

## Fw: IMPORTANT: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

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Palm Springs response to our request for comment...

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From: **Amy Blaisdell** <[Amy.Blaisdell@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Amy.Blaisdell@palmspringsca.gov)>

Date: Tue, May 19, 2020 at 3:41 PM

Subject: RE: IMPORTANT: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

In regards to Palm Springs City Manager David Ready, due to the fact that our City is facing a significant revenue shortfall as a result of COVID-19, he volunteered to take a 20 percent reduction in salary. Mr. Ready's salary will now be \$288,579. In addition, other department heads will be taking a 10 percent pay reduction. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

*Sincerely,*

*Amy Blaisdell*

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**From:** Craig Smith

**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 2:32 PM

**To:** Amy Blaisdell <[Amy.Blaisdell@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Amy.Blaisdell@palmspringsca.gov)>

**Cc:** Adam Andrzejewski <[Adam@openthebooks.com](mailto:Adam@openthebooks.com)>

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□ To whom it may concern,

My name is Craig Smith. I am a researcher working on behalf of Forbes Sr. Policy Contributor Adam Andrzejewski. We are working on a piece regarding the large number of California public employees with six-figure salaries or retirement pensions and their impact on taxpayers. The deadline for comment is Tuesday May 19th at 5:00 PM ET. If you miss our deadline, we will do our best to update the piece when you respond.

In these times of national crisis, please provide us with an on-the-record justification for the salaries of your most highly compensated employees. Here is the relevant paragraph where your organization is mentioned:

- 45,718 small town city and town employees – including 1,420 municipal administrators and employees out-earned the California governor – the highest paid state governor (\$202,000). Highly compensated city managers included Deanna Santana (Santa Clara – \$396,158); Paul Arevalo (West Hollywood -- \$353,603); Fredrick Cole (Santa Monica – \$342,780); David Ready (Palm Springs – \$340,149); Edward Shikada (Palo Alto – \$329,080); and Scott Ochoa (Ontario – \$328,500).

Any context, feedback, or comment would be important to our readers at Forbes. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Craig Smith

On behalf of Forbes Sr. Policy Contributor Adam Andrzejewski