This measure is on the ballot because the city was not following state law, which requires that this kind of transfer be treated the same way as a tax, with respect to voter approval. The city didn’t do that, fought against doing that in court, and lost.

That's why you have an opportunity now to Just Say No.

"Your gas rates will not increase”? That's a funny way of saying "your rates could have been lower, for years and years". Get the joke?

If gas is an "unhealthy" source of energy, what sense does it make to continue a system where the city relies on gas revenue to pay for "basic services"? Doesn't that create a conflict of interest for city officials? How can Palo Alto hope to be a "green" city if its police and libraries depend on sales of fossil fuels?

This is just one example of how the city shifts money around. A new police station paid for by the hotel tax? (Didn't work out very well when the pandemic hit. What happens to the libraries when natural gas gets phased out?)

That Palo Alto has been doing this for 70 years is no excuse. Women couldn't vote—until that changed. Disallowing same-sex marriage was considered obvious—until it wasn't.

Gas revenue should be spent on the expenses of providing gas service. Anything else is sloppy accounting.

You have the power to fix this.

Vote NO on Measure L.

https://scclp.org/just-vote-no

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