



**City of South Pasadena  
Planning and Community  
Development Department**

# Memo

**Date:** September 17, 2020

**To:** Chair and Members of the Cultural Heritage Commission

**From:** Kanika Kith, Planning Manager

**Prepared By:** Kanika Kith, Planning Manager

**Re:** September 17, 2020 Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting – General Public Comment

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One written comment for General Public Comment on the Agenda was received. The comment relates “Yes on Measure U 2020.”

Comment letter is included as **Attachment 1**.

**Attachment:**

1. Written Public Comment

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
General Public Comment Received

## Kanika Kith

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**From:** Sally Kilby [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:44 PM  
**To:** PlanningComments  
**Subject:** Public Comment for CHC 9/17/20  
**Attachments:** CHC Public Comment 9-17-20.docx

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Attached is a general public comment for the CHC meeting of 9/17/20. No word limit was noted on the website, but if this is too lengthy, you can omit the names of the committee members and just use the Chair's name, Ed Donnelly.

Thank you,  
Sally Kilby  
South Pasadena Yes on Measure U 2020

**Please enter this general public comment into the public record, and, if possible, read this comment during the Cultural Heritage Commission meeting of 9/17/20.**

The South Pasadena YES on Measure U committee strongly urges your support to renew the Utility Users Tax (UUT) at the November 3 General Election. Renewing the UUT at the current rate of 7.5% will sustain funding needed to keep South Pasadena safe, ready for emergencies, and protect our quality of life.

For nearly forty years, we have relied upon stable, locally controlled funding from a UUT that currently provides \$3.4 million annually. This second largest source of funds for the City constitutes 12% of the General Fund. Revenues are distributed among City departments, including the Planning Department, to provide vital City services.

The UUT has been consistently renewed by voters. There's one crucial difference with renewing it this time, however. Pandemic-related financial losses are devastating the City financially. Now more than ever, renewing the UUT is a way to maintain South Pasadena's basic services and remain a full-service City. In the future, if the tax is no longer needed, a majority of voters can make that determination and repeal it.

Our committee is comprised of people from all segments of our small community who are dedicated to ensuring that South Pasadena remains a full-service City. We want South Pasadena to be able to respond to the needs of residents, including the following:

- Maintaining rapid 911 emergency response times
- Preserving firefighter and paramedic services
- Funding community, family, youth, senior, and library programs
- Keeping City streets and sidewalks in good repair for everyone
- Supporting crime prevention and neighborhood safety
- Keeping parks and public areas safe and clean
- Helping prepare for disasters and health emergencies

We look forward to your support for this ballot measure and invite you to join us and all South Pasadena residents in voting YES to renew the UUT November 3. To participate by donating, endorsing, volunteering, and requesting a lawn sign, go to our website at [www.SouthPasYesOnU.com](http://www.SouthPasYesOnU.com).

South Pasadena Yes on Measure U 2020

Ed Donnelly, Chair

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