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**League Announces Support for Measures to Reduce City's Pension Costs**

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles today announced its support for measures to reduce the cost of retirement benefits for employees of the City of Los Angeles.

"We are concerned about the sustainability of the City's current retirement benefits," said Liza White, President of the Los Angeles League. "Rising costs threaten the City's ability to provide needed services. The time to act is now.

"In the private sector workers born after 1959 must wait until age 67 to receive full Social Security Benefits," said White. "In contrast, City employees can retire with full City pension benefits as early as age 55. Raising the retirement age would be a cost-saving step that is fair to both employees and the taxpayers."

The League developed its [position](#) on City retirement benefits following a two year [study](#) of current benefits compared with those offered by other public employers and private entities. The League supports the principle of comparable compensation for civilian City employees relative to private sector employees doing similar work. It also proposes specific steps to reduce the cost of the City's defined benefit pension plans, including raising the age at which an employee can retire with full pension and health benefits, a reduction in the rate of accumulation of benefits, and requiring employees to assume a larger share of the cost of these benefits. The text of the study and the full position are available on the League's website.

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