

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable board members and City Council: I Would like to express my concern regarding the inequitable application of the IRMAA (Income-Related Monthly Adjusted Amount). Working for the City of Los Angeles for 38.5 years and retiring in 2019, I received the shock of a lifetime as related to Medicare healthcare premiums upon turning 65 years of age December, 2023. Prior to retirement I believed that my medical would be fully funded for my lifetime. However, I and hundreds of other Senior retirees was thrown to the wolves (Social Security Medicare System). Not only are we required to pay the basic Medicare premium but many of us are subject to the IRMAA whether based on earned income or other income related sources many of which were one time occurrences. As Seniors on a fixed income receiving 1-3% COLA per year it is unfair for retirees to be subject to a penalty program imposed by Social Security Medicare. The IRMAA penalty imposes a financial hardship on retirees that can be life changing. I strongly urge the Board and Council to rectify this inequity and ensure the medical benefits which we earned and deserve. Sincerely, Aleta James Associate Zoning Administrator (Retired)

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Comments for Public Posting: when IRMAA kicks in due to slightest increase over a certain amount that is established by Social Security, it becomes a financial burden for retired City Employees. any assistance provided by City Council or LACERS with this issue is certainly appreciated.