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To alleviate any potential loss and maintain the current voter-approved transfer of Power Funds to the General Fund, the City Council has placed a ballot measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot

Measure P: Pasadena City Services Protection Measure

- > Amends the City Charter to preserve the General Fund Transfer from the Power Fund which in FY 2021 is \$18 million
- > Reduces the maximum transfer from 16% to 12% annually
- > Requires 50% plus one to pass





BACKGROUND

- Pasadena Water and Power's (PWP) history started in 1906 when the Municipal Light and Power Department was established
- Residents passed a \$125,000 bond to construct a locally controlled power plant that would electrify streetlights for less than what Edison charged the city
- Soon thereafter, residents supported another bond measure for more capacity at the power plant, and the Department began its first commercial electric service in 1908
- The business plan intended to save money, provide Pasadena residents a reliable source of energy, and generate municipal revenue



BACKGROUND

Residents investing in Pasadena Water & Power enjoy a consistent source of revenue for the City's infrastructure and services like 911 emergency response, fire, paramedics, and public health services and programs for our community; even amid medical emergencies, natural disasters, or federal and state budget cuts.

Since 1934, the Pasadena Charter provisions calling for the annual transfer have previously gone to and passed by voters a combined total of 7 times.





WHY NOW?

- There is a challenge to the longstanding transfer to the General Fund under Proposition 218
 - *Komesar v. City of Pasadena*, challenging the validity of Charter-authorized transfers from the Light and Power Fund to the General Fund, alleging the transfer is a new tax
 - The lawsuit also seeks a refund of the transferred monies and prevents continuing the GFT going forward, unless the City gets voter approval
- The reduction of \$18 million annually to the General Fund would mean the reduction of essential services should the measure not pass



WHY NOW?

- The City of Pasadena is already suffering from a \$30.4 million loss of funds due to COVID-19
- However, using emergency reserves and the delaying of projects and programs, the city has continued to serve Pasadena residents and businesses during this health crisis
- But, if the city loses the longstanding revenue generated by the utility and transfer to the general fund, up to \$18 million annually in city services and programs would be reduced or eliminated



WHY NOW?

While many are impacted by COVID-19, keeping the lights on, maintaining fast 911 response times for our fire, paramedics and medical emergency personnel, keeping the neighborhoods safe, maintaining modes of transportation, taking care of the vulnerable and providing for the health of our community
– is the responsibility of the **City of Pasadena**





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- Measure P, if passed by voters, simply continues the past practice of the voter-approved transfer for essential City services
- Measure P is not a new tax
- Measure P does not raise taxes
- Measure P does not increase the utility rate
- Measure P will require annual independent financial audits and public disclosure of all spending
- Measure P funds are locally controlled to benefit Pasadena residents and businesses
- Measure P lowers and limits the maximum transfer amount to not more than 12% (previously as much as 16%)



POTENTIAL CITY SERVICES REDUCTIONS

If the annual transfer were eliminated, the City would need to reduce local services and programs equivalent to the loss of up to \$18 million

- The loss of emergency personnel resulting in slower 911 response times
- The elimination of programs to protect our vulnerable residents such as seniors, veterans, and young families with children
- Impacting the City's response in addressing homeless issues and providing for housing programs
- The inability to maintain city buildings, fire stations, streets, sidewalks, parks, and libraries



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CITY OF PASADENA	
Pasadena City Services Protection Measure P	
Shall the measure maintaining 911 response, fire, paramedic, public health, senior and homeless services, street repairs, and other services by amending the City Charter to continue collecting in electric rates and maintain the longstanding transfer, limited to 12% gross revenue, providing \$18,000,000 annually to Pasadena's General Fund that does not increase taxes or utility rates until ended by voters, requiring financial audits with all funds locally controlled benefitting Pasadena residents, be adopted?	
<input type="radio"/>	YES
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For more information on Measure P, please visit www.PasadenaMeasureP.com or www.CityofPasadena.net/MeasureP