

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Caballero
Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 01:19 PM
Council File No: 23-0418

Comments for Public Posting: I respectfully support and urge the Mayor and City Council to vote to approve the LACERS recommended 2.6% Discretionary COLA. I retired in September 2002 after 33 years of City Service. This last year or two the inflation rate has climbed so high and so fast that the 3% COLA is now nowhere near keeping up. While I expect the inflation rate to slow down, I don't think it will be very soon. Further, once these prices have gone up, I don't think they'll ever be coming down. Any help (temporary or permanent) is greatly needed and would be greatly appreciated. I might add that many of us Retirees only have a LACERS Retirement Plan and NO Social Security, as is my case. Other Retirees may be receiving greatly diminished Social Security benefits due to the Government Offset. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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Name: Nam Huynh

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 01:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to approve the discretionary COLA request from the LACERS Board of Administration. Due to high inflation, our family had to withdraw more from our 401K investment during the down turn of the market. Although inflation has subsided recently and the stock market has improved, the discretionary COLA will enable retirees to replenish their emergency expense fund and some peace of mind during this uncertain time due to wars and tensions around the world. Thank you

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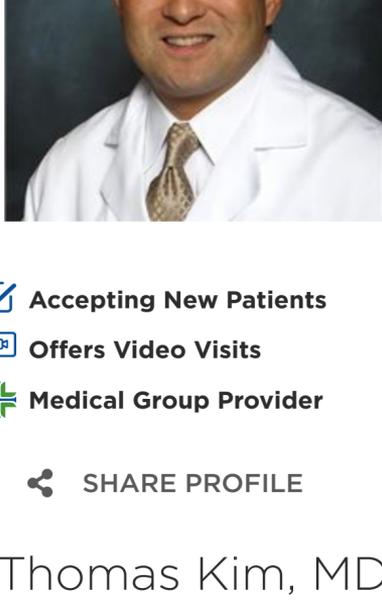
Name: Cecil B McLaughlin

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 01:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Inflation is way too high we need some relief we need more money to deal with it please consider it Thanks Cecil Brian McLaughlin

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Name: Mike Levitt

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 01:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 3% increase in pensions is barely adequate in a good year. THIS year has been disastrous. Please help those of us who poured our life's energies into working for and with LA. I worked 35 years to help make LA one of America's great cities. Let LA help us out when we need it most. For this year and next, please add an extra 2 percent to our pensions. It is only fair. Thank you. Mike Levitt (R&P, DWP, LAPD, POLA)

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 02:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please grant LACERS retirees an additional cost of living increase. 3% does not keep pace with current inflation and rise in cost of living. Thank you

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Name: JOHN FULLAM

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 02:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass and Council President Krekorian: Recently, the LACERS Board forwarded a recommendation that the Council and Mayor adopt a 2.6% discretionary COLA for LACERS retirees. I understand the CAO is opposed to the 2.6% discretionary COLA and that opposition may have led to this item not being considered by the Council. As a retiree, I have been hit with the same high inflation as everyone else, but have a relatively fixed income. While LACERS assumes and has been funded assuming 3.0% retiree COLAs, due to low inflation over many years, it has seldom had to pay the full 3.0%, thus creating actuarial savings. Now, with the highest inflation in 40 years, retirees need a little something extra to help make ends meet. This is how the recent high inflation has impacted me: I am stretching the limits of my budget to stay on top of monthly utility bills, including electricity for cooling in the summer and gas for heating in the winter. Groceries are at a premium cost, making it difficult for my family to eat in a healthy manner. Homeowner's insurance, especially for Earthquake and Fire coverage, is nearly unattainable. I do not travel as gasoline cost remains high at \$5.00/gallon. I understand that the CAO's opposition to the discretionary COLA for retirees comes at the same time as Mr. Szabo's own employees will be receiving an 11% increase in pay! This makes it look like the service of thousands of retirees is not valued. Please move forward with consideration of the proposed 2.6% discretionary COLA, in order to help retirees cope with the recent high inflation. Sincerely, John Fullam Materials Testing Engineer II (Retired) Port of Los Angeles

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Name: Bob W

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 04:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a retired LACERS City employee I am finding it difficult to cope with inflation at the current rate. Banking our extra COLA above 3% is a good practice except that it seems unlikely the rate will fall below the point where it is used for any time in the foreseeable future. It would be practical and very beneficial to apply the money to our stipend now. Please consider our requests to do so, at least until the economy has stabilized. Thank you.

