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Comments for Public Posting: I am a retired Building Inspector for the city of Los Angeles. Due to the high cost of inflation the cost of living is too high...cost of groceries, gasoline, car insurance is too high, the electricity bills are too high...on my retirement I can hardly afford the cost of living. Also due to the fact that I worked for the City of Los Angeles, my social security check was reduced by 40% because of working for a government of Los Angeles. This is after paying into social security for 30 years before I worked for the City of Los Angeles.

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Name: William A. Holland

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Comments for Public Posting: As a 30 - year employee with the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering I promoted through the ranks over these years from Civil Engineering Assistant to Architectural Associate to Architect to Senior Architect and then to Principal/ City Architect. I drafted a No Smoking in Buildings draft ordinance given to former council member Ruth Galanter and she in turn forwarded it to former council member Marvin Braude who introduced the motion in council where it was approved. To my knowledge this was the first ever such ordinance in this country. Responsible for the design of Police and fire stations all over Los Angeles. Library designs and construction; numerous (San Pedro, Los Feliz, Venice, Studio City, Porter Ranch, Platt, Watts, Wilshire, Felipe de Neve, Cahuenga, Lincoln Heights, J.C. Fremont, Washington Irving and Baldwin Hills). Construction manager for the downtown Central Library. I was introduced and commended on the night before the re-opening along with Elizabeth Gay, the Central library director and Stan Morimoto the construction manager. Architect for the restoration of the Old agle Rock Branch library where I received a commendation from the Los Angeles Board of Cultural Affairs Commissioners. Base isolation suggestion for LA City Hall, which was accepted and constructed. It was and is the tallest historic building ever to be "base isolated". Also involved a council presentation wherein I showed the failure of the City Hall tower in the event of a significant earthquake. Subsequently City hall had to be vacated. Designs for numerous council member offices in City Hall; Woo, Yaroslavsky, Galanter, Walters, etc. I was personally responsible for these. Denied a request from the council to occupy the former and vacant Los Angeles print shop on First Street not far from City Hall. Council wanted a place for homeless people to go because of cold weather. I denied this request and shortly thereafter an earthquake occurred which caused the failure of the mezzanine level of this building. If the homeless had been inside they would have been killed. Designs for several parking structures used today by the public, one near UCLA and the other on Robertson Boulevard near the hospital. Design for the Placita Pedestrian Mall and monument dedicated by then President Jimmy Carter in the historic City core adjacent to Olvera Street. My work for Los

Angeles involved hundreds of millions of dollars and I was honored to be a part of moving the City forward. I'd be happy to provide additional information if it is needed.