

FW: IMPORTANT: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

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Sanitary District of LA County response to our request for comment...

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From: **Langpap, Bryan** <BLangpap@lacsds.org>

Date: Wed, May 20, 2020 at 11:47

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To: Craig Smith

Mr. Smith,

The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County provides wastewater treatment and recycling, solid waste recycling and produces renewable energy for a service population of 5.5 million people. The individuals listed in your article are the General Managers for the agency. The retirees each worked for roughly 40 years with the agency. "Pension spiking" is not allowed and the Sanitation Districts follows all California state laws with respect to reporting salaries that are used for calculating pension amounts.

Regards,

Bryan Langpap

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From: Craig Smith

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 2:57 PM

To: Rates <rates@lacsds.org>

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 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:

The Sanitation District of Los Angeles has a history of spiking salaries to pad pensions. In fact, four of the top five all-time “sanitation” high earners from across California are either currently employed or retired from this district: Stephen Maguin (\$366,387 – pension); Grace Robinson Hyde (\$329,131 – salary); James Stahl (\$321,838 – pension); and Robert Ferrante (\$306,552 – salary).

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