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Name: Brian R. Johnson

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 06:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am responding to this request to advised the whole city council to go ahead and pass this issue! This issue does not cost the city one dime! Retirees are barely surviving on their retirement income, due to the inflationary impact of the cost of living! This issue to me is a no- Brainerd, I cannot anyone on the City Council that will opposed this issue! I move to in courage the full Council to approve this matter immediately! God Bless America. God bless the City Of L.A. and the City Council.

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Name: Michael Leisenbach
Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 09:34 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I want information about the discretionary COLA. Council File #23-0418

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Name:

Date Submitted:

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Comments for Public Posting: Please approve the excess COLA increase for your city employees who worked many years for the City of Los Angeles. We are suffering from inflation like everyone else and have no way to make more income. Thank You Linda

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Name: Ernest P Fortier
Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 11:52 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: The cost of living is increasing at such a rapid rate, and no end in sight of increases, that it is making it increasingly difficult for us retirees to live with sufficient funds. We should get the discretionary COLA to help with day to day expenses.

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Name: Marlene

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 12:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do consider that due to unprecedented inflation from the aftermath of COVID have doubled and tripled. Sadly the city charter and Administrative Code were not written taking into consideration what would happen and the long term effects from it. As Retirees, we fulfilled our promise, it is time for the city to do the RIGHT thing.

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Name: Nash

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 12:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Cost of living now is way higher than COLA, Now I pay more money for my medicine than before. After enrolling with medical (which I have to enroll), my co- pay is higher from \$0 co-pay to \$75 co-pay just for 1 type of medicine. I'm in the Teri little above the approval of low income benifit, On 2019 (year of my Retirment) a one dozen of eggs for \$1 now 0n 2023 IT IS \$3. Seriously THIS IS UNFAIR, AND WE GAVE UKRAINE WAR OVER \$75 BILLION AND WE ARE HERE SUFFERING AND STRUGGLING FOR OUR LIFE, OUR MEDICINE AND OUR COST OF LIVING.

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Name: Leslie A Thomas

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 09:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to approve the request granting a discretionary COLA to LACERS' Members in accordance with LAAC Sections 4.1023 and 4.1080.17(c), filed by the LACERS Board of Administration on April 14, 2023. This discretionary COLA will provide much needed assistance with the rising inflation and costs. Thank you.

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Name: N juarez

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 09:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a retired employee with the City of Los Angeles, and I believe we should get the 7% for our cola. It has been way too long since we have been given a raise ex specially with rent and food prices going up, and gas as well. Please please take into consideration what this will do for us. LACERS just got an 11% raise. I myself did not work 40ty years and put my hard earned sweat to be living from pay check to pay check.

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Name: Lou Caamano

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 08:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Any help you can provide to the retiree group would be most appreciated. As I'm sure you will agree, 3% is a very low percentage. Social Security gave their group a 8.7% Cola increase for 2023. Help us!!

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Comments for Public Posting: The cost of livings (especially in los angeles) during the pass few years were significantly high. By reflecting this, the social security benefits were increased by 5.9% in 2022 and 8.7% in 2023. With City's current 3.0% COLA, it is very hard for us to maintain our living standards. Please kindly consider and grant a discretionary COLA to us during this hard time. Thank you.

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Name: Gary Wint

Date Submitted: 07/03/2023 10:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Per LAAC 4.1023 and 4.1080.17(c), Please honor those of us retirees who have served the city for a lifetime with a Discretionary Cola to help provide us with some relief from the current state of high inflation. Thank you

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Name: Carlos B Villarreal

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Comments for Public Posting: We retiree's do not have a union which can represent us and fight for our benefits. We deserve a fair increase in our retirement that can keep pace with inflation. We are loosing buying power since we live in a fixed income and the proposed cost of living increase falls way short of the CPI of last year; please vote to allow a bigger discretionary increase in our pension at least close to the CPI. Thank for you attention to this matter.