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The answer here is no.

We are in a pandemic. CPI is much lower than being suggested. As elected officials you are not in position to request continued and yearly wage increases based on assumptions of what things cost. In fact, October CPI (attached) via the Bureau of Labor Statistics was only 1.9% in October 2019. That you've found an assumption in Los Angeles to create a 3.0% is disingenuous, therefore.

The idea that we're in a pandemic, we've all been through trying times and that you, as elected officials, are attempting to act like everything is status quo in such time of difficulty is insulting to the public. People are suffering, losing businesses, losing jobs and yet not a movement out of you for job cuts, pay reductions, job eliminations or pension defunding.

Yes, the magic pipe dream once thought to be the answer to everyone's dreams in pension creation has proven it is a broken fantasy and cannot be financially sustained. You all know it. But apparently your bias prevents you from doing even the most basic thing, rejecting any pay increase indefinitely.

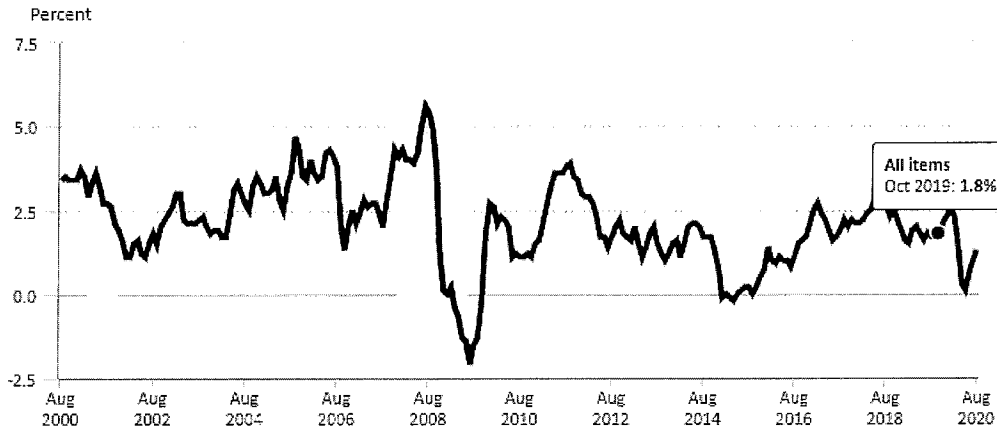
Do the right thing here. Vote no to pay yourselves more.

Sincerely,  
Eddie James - The Mesa

<https://www.bls.gov/charts/consumer-price-index/consumer-price-index-by-category-line-chart.htm>

**12-month percentage change, Consumer Price Index, selected categories, not seasonally adjusted**

- All items
- Food at home
- Energy
- Electricity
- All items less food and energy
- Apparel
- Medical care commodities
- Shelter
- Education and communication
- Food
- Food away from home
- Gasoline (all types)
- Natural gas (piped)
- Commodities less food and energy com...
- New vehicles
- Services less energy services
- Medical care services



Hover over chart to view data.  
 Note: Shaded area represents recession, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.  
 Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

