

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** DISCRETIONARY COLA To Whom it May Concern, I have been informed of a Discretionary COLA Recommendation that is currently being discussed. As a retiree, it is my hope that careful and thoughtful consideration be made in the favor of such approval due to the steadily increasing rates of inflation. The climb in inflation has a negative impact to us all for the following reasons and more: - Retirement allowance is not keeping pace - Purchasing power of the dollar has weakened - Increase in cost of food - Increase in interest rates overall - Increase in health, home, car insurance etc. - Increase in gas prices - Increase in utilities Approval of a discretionary COLA this year will aid in maintaining currently living situations. It is my hope that everyone working on this and in position to approve will do so in the best interest of us all. Thank you for your review and consideration, Dawn M. Smith