

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Westgate

Date Submitted: 06/14/2024 06:41 PM

Council File No: 23-0418

Comments for Public Posting: Hello: I am a retired Los Angeles Public Library Librarian with 15 years of service. I would like to encourage the Council to adopt the 2.85% discretionary COL, which was NOT adopted last year. I'm sure I don't have to explain how much inflation has impacted my life, as it has so many of our lives. You notice higher prices everywhere and when one lives on a fixed income, as I do, it would make an important difference to receive that discretionary COL increase. As a simple example of how inflation has impacted me, I still have an iPhone 7 (!) --the current model is a 15 -- because I don't feel I can allocate my funds to cover an updated phone with enough bandwidth to allow me to utilize the apps I need (such as scanning in documents for submitting my LACERS Healthcare reimbursement paperwork). On my current phone there is not enough space on it to allow for that. That is just one example of how I am required to marshall my spending in order to not run out of money by the end of the month. Especially when I reflect on the incredible wage increases that still-working City employees have garnered through guild/union negotiations. Those employees will be well taken care of financially whereas we retired employees have been denied a rather reasonable discretionary COLA. That does not seem fair to me and really does put a financial burden on retirees, who are facing the same higher prices but with less resources. Please adopt this discretionary COLA--it would mean a lot to us City retirees! Best, Wendy Westgate

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Name: Verkin Keoseian

Date Submitted: 06/14/2024 07:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting your approval of the 2.85% discretionary COLA for the retirees for this year. Prices of everything have gone up drastically and it is extremely difficult to keep up with our expenses. As an example, our homeowner's insurance has more than doubled this year. The additional COLA is a necessity for myself and all of the retirees. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Name: Antoinette Martinez

Date Submitted: 06/14/2024 01:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a civilian LAPD retiree. Worked over 30 yrs & I enjoyed working for the City. I also worked Personnel Dept for a short time. Started my career as a Clerk Typist & was promoted several times. I also live in L.A. all of my life. Cost of living has been going up every year steadily. The last couple of years has been very stressful financially. I have had 2 surgeries this year & under dr's care for a weak heart & among other medical issues My expenses have increased. Requesting you approve raise. Thank you

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Name: Tri Nguyen

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Comments for Public Posting: The retirees are facing the same high prices as everyone, with a much lower income. So we really need the Council to adopt the 2.85% discretionary COLA. Any additional pennies really help the retirees.

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Name: Patricia S. Medina

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Comments for Public Posting: As a city employee as property officer, I've seen many things take place. I worked for LAPD and my husband Henry Medina worked as Traffic Officer with LADOT. I didn't work long enough with the city to get retirement benefits. However when my husband Henry was killed on duty I had to depend on his retirement. I was younger then I could still work However now I'm 73. Food is expensive and I can't travel due to gas prices. I am not trying to criticize, however for all of us who have sacrificed. If my Henry was here today he would say give me that Cola and take back the Henry Medina Parking building. Share it with others that are struggling with extra expenses. I pray you will make a heartfelt and Strong position in our favor.

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Name: frank buerck

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Comments for Public Posting: AS A RETIRED CITY OF LOS ANGELES EMPLOYEE THAT RELIES HEAVILY ON MY RETIREMENT PENSION FROM THE CITY, I AM VERY MUCH NEEDING THE DIRECTIONARY INCREASE OF 2.85% THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED. I, AS MANY HAVE NOTICED, MANY CURRENTLY EMPLOYED CITY EMPLOYEES HAVE RECEIVED VERY VERY LARGE PAY INCREASES IN THE PAST YEAR OR TWO. PLEASE TAKE MY COMMENTS SERIOUSLY AND HELP ME, MY FELLOW RETIREES AND MY FAMILY ENDURE THE HUGE INFLATIONARY PERIOD WE HAVE BEEN FACING. THANK YOU.

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Name: Liddy

Date Submitted: 06/14/2024 10:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Inflation,inflation,inflation!!! What more do you need. Retired members are praying that the Mayor and City Council vote in favor of the 2.85 discretionary. Our voices were not heard or thought about last year's proposed cola. Please don't forget about us!!! Ms. Karen Bass- City Council. Thanks for your support regarding the retired members.

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Name: Mario Diaz

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Comments for Public Posting: Definitely times are tougher, all has higher prices these days.....
My rent, food,gas,medical expenses Time to help us retired city
employees.It would really be appreciated.

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Name: Bradley Kuhns

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Comments for Public Posting: I retired from LAPD and the current retirement payment isn't keeping up with the high inflation. Raises for current city workers clearly make our retirement payments worth less and less. Us retirees need additional payment to keep up.