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Measure U is a double whammy, both a pension tax and a forever tax. The city council put this measure on the ballot because its pension obligations are out of control and, quite frankly, it is easier for them to extract more money from you than deal with the problem.

Moreover, this tax never goes away. If approved, you will never have the opportunity to approve or reject the city council's spending decisions. For generations to come, the city council will never need to justify to voters how they spent your money. Goodbye to transparency and accountability.

Oh sure, council members are telling you this tax remains "until ended by voters." That seemingly benign phraseology belies the near impossibility of average citizens getting a measure on the ballot to allow that option.

Unless you and an army of volunteers intend to spend a month camped out in front of the grocery store and post office collecting signatures, plan on hiring professional paid signature gatherers to get the necessary signatures.

Plan also on hiring expensive political consultants and attorneys to guide you through the legal process and draft the ballot language and other necessary paperwork. And should you manage to do all that, remember you still need to run a campaign supporting your measure. It is a daunting task and few voters have the time or resources to see it through. Your council members are relying on that to shield them from future scrutiny.

Council members are employing a sneaky strategy to deal with the pension problem. By exploiting your unfamiliarity with the ballot measure process, they hope to never need your approval again.

You deserve better from your elected representatives.

Be informed. Vote No on Measure U.

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

ELECTION DATE: November 3, 2020

CONTEST ID: _____

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MEASURE LETTER DESIGNATION: _____ U _____

JURISDICTION: City of Petaluma

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(Letter)                              (Name of Election)

the_____City of Petaluma_____being held on___November 3_____, 2020
                          (Jurisdiction)                                        (Date of Election)

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Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? x Yes ☐ No)

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Daniel A. Drummond, Executive Director
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