

Fw: IMPORTANT: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

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Response to request for comment.

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From: **Michael Specht** <spechtm@ramapo.org>

Date: Tue, May 26, 2020 at 1:05 PM

Subject: RE: IMPORTANT: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

To: Craig Smith

Cc: Sara Osherovitz <OsherovitzS@ramapo-ny.gov>, Mona Montal <montalm@ramapo-ny.gov>

Dear Mr. Smith

Thomas Cokeley was a Police Captain who retired last year after approximately forty years of service with the Ramapo Police Department. His final salary was a reflection of his longevity, contractually mandated raises, overtime, and accumulated leave time that he purchased back. Current starting salaries for police officers for the Town of Ramapo were significantly reduced several years ago during the last contract negotiation with the PBA.

Very truly yours,

From: Sara Osherovitz

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:30 PM

To: Michael Specht; Mona Montal

Subject: FW: IMPORTANT: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

From: Craig Smith

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:03 PM

To: Sara Osherovitz <OsherovitzS@ramapo-ny.gov>

Cc: Adam Andrzejewski <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 New York public employees with six-figure salaries or retirement pensions and their impact on taxpayers. The deadline for comment is Tuesday, May 26th 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 are the relevant paragraphs where your organization is mentioned:

In cities, towns, and villages outside of New York City, there were 11,184 six-figure earners. Highly compensated managers included Frederick Parent (Clarkstown – \$389,284); James Moran (Kings Point — \$335,467); Gregory Muller (Lloyd Harbor – \$327,273); Thomas Cokeley (Ramapo – \$323,562); and Thomas Prendergast (Clarkstown – \$318,108).

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

PLEASE REPLY TO "ALL" ON THIS EMAIL.

Sincerely,

Craig Smith On behalf of Forbes Sr. Policy Contributor Adam Andrzejewsk