Communication from Public

Name:	Jeanetta Adams
Date Submitted:	07/12/2023 03:37 PM
Council File No:	23-0418
Comments for Public Posting:	A discretionary COLA is needed to help seniors and retirees. We cannot keep up with the high cost of daily living (housing, food, utilities, medical expenses and prescribed medications). I personally know retirees who have moved in with family members or friends to make ends meet. Thank you for the COLA effective July 1

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Name: Gailanne
Date Submitted: 07/12/2023 06:56 PM
Council File No: 23-0418
Comments for Public Posting: As the person in the household who plans, prepares and provides each meal, I have seen all of my costs rise due to inflation. While my housing costs are steady, my food, gasoline and utility cost have skyrocketed. Because I am retired and now responsible for 42 meals a week, every week, my grocery bill has tripled. Eating out is prohibitive since even two Quarter Pounders and 2 small fries is now over $18.00. A dinner at a fine restaurant is no longer a pleasure I can afford. I planned for my retirement and invested in Deferred Compensation but that money now has to stretch further and last longer. Future medical and care costs are rising and even though I am healthy, I will face challenges. Car expenses including insurance have increased. Interest rates are still high. The City Council has recognized the cost of living in California is burdensome and have granted raises to employees who currently serve the City such as the recent 11% increase for CAO employees. It is time the Councilmembers recognize the contributions made by your retirees and grant them the 2.6% discretionary COLA.

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Name:
Date Submitted: 07/12/2023 09:19 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Our mortgage went up $700 a month in the last year; the 3% COLA will not cover that Deficit.