

RE: IMPORTANT -- FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Sanfield, Phillip <PSanfield@portla.org>

Wed 12/16/2020 1:20 PM

To: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

Adam,

Welcome to attribute this to me as Port spokesperson or just use generically:

Port pilot salaries are competitive with other pilots at ports around the country. Pilots are responsible for safely guiding the vessels that bring more than \$276 **billion** in cargo value across the docks at the Port of Los Angeles each year. Port Pilot salaries are funded by pilot fees charged to shipping lines.

Regarding overtime for Los Angeles Port Police: It is more costly to hire additional officers compared to overtime costs for existing officers. Port police salaries are paid with port-generated revenues, not taxpayer dollars.

The Port does not pay the salaries of Los Angeles County lifeguard nor have authority over their staffing.

Regards,

Phillip

From: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:00 AM

To: Sanfield, Phillip <PSanfield@portla.org>

Subject: Re: IMPORTANT -- FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

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Thank you for confirming, Phillip. Much appreciated.

From: Sanfield, Phillip <PSanfield@portla.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 12:55 PM

To: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

Subject: RE: IMPORTANT -- FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Hello Adam,

Thanks for checking back. I'll have a response/context back to you in a few hours, prior to your deadline.

Phillip

From: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 10:54 AM

To: Sanfield, Phillip <PSanfield@portla.org>

Cc: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

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Please consider a comment, response, or additional context. Our readers at Forbes will benefit from your input. This is the 2nd request for comment. **Deadline: TONIGHT, 5pm ET**

From: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 5:10 PM

To: psanfield@portla.org <psanfield@portla.org>

Cc: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

Subject: IMPORTANT -- FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Adam Andrzejewski, a senior policy contributor at *Forbes*. We are working on a piece exploring the most highly compensated public employees employed by the city of Los Angeles. **My deadline for comment is tomorrow, Wednesday at 5pm EST, 2pm PT.**

If you miss our deadline, we will do our best to update the piece after you respond. All compensation amounts referenced in the piece were captured via an open records request of the City Clerk.

Here's where your agency is mentioned in the piece:

Port of Los Angeles – \$70.9 million payroll

Last year, chief port pilots John Dwyer (\$515,991) and David Flinn (\$503,360) out-earned eleven senior pilots whose earnings averaged \$417,000. A port pilot helps incoming ships navigate the harbor and are the most highly compensated public employees in the city.

The LA port also has their own police force. Top paid police lieutenant Nathanael Blair made \$307,530 including \$104,082 in overtime pay. Seven more lieutenants earned between \$212,759 and \$277,314 last year.

The port authority has a public beach staffed by lifeguards from the county. Last year, 44 LA County lifeguards cost taxpayers \$300,000 to \$344,000 each – with free sunscreen allowance and other benefits.

Any context, feedback, or comment would be important to our readers at Forbes.

For background, here is the piece we published this year on City of Seattle:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/adamandrzejewski/2020/06/23/why-the-city-of-seattle-and-their-police-department-is-in-trouble/#5646077bcb1a>

Sincerely,

Adam

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