

Communication from Public

Name: Janette Zatorski
Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 09:50 AM
Council File No: 23-0418

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the discretionary COLA as recommended by the LACERS Board for City retirees to address record-breaking inflation. This modest increase will have a positive impact on all retirees, especially those that solely rely on the City's retirement funding. I strongly urge the City Council to approve this action to help retirees who fulfilled their commitment and served the City of Los Angeles for decades.

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Name: Debra Maldonado

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 12:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please approve this request for retirees. The cost of living is crushing us. Our retirement money does not go as far as it used to. Some of us cannot get a second job due to health issues.

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Name: Frank Maldonado

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 12:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking you to please approve this small increase to our retirement. Every little bit will help. I worked for the City for over 38 years.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Rangel

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 01:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting that the Council approve the discretionary cola currently under consideration. "According to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area increased by 7.4% in 2022. This increase along with the increase in fuel, food, utilities, and almost all other required needs put many retirees in a precarious financial position. With 36% of retirees and beneficiaries receiving a pension less than \$36,000 per year, it is imperative that you approve the discretionary COLA increase of 2.6% as allowed by the Los Angeles Administrative Code. It is within your power to provide this relief and ease the financial worries of many well desiring City of Los Angeles retirees. Please do so without delay. Thank you."

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Name: Karen Aponte

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 02:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon I am asking that the city council and the Mayor approve the discretionary COLA increase for the retirees who served the city of Los Angeles for many years. I for one started at the age of 20 and left at 61. The city was my only employer and I count on my retirement. Due to inflation I know this would help all of us retirees to survive in our day to day living situations.
Thank you

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Name: Diane M. Weber

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 03:39 PM

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Name: Diana Armijo

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 03:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Mayor Bass and both Council committees in consideration of the 2.6% discretionary COLA, I am requesting your approval, it is vital. It is a financial struggle, daily, to be a consumer and retiree in this economy. Thank you for your consideration. The approval of the 2.6% discretionary COLA, is vitally necessary. It's passage will assist greatly in making retirement less of a financial struggle. Thank you, Diana Armijo

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Name: Beverly Johnson

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 05:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting this increase because of the high inflation of groceries utilities and gas prices. It's been very difficult living in Los Angeles I hope you wil agree and give us this extra percentage

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Name: John Silva
Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 05:29 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: We need the 2.6 COLA. It is essential to keep up with rising cost of our basic needs. Thank you for your attention.

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Name: Manuel Rico

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 04:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the honorable committee members to recommend approval of a discretionary 2.6% COLA for LA City retirees. It is needed to maintain pace with inflation. Thank you.

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Name: Yvette Burney

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 04:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am respectfully requesting you approve the suggested discretionary COLA for retirees. Inflation is taking a big toll on our ability to keep pace with the costs of basic needs like food and housing. We will continue to fall behind if this is not done. Unexpected medical bills have added to this in my household so approval of the proposed discretionary COLA would be very helpful. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Terry Berg

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 04:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a retired City employee. I am requesting that you approve the discretionary COLA of 2.6% that was recommended by the LACERS Board. My retirement allowance has not kept pace with inflation over the last few years. This has affected me since the cost of everything from food, gas, utilities, and all other necessities has increased so much in the last few years. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter for retirees.

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Name:

Date Submitted:

05/10/2023 07:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Requesting approval of the 2.7% discretionary COLA which is needed badly during this time of inflation and economic insecurity. Consumer Price Indices have increased way over this requested COLA. This request will assist retirees in coping with rising cost of living and sustaining a decent lifestyle. Thank you!

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Name: Helen Crist

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 08:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable City Council Members: As you may be aware, recent inflation has been unprecedented. Our retirement allowances have not kept pace with this inflation which will likely remain high for the foreseeable future. With annual CPI for the Los Angeles area in 2023 at 7.4%, the 3% cap on our annual COLA will NOT be enough to help us, retirees, catch up with this inflation. I, therefore, strongly urge the Council to adopt LACERS staff's recommendation to grant the 2.6% discretionary COLA increase, as allowed by the City's Administrative Code. I hope that you will take the necessary actions on behalf of us, LACERS members, without delay. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Enriqueta Garza Mellinger

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 09:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am respectfully requesting that the discretionary 2.6 Cola for retirees be approved. Inflation is at an all time high and prices are going up higher than our pension.

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Name: Jerrilyn Horton
Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 10:03 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Because of high inflation and overall high cost of living going up, please approve the 2.6% discretionary COLA!

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Name: Dale W. Horton, Jr.

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 10:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the members of the City Council. I know that a 2.6 percent COLA increase seems like a lot. But, for every retiree, an increase of 2.6 percent to our benefits would help to offset the historic levels of inflation that we all currently face. In order to address the historic levels of inflation, I respectfully encourage every member of the City Council to approve the 2.6 percent increase in retiree benefits.

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Name: Bruce Francis

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 11:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello I am writing in support of the proposed additional 2.6% cola increase as it is very much needed in order to keep up with the ever rising cost of living. Costs on food ,gas and housing have increased a lot more then the 3% increase that retires will recieve this year, on top of that we have to deal with Irrma which we where never told about during our working careers.

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Name: Diana Williams

Date Submitted: 05/10/2023 11:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics state the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area increased by 7.4% in 2022. The rate of inflation has impacted many of us retirees who's income is solely dependent on our City pension. It has been proposed by LACERS Board that a COLA increase of 2.6% be approved by our City Council. I humbly request you, the Los Angeles City Council approve this recommendation.
Respectfully, Diana Williams, Retiree

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Tozer

Date Submitted: 05/11/2023 07:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge City Council to approve the discretionary 2.6% increase. Current inflation hovers at 10% making it difficult for many retirees to cover basic living expenses.

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Name: DPanaligan

Date Submitted: 05/11/2023 07:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I respectfully request that the 2.6% COLA increase be approved for the primary reason that our monthly benefits can not keep up with the present high rate of inflation. We definitely need added financial support to make our lives decent, comfortable & be productive citizens at the same time. Thank you very much.

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Name: Cathy Bushey

Date Submitted: 05/11/2023 07:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a retired City employee, I urge you to approve the discretionary COLA that is before you. I am worried that my pension will not keep pace with inflation. The City was my employer for 30 years. Do the math and pass the COLA.

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Name: Doris J Traylor
Date Submitted: 05/11/2023 08:56 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Count me in. I agree with the 2.6%.