

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Carol Henrikson. I retired from the City of LA in 2001 with 31 years of service. I am encouraging the Council to approve granting the Discretionary COLA as provided for in LACC4.1023 and 4.1080. My basis for encouraging approval is that some time in the late 80's or early 90's the City of LA did not grant any raises for a three year period. Had I received those raises, even 1% my current pension could be at least 3% higher. Additionally, when speaking of a CPI increase of 7.4% is only for the past year. However, in truth that CPI is an increase over the prior year which was much higher. Taken in that view the CPI increase could be double digits. The Discretionary COLA that can be granted is still less than what employees lost in the three years of no raises. Recent raises to college and State employees in Nevada total 36%. I would think a city almost as large as that State could find 2%.