

THE CITY

City Prepared for Employee Layoffs

Council approves budget that could see layoffs of up to 1,200 employees, furloughs. Negotiations continue at press time.

Facing a budget shortfall of an estimated \$530 million, the City Council May 18 approved layoffs of up to 800 City employees (in addition to 400 previously approved) and a furlough program that would require most non-sworn City employees to take up to 26 unpaid days off.

The final numbers depend on negotiations with City unions that are ongoing at *Alive!* press time.

SEIU Local 721 estimates that 500 City employees demonstrated their disapproval of the layoffs/furlough program by showing up inside Council Chambers and outside City Hall May 18.

At the same time, local and federal funds were located to continue the LAPD's workforce

expansion program, meaning the Police Dept. is not expected to face a hiring freeze among its sworn personnel.

The final budget must be passed by June 1.

Other cuts are expected, including cuts to the operating hours of some library branches and some Rec and Parks facilities, and street and sidewalk maintenance might be curtailed.

Most City departments are expected to see cutbacks in their operational budgets.

An earlier proposal to sell the City's parking meter and parking lot businesses to outside investors was rejected, although \$500,000 was included to study the idea.

"You're not just laying people off, you're shattering lives," Traffic Officer Gordon McCullough, Transportation, told the Council, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

"There are people who are one paycheck away from landing on the streets," McCullough said, as quoted in the *Times*. "It's easy to say, 'Let's lay people off.' It's hard to work to make government more efficient."

Funding the LACERS and Fire and Police Pensions is also an issue – the funds have suffered losses during the economic downturn. The City is obligated to keep the pension systems solvent.

More information is available at: www.keeplaworking.com

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Unionized City Employees protested against job layoffs and furloughs outside City Hall May 18.

CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

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Deadline for Club Scholarship: June 30

Apply now for 2009 Club Scholarship.

Applications are available for the 2009 Club Scholarship program. All applications must be complete and turned in to the Club Store and Service Center by noon June 30.

The scholarship is open to Club Members, spouses and their immediate families under the age of 25, for those who attend an accredited college, or will attend one next year.

Ten awards totaling \$10,000 will be awarded, each for \$1,000. Applications must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, at that time.

Applications are available at the Club Store, or they can be downloaded at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

"This is one of the great ways the Club celebrates the lives of City Employees, especially during the tough economy" said Club CEO John Hawkins.

"Go online, or come into the Club Store, and get the application," Hawkins said. "We look forward to your entries."

"Every year, we're amazed at the quality of the applicants," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We expect this year to be even better."

"We fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational

needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible."

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2008. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2008 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Five (5) scholarships will be awarded, in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).
- Deadline for application: They must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon June 30, 2009. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.



Jorge Zavala, winner of a Club Scholarship last year.

Club Store and Service Center address: 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to: scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com.



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