto the Voters: Either approve more Taxes or the City will make further cuts to public services that you receive. Be assured that the City will NOT make cuts to the Pension benefits that they receive.

The City Leadership won't willingly make cuts to their benefits because they won't even acknowledge that their generous pension benefits are the source of the financial problem. The Proponents appeals to the needs of the voters for very real public services. The Proponents never mention the 'elephant in the room.' The Proponents never explain that the ongoing need to cut public services is driven by the Administrations resolve to not cut back on their own Pension benefits. The voters must confront the PENSION MONSTER now before the situation gets worse.

Demand transparency Now. Start Pension Reform by requiring the City to post all the Pension information readily available on the City's website.

Vote NO

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