

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Committee Members, In a recent article published by the Los Angeles Times, dated August 29, 2022, (<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-29/police-and-firefighters-gave-up-raises-during-covid-now-theyre-getting-that-money-back>), it states that city employees (city unions) are slated to get a 'pay raise' that was 'promised' to them because of the COVID-19 pandemic that put it on pause. The Los Angeles Police Department and Fire Department, two city department agencies, that have the highest budget should not get a pay raise or a 'bonus'. The Los Angeles Police Department and Fire Department personnel already have the highest salaries and benefits compared to other city department employees. I urge the committee members to not consider a pay increase for these two departments. It is costing the taxpayer a lot of resources and we simply don't have the funds to pay off debt. The Police and Fire Departments already make a substantial amount of money. They don't need another increase.