

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This year inflation is so high that a 3% COLA just won't do it. I'm requesting that the discretionary petition by the Retirement System be honor as We, Angelinos can hardly afford today's prices ! Thank you.

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Name: Victor Jauregui

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Comments for Public Posting: To the City Council and its voting members. I am writing to support and encourage the council to please pass the discretionary COLA for LACERS retired members. I retired after 37 years of service with the Dept. of Rec. and Parks. Like many retired city workers, I saw myself living my last years being happy and enjoying the fruits of my hard work. The American dream. I saved and bought a home. I saved money for these twilight years with my family. What I didn't know was I would be facing like many others the hardship of the current economy. Everything is so much higher that I have taken measures to cut our expenses but still trying to manage a life. I drive a 2004 vehicle that is being held together by a shoe string budget. The money I saved to buy a new car is now being used to buy everyday items like food, medicines, clothes and taxes. What I don't want to happen to me or any other retired city employee is to become homeless. To lose what we worked so hard to achieve. We face reality and everything it throws at us everyday. For many of us the picture is much uglier. I am not there yet but if this COLA is not passed, me and my wife may be looking at bad future. Please do the right thing and pass the discretionary COLA. This could save many retired folks from living a harder life. The Council has worked hard in managing the homeless issue, reforms for public safety, families living in their apartments , fighting the illegal drugs that are killing many and so many of todays problems. I ask the Council to do the same with this urgent matter for so many of the city's retirees. We kept the City together when we were working. Now I ask you to keep us together. Thank you for your time .