

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF BANNING  
RETROACTIVE PENSION INCREASES

WHEREAS, in 2001 and 2002, pursuant to state legislation, the Long  
Beach City Council approved increases to the pension benefits which were retroactive;  
and

WHEREAS, under state law, vested pension benefits cannot be decreased,  
but can be increased; and

WHEREAS; under current law all pension increases are automatically made  
retroactive; and

WHEREAS, when pay and benefits are negotiated with employees, it is  
common sense that only future pay and benefits should be affected; and

WHEREAS; maintaining an adequately funded pension system is important  
to both the taxpayers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach supports state  
legislation which would ban retroactive changes to pension benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
follows:

Section 1. The City of Long Beach hereby strongly opposes retroactive  
pension increases or "retroactive pension spiking."

Section 2. The City of Long Beach urges the state legislature to ban the  
practice of retroactive changes to pension benefits.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution  
to the members of the Long Beach delegation, to the California Assembly and Senate, to  
the League of California Cities, and to other officials, agencies, entities, and individuals

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1 as may be deemed appropriate by the City Manager.

2 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
3 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

4 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
5 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of November 9, 2010, by the  
6 following vote:

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8 Ayes: Councilmembers: Garcia, Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell,  
9 Schipske, Andrews, Johnson, Gabelich,  
10 Neal.

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Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.



City Clerk