

Communication from Public

Name: Joy Magallanes

Date Submitted: 10/17/2023 04:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are forced to be in Medicare if we qualify. The Part B and IRMAA premiums are expensive but still less than what LACERS will be paying if we are not Medicare eligible.

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Name: Michael F. Duran

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking the City to assist with paying IRMAAs for retired members. It is like an additional tax on our benefits. Please assist retirees like myself who face +300/month in extra health care costs.

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Name: ANDREA J BEESLEY

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Comments for Public Posting: I worked my entire career with the City and am one of those that does not get the Part B Medicare reimbursed. I went to 2 retirement seminars and it was never mentioned. Had I have known I possibly would have worked a little longer to make up the difference. Would really appreciate your consideration in reimbursing those of us that worked our whole careers with the City and don't get that reimbursement. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Name: Ronald E Monroe

Date Submitted: 10/18/2023 11:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Mayor Bass and the Los Angeles City Council My name is Ronald Monroe. I was hired by the then Department of Airports on February 18, 1985, I worked as an Airport Safety Officer at Ontario International Airport for over twenty-nine years prior to my retirement in April 2014. During my time of employment with the City of Los Angeles, I did not have to pay Medicare taxes. I assumed that the City of Los Angeles was paying my Part B Medicare premiums and qualified me for reimbursement from the city for Medicare Part B insurance premiums. I always assumed that I would be reimbursed for my Medicare Part B expenses. Flash forward and here I am approaching sixty five years young and starting to choose Medicare plans. I just started to collect Social Security retirement benefits at a rate of \$327.00 monthly. My rate of pay was reduced by two thirds due to the Government Offset Provision. I currently receive a non-safety LACERS service pension. According to a recent email from LACERS, it looks like I will have to pay for all of my Medicare Part B premiums with no reimbursement from the city. I was never made aware of this prior to that email. Next years Medicare Part B premiums are expected to be about \$175.00 a month, leaving me with about \$152.00 left over in my Social Security Retirement benefit before federal taxes are taken out. I am asking the Mayor and City Council to extend the Medicare Part B premium reimbursement to employees like me who were hired by the City prior to April 1986. The \$175.00 reimbursement would help me greatly. My wife and I plan to use my entire Social Security Retirement benefit as health savings account to pay for things the Medicare doesn't cover. For the record, my wife is not eligible for Social Security Retirement Benefits. She worked her entire working career for a local city government as a clerk-typist. Her rate of pay and corresponding pension is much less than my own pension. Like many retirees, we too are facing the effects of high inflation, high fuel prices and high home prices. We bought a home in the city of Beaumont three years ago because we couldn't afford to live in Los Angeles County. This is the second marriage for both of us , so we kind of had to hit the re-set button. My point is that not all retirees live in luxury and can absorb unexpected expenses. While I am very grateful for my City pension, my wife and I are very careful how we spend our money. Despite our

thriftiness, we live paycheck to paycheck with very little if any money going back to savings. If the Mayor and City Council approve of the Medicare Part B reimbursement plan for retired employees hire before April 1986 , I can assure you that every penny reimbursed to me will be saved. I appreciate your concern on this matter. I know the Mayor and City Council supports its employees. I am asking you to support your retired City employees as we start to age and navigate the Social Security and Medicare maze. Please extend the Medicare Part B reimbursement to retired employees hired before April 1986. Sincerely Ronald E Monroe 911 Gleneagles Road Beaumont, Calif 92223 (909) 732-6139 ronoap@aol.com

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Comments for Public Posting: The IRMAA constitute a hardship for seniors like me who is experiencing hardship due to increasing need for medical attention that is a life changing event. At a fixed income it becomes harder and harder to meet daily living expenses and increasing need for health care and other medical need. Eliminating the IRMAA contribution can help alleviate this dire situation.