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of ballot measure N at the general municipal election for the city of South Pasadena to be held on November 6, 2018 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the

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	<u>So. Pasadena resident since 1994</u> Title to Appear on Argument	<u>8-27-18</u> Date
3.	<u>Hugh Hemington^{son} (Hugh Hemington)</u> Printed Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature
	<u>Lifetime Resident 58yrs</u> Title to Appear on Argument	<u>8/27/18</u> Date
4.	<u>ANDREW KRINOCK</u> Printed Name	<u>Andrew Krinock</u> Signature
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ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2018 MEASURE I.D. (if any): N

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Advocates of the Utility Users Tax (UUT) contend repealing it would cut funds for essential services by several million dollars, but this is misleading. Residents are presented with a false choice: inordinately high taxes or inferior quality of life.

A third, more reasonable option would be to rein in the salaries, benefits, and pensions of public employees.

In 2017, at least eight City employees made over **\$200,000/yr** in pay + benefits, in some cases collecting more in overtime pay than actual salaries. As for pensions, City retirees now receive as much as **\$130,000/yr**, and annual payouts may grow for the rest of their lives. Total payment over a lifetime could approach **\$4 million**—perhaps more than earned while working—creating a new class of millionaires.

Keep that in mind next time you drive over a pothole, walk on an asphalt-patched sidewalk, or pay your exorbitant water bill. Also remember that revenues from the UUT go to the general fund, so they can potentially be used for pensions and raises, not services.

The UUT will be slickly marketed by outside consultants as being in the community's best interest, but its real purpose is to continue enriching government unions.

We've been repeatedly hoodwinked by new parcel taxes, rate increases, fees, etc. under the guise of preserving our quality of life. By controlling expenses, however, the City can avoid cuts to services as reserves are used and other revenues (property taxes, etc.) grow to offset any shortfall.

Vote Yes on Proposition N.