

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea Sansone  
**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 09:53 AM  
**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** To the Los Angeles City Council: I am writing today to implore you to approve the 2.6 discretionary COLA on the table at this time. I and numerous other retired civilian personnel worked decades for the City of Los Angeles with the promise of a good pension. Although inflation is something we all should expect, I don't think anyone would or could have expected it to get this bad. One can plan, save and invest, only to find themselves coming up short. Then there is the group whose family dynamics made getting food on the table the only attainable goal, with little to nothing left over for savings or investment. My point is that no matter where one might fall within socioeconomic groups, the cost of living has affected all of us. Some of the hardest workers, the predecessors of the current workforce are struggling to make ends meet. That isn't going to get better. Especially, but not limited to the police department, all civilians regularly absorbed deficits such as mandatory furlough days , as well as being charged with the ERIP , which took money out of their checks even after and on top of the 10 percent loss of furlough days. THOSE were dollars which could have been invested for their retirement. The only thing sworn had to deal with was the loss of cash overtime. To see the COLAs sworn retirees enjoy is hard to swallow for those who arguably were the unseen, nameless, faceless backbone of the department. The same is true for non-police civilians who kept the City going year in and year out in their professional capacities. Now is your chance to reward those employees who are now on fixed incomes to make up for the sacrifices they made whether willing or forced. In the spirit of fairness and what is right, I hope you will vote to give us the 2.6 percent increase. Thank you for the hard work you do and your consideration in this matter. Sr. Police Service Representative (Ret.) Andrea R. Sansone

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/15/2023 10:20 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you all to approve the discretionary COLA adjustment for retired LACERS members. Costs for food, gas, housing, insurance continue to increase so I ask that the Council approve the recommendation by the LACERS board. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** auvia Lee-Mcadory

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 10:19 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Los Angeles City Council Board: I am writing to request that the Board consider and approve the discretionary COLA of 2.6% for LACERS. With the current rate of inflation raising higher and higher by the day those of us on a fixed income are struggling to make ends meet. This increase will help bring some relief to retirees and will definitely be appreciated by all.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sophia Ponce de Leon

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 02:33 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** To The LA City Council: I am writing to you today for your consideration in approving the COLA for all retirees. With today's economy it is very much needed and as someone who was a city employee for 36.5 years, I feel we earned it. Thank you for your attention

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/16/2023 02:06 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing today to request that the city council approves the 2.6% discretionary COLA on the table at this time. I, like many others, dedicated many years to the City knowing that 1 day we will not have to worry about our basic living expenses. Although we don't have control over inflation, no one could have predicted it would have gotten so bad. All of my bills have doubled and am now looking for a part time job to cover my bills. Last year I was struck with Covid and it left me with other medical complications which limits my ability to commute to a job. I have tried to find a legit "work at home" type job, but there are not many available. This 2.6% increase will help me out tremendously. Please remember the services and the dedication that was given to the City by these retired persons. I am a retired Police Service Representative who served the City of Los Angeles for 30 years. In 2018, I was awarded the Life Savings Award for talking down a suicidal person from jumping onto the 110 Freeway from the 7th or 8th street Bridge. During my services, I was nominated 3 times for the CAPRA award, and while working as a Clerk Typist with North Hollywood police station, I received Civilian Employee of the year. I only mention these awards to show my dedication to the city. And I'm sure that there are numerous retired employees who have received similar if not higher awards and accolades as myself. Please don't disregard us. Remember the years of service that was given. Thank you