

Communication from Public

Name: Henry Jeffries

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Comments for Public Posting: The City of Los Angeles has over the years determined that in fairness to its former employees and to the taxpayers who fund it, that pensions should be adjusted to meet the cost of living (allegedly in the Los Angeles area- (where pensioners do NOT necessarily live1). Everybody has been in agreement to the provisions of this arrangement - City Council, pensioners, taxpayers. Suddenly the COLA is higher - WOOPS - the taxpayers will have to see their taxes raised in order to fund pension increases - looks like an imbalance to increase pensions, BUT necessity to increase taxes - THAT'S NOT WHAT THE PENSIONERS, TAXPAYERS, AND CITY COUNCIL AGREED TO - and now pensioners are asking to BREAK the COLA-PENSION AGREEMENT. What if the COLA was .1% - would the City Council agree to LOWER taxes? HA HA HA HA HA! Speaking as a taxpayer, I say NO - an agreement is in place - follow it. HENRY JEFFRIES 752 W. 22ND STREET SAN PEDRO, CA 90731

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Name: S. Gomez

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to request that the motion for a discretionary cost of living adjustment to LA City retirees be adopted. This is very necessary in order to try to keep up with the significant unexpected increase in costs of every day living expenses. Thank you.

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Name: Randall B

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of the city Council approving the discretionary COLA as described in Council File #23-0418. The excessively high CPI for the Los Angeles area in conjunction with the high inflation rates, have placed unusually burdensome financial demands on its citizens. The costs in all sectors, including housing, food, utilities, and transportation have skyrocketed leaving people having to decide which items to pay, and which items not to. Your citizens are in desperate need of this additional assistance. I highly encourage the City Council to approve this discretionary COLA adjustment.