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Workers to City: We Stepped Up for Services!

Workers Voted Last Year to Forego Pay in Order to Help Avoid Layoffs and Service Cuts

“City workers voted last year to defer wage increases if the City does not lay off in Coalition units. The savings to the City would be more than enough to cover the layoffs in this budget. If City leaders decide to reject this and lay off workers, they are making an unfortunate choice to cut services and put families on the unemployment line.”

Alice Goff, President, AFSCME Local 3090

“Why would we give them new concessions when we can’t get them to take the one we already gave?”

**Bob Schoonover,
President, SEIU 721**

Payroll savings passed last year by workers would add up to **\$53 million** across the City next year, more than **\$27 million** to the General Fund.

Savings from layoff of Coalition workers is estimated at **\$24 million**.



We Already Addressed the Structural Budget Shortfall

- The retirement program successfully reduced the city payroll by 2,400 workers, bringing the workforce down to 1997 levels.
- The agreement lowered ongoing costs by more than \$100 million, in addition to \$80 million in savings in the current year.

The Coalition Gave Ideas to Close Budget Gap

- We provided dozens of suggestions on how to increase efficiency and get greater value for our tax dollars.
- We proposed new ways of collecting and generating revenues.
- The Coalition has met with the Mayor and every Council office, trying to convince them to do the right thing for services and workers.

The Proposed Budget Cuts Most Services 10% Through Furloughs, While Layoffs Would Decimate Specific Programs

Libraries

Libraries will dramatically reduce the hours of operation, with librarians targeted for layoff and others diverted from serving patrons.

Department of Recreation and Parks

Recreation programs critical to crime prevention will be cut. All City operated Child care Centers will close.

Neighborhood and Street Services

All tree trimming will be left to residents. It will take longer to fill potholes and maintain city streets.

More Red Tape Delays

Due to reductions in admin personnel, Planning and Building and Safety permits will take longer. City processing will bottleneck.

Call Council President Eric Garcetti’s office at (213)-473-7013 and tell him to save city services, with no layoffs and no furloughs.