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**From:** Office of the City Clerk <CityofPasadenaWebMaster@cityofpasadena.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2018 10:04 PM  
**To:** Official Records - City Clerk  
**Subject:** Contact Form from Website

Name : mary foltyn

Phone:

Email: mfoltynt@charter.net

Message:

I'm concerned about the city council wanting to put a measure to raise the city tax to 10.25% for the Nov. ballot. As a resident for over 20 years and a homeowner have consistently voted on all measures to enhance the quality of life in Pasadena.

I did vote on measures for increase for the libraries and schools. However, I draw the line at an increase in sales tax. The city should be earning from the Rose Parade, Rose bowl games, hotels, conventions, concerts etc.

Now, the city has undergone a massive multi dwelling building which is literally choking the streets-Walnut Ave. for example. I believe the citizens of Pasadena are involved in the quality of living here and do not take for granted the many benefits, schools, [arks, libraries, police and fire protection, Thank you, Mary Foltyn Resident and homeowner

Submitted from: 66.215.239.228

User Information

IP Address: 66.215.239.228

User-Agent (Browser/OS): Google Chrome 67.0.3396.99 / Windows

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**From:** Office of the City Clerk <CityofPasadenaWebMaster@cityofpasadena.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** Official Records - City Clerk  
**Subject:** Contact Form from Website

Name : Eve Mathews  
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**Message:**

I am deeply concerned about raising sales tax for the city of Pasadena. We shouldn't discourage businesses from investing in our great city and further increase the high cost of living. I am a native Pasadenan and have seen the progress of our city. Please consider my request not to raise taxes. Thank you.

Submitted from: 138.229.233.114

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed sharing of sales tax increase with the Pasadena Unified School District

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Andy Wilson <[andy@wilsonforcitycouncil.com](mailto:andy@wilsonforcitycouncil.com)>  
**Date:** July 15, 2018 at 1:38:30 PM PDT  
**To:** Clif Cates <[cliftoncates@att.net](mailto:cliftoncates@att.net)>  
**Cc:** "Jomsky, Mark" <[mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net)>  
**Subject: Re: Proposed sharing of sales tax increase with the Pasadena Unified School District**

Clif — Thx for the input. I'll make sure Mark includes in public record. Pls attend in person if you can. Andy

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Andy Wilson  
Pasadena City Councilmember District 7  
Good neighbor — Dedicated Leader  
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On Jul 15, 2018, at 1:18 PM, Clif Cates <[cliftoncates@att.net](mailto:cliftoncates@att.net)> wrote:

Dear Andy,

I know that the proposal for the City to share the sales tax increase with the Pasadena Unified School District comes up for a vote tomorrow night. At present I take no position on the merits of the proposal to increase the sales tax by .75%, but I am adamantly opposed to sharing any of the increase with the Pasadena Unified School District—unless the City conditions the revenue-sharing on strict accountability provisions which are actually enforced.

The PUSD has a proven track record of fiscal incompetence and corruption. To keep this email short, I offer just two telling examples:

- The fiscal problems facing the PUSD have been known for years, yet the District has consistently failed to take the necessary corrective action. It now faces budget deficits for years to come, deficits so severe that the Los Angeles County Office of Education has threatened to assume fiscal control of the District.
- Despite repeated warning and complaints by the Citizens' Oversight Committee, the District has illegally spent Proposition TT school bond construction funds on numerous unauthorized activities. You need not take my word for it. The details appear on pages 2 and 3 of the most recent

annual report of the COC, which was adopted unanimously. I cannot expect you to read the entire report, but please read just these two pages. <https://www.pusd.us/cms/lib/CA01901115/Centricity/Domain/1836/Reports/Annual%20Reports/Citizens%20Oversight%20Committee%20Annual%20Report%20for%20the%20Fiscal%20Year%20ended%20June%2030%202017.pdf> The District's plundering of Proposition TT funds has been deliberate. The amounts involved are substantial. The violations have not been corrected, and they continue to this day. As a matter of law, this conduct constitutes a misappropriation of public funds under California Penal Code sec. 424(a)(2), a felony.

The PUSD pleads that it really *needs* more money, but the District's plea reminds me of the boy who, having just been convicted of murdering his parents, pleads for mercy on the ground that he is now an orphan. If the City were to give the District more money without demanding real reforms first, why should it expect a different result this time around?

Regards,

Clif



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Hon. Mayor Terry Tornek and City Councilmembers  
City of Pasadena  
100 N. Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91109

**RE: City of Pasadena Ballot Measures**

Dear Mayor Tornek,

The California Charter Schools Association (“CCSA”) is a membership and professional organization serving more than 1,200 charter public schools. Our association works on behalf of these charter schools which serve more than 600,000 K-12 public school students in the state of California. We are advised that the Pasadena City Council has decided to seek voter approval for a November 2018 sales tax increase and advisory vote to share revenue with public schools.

Securing equitable public funding for California’s charter public schools is one of the primary areas of focus for CCSA’s advocacy efforts. As part of those efforts, along with our tandem 501(c)(4) organization CCSA Advocates, we have worked to support local government ballot measures which specifically include equitable funding commitments to charter public schools, but do not endorse measures that do not provide equitable funding to charter schools. For example, CCSA and the San Diego charter community worked with San Diego Unified School District on Proposition Z in 2012. This local ballot measure which authorized the issuance of \$2.8 billion in general obligation bonds, included a specific \$350 million set aside for charter school facilities projects. In 2014 and 2015, CCSA supported bond or tax measures which included charter school funding in several California school districts, including Natomas, Los Altos, Santa Rosa, Livermore Valley Joint Unified, and Redwood City School Districts. In 2016, the charter school community worked with Chico Unified to support Measure K which allocated an equitable amount of bond funding to Chico charter schools.

We have had the opportunity to review the staff report and ballot measure language under consideration by the City Council. We implore the Council to specifically include language referencing charter public schools prior to the placement of this item on the ballot. The charter schools currently serve over 1,800 public school students in Pasadena and the areas encompassed by the Pasadena Unified School District provide students and families with an array of high-quality, tuition-fee, public school options; these students and families are surely deserving of a

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proportional and equitable allocation of revenues that could enhance their educational experience. We respectfully request that the Council revise the ballot measure documents under consideration to make clear that this measure provides an equitable share of the sales tax revenues for charter school students.

We are available to discuss CCSA's position on this matter in greater detail, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Best Regards,

Chris Copolillo  
Director, Regional Advocacy

California Charter Schools Association

cc: Pasadena City Council  
Councilmember Tyrone Hampton, District 1  
Councilmember Margaret McAustin, District 2  
Councilmember & Vice Mayor John J. Kennedy, District 3  
Councilmember Gene Masuda, District 4  
Councilmember Victor M. Gordo, District 5  
Councilmember Steve Madison, District 6  
Councilmember Andy Wilson, District 7