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Re: Council File No. 23-0418

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Please grant the discretionary COLA to LACER'S members (as requested by the LACERS Board of Administration on April 14, 2023) to give seniors some relief from the unprecedented high inflation.

Seniors are more heavily impacted, since we are not getting salary raises (like the employed) to absorb high price increases.

The cost of basics - food, utilities, medical care and gasoline - has skyrocketed. I always do everything I can to conserve and keep costs down. However, my food bill (as a vegetarian without meat, fish, poultry, frozen/convenience food, processed food) and gasoline costs have doubled. I am stuck paying high heating bills, even dressing as warmly as possible, since I have arthritis, which is painful if the house is too cold.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mavis Minjares