February 29, 2024

Steve Nelsen Executive Director LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board P.O. Box 40918 Olympia, Washington 98504-0918

SUBJECT: 2024 COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS

Dear Steve:

At the request of the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), we calculated the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System (LEOFF) Plan 2 Cost-Of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) for 2024 based upon our understanding of Washington State laws and DRS administrative practices as of the date of this letter. We've provided this information to help DRS as the plan administrator independently verify the COLAs for the given year.

The COLA in LEOFF 2 is based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) applicable to the plan. For your reference, we enclosed the relevant CPI data at the end of this letter. We obtained this data from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) website. We did not audit this data.

Summary of Results

LEOFF 2 (Revised Code of Washington [RCW] 41.26.440)

This RCW provides that benefits be adjusted on July 1 of each year in accordance with the applicable CPI (subject to the annual increase limit and COLA banking feature).

Below are the COLAs as of July 1, 2024.

| COLAs as of July 1, 2024 | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Retirement Dates | Adjustments | | | | | |
| July 2, 2023, to July 1, 2024 | 0.00% | | | | | |
| Prior to July 2, 2023 | 3.00% | | | | | |



Duty Death Lump Sum (RCW 41.26.048)

The LEOFF 2 lump sum duty-related death benefit should increase on July 1, 2024, to \$296,414.

Use of Communication

This letter is intended for informational purposes only. Readers with questions about the COLA amount should contact DRS as the plan administrator.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the contents of this letter. Please see the **Appendix** for historical data on the previous adjustments.

Sincerely,

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Appendix: Historical Data

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APPENDIX

Historical Data

CPI: Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Seasonal: Not Seasonally Adjusted

Area: Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Washington

Base: Alternate (Base Period = 1967)

Item: All Items

| | | Increase Over | | | Increase Over |
|------|---------|---------------|----------------|---------|---------------|
| Year | CPI | Prior Year* | Year | CPI | Prior Year* |
| 2023 | 993.346 | 5.52% | 2003 | 553.600 | 1.41% |
| 2022 | 941.416 | 8.81% | 2002 | 545.900 | 1.81% |
| 2021 | 865.195 | 4.75% | 2001 | 536.200 | 3.55% |
| 2020 | 825.961 | 1.90% | 2000 | 517.800 | 3.75% |
| 2019 | 810.526 | 2.14% | 1999 | 499.100 | 3.10% |
| 2018 | 793.554 | 3.36% | 1998 | 484.100 | 2.63% |
| 2017 | 767.741 | 3.32% | 1997 | 471.700 | 3.10% |
| 2016 | 743.051 | 2.28% | 1996 | 457.500 | 3.30% |
| 2015 | 726.470 | 0.91% | 1995 | 442.900 | 2.90% |
| 2014 | 719.942 | 1.93% | 1994 | 430.400 | 3.66% |
| 2013 | 706.291 | 1.22% | 1993 | 415.200 | 2.98% |
| 2012 | 697.784 | 2.54% | 1992 | 403.200 | 3.54% |
| 2011 | 680.504 | 3.17% | 1991 | 389.400 | 5.53% |
| 2010 | 659.589 | 0.78% | 1990 | 369.000 | 7.11% |
| 2009 | 654.472 | 0.44% | 1989 | 344.500 | 4.68% |
| 2008 | 651.608 | 4.48% | 1988 | 329.100 | 3.30% |
| 2007 | 623.650 | 3.79% | 1987 | 318.600 | 2.35% |
| 2006 | 600.900 | 3.73% | 1986 | 311.300 | 0.71% |
| 2005 | 579.300 | 3.02% | 1985 | 309.100 | |
| 2004 | 562.300 | 1.57% | 1967 (Base) | 100.000 | |

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, BLS.

^{*}Historical CPI data may not match COLAs paid in a given year due to "banking" where applicable.