

City of Los Angeles
Potential Tier of New Benefits for New Employees in the
Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System

## Actuarial Analysis

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## SECTION 1

Comments

## Introduction

Bartel Associates has prepared this estimate of the costs of two potential new tiers of benefits for future new hires in the Los Angeles City Employees’ Retirement System: New Proposal \#1: 2\%@SSNRA and New Proposal \#2: 1.6\%@SSNRA. These cost estimates were prepared by using the group of current plan participants hired in the past three years as a proxy for future new hires. This is the same methodology and the same group of participants used by The Segal Company, Inc. in their previous analysis of the cost of two different proposed new tiers: 2\%@65 and $2 \% @ 67$. The costs for those proposed tiers as well as for the current program as developed by The Segal Company are included here for comparison purposes. We have used the same actuarial methods and assumptions in developing the costs for the New Proposal tiers (2\%@SSNRA and $1.6 \% @ S S N R A$ ), so that the results will be directly comparable.

The purpose of this study is to provide the City with information about the relative costs of potential future plan designs, as summarized in this report. The actual future costs will likely differ from those presented in this report due to differences in the demographics of actual covered employees as well as the actuarial methods and assumptions used at that time.

## Comments

Retirement Rates. The Segal Company proposed two new sets of early retirement rates which they used to value the $2 \%$ @ 65 and $2 \%$ @ 67 proposed new tiers. One way to compare early retirement rates is by comparing the average retirement age of participants that will be projected using that table. For each of the new tables and the table used for the current plan, we show the projected average retirement ages on page 10 . We believe that these tables might overly delay expected retirement for the $2 \%$ @ 65 and $2 \%$ @ 67 benefit formulas. Please see Section 7 for our estimate of the effect on the costs of these two benefits using a set of rates we believe is more reasonable.

Given the generally lower benefit amounts in the New Proposal tiers (2\%@SSNRA and $1.6 \% @ S S N R A$ ) the proposed Segal rates tables are likely appropriate and we have used them in developing the costs for this study.

Contribution Rates. The employee contribution rates contemplated by all of the benefit designs in this study, including the current plan, are significantly higher than they have historically been. This is even more so if the plan develops a large Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability and employees are required to fund a portion of the amortization payments. This will lead to employees accumulating larger contribution account balances, while at the same time, their expected retirement benefits will be lower than in the past. We expect this will likely lead to changes in employee termination rates and contributions withdrawal experience. However, we have not anticipated this change in our analysis.

Benefit Levels. We believe the 1.6\%@SSNRA formula will qualify under the Defined Benefit Retirement System Safe Harbor rules, and not require participants to join Social Security. However, we made this determination as actuaries and the City's legal counsel should review our findings.

Projected Unit Credit Funding Method. The projected unit credit (PUC) funding method which has been used in the LACERS actuarial valuations attributes the cost of benefits to the time when

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## Comments

they accrue. Under the current plan, a portion of the disability benefit ( $1 / 3$ of pay) is accrued by employees immediately upon hire, even though they cannot receive the benefit until they satisfy the 5 year eligibility requirement. This immediately-accrued benefit results in newly entered employees having a relatively substantial accrued liability relating to the disability benefit. In the annual valuation, this liability would be amortized as a loss and is not and will not be part of the Normal Cost. Thus, to evaluate the full cost of all current plan benefits under the PUC funding method we have added the amortization of the initial liability to the normal cost.

The proposed new tier benefits eliminate this $1 / 3$ of pay minimum disability benefit.
It should be noted that the PUC and Entry Age Normal (EAN) funding methods produce different cost patterns over time, with EAN's cost generally starting higher but increasing more slowly over time. For this reason we have shown the costs for the all of the current and proposed benefits under both funding methods, for comparison purposes. Please see the Tier II Savings Projection section for more detail.

To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate and has been conducted using generally accepted actuarial principals and practices. This study was prepared by the undersigned, who are members of the American Academy of Actuaries meeting the Academy Qualification Standards.


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## SECTION 2

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

## Comparison of Estimated Contribution Rates under Current and Proposed Benefit Formulas

## 1. Pension Benefits

Base Pay
Base Pay + Included Bonus

| Blue Italics amounts developed from Segal's reports |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | New | New |
|  |  |  | Proposal | Proposal |
|  |  |  | \#1: | \#2: |
| Current | 2\%@65 | $\mathbf{2 \% @ 6 7}$ | 2\% @ | (.6\% @ @ |
| Plan | Base Pay | Base Pay | Base Pay | SSNRA |
| $\$ 64,030$ | $\$ 64,030$ | $\$ 64,030$ | $\$ 64,030$ | $\$ 64,030$ |
| 65,337 | 65,337 | 65,337 | 65,337 | 65,337 |

Employer Normal Cost
Employee Pension Normal Cost
Total Pension Normal Cost

| Entry Age Normal |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 7,337$ | 2,472 | 2,126 | $\$ 1,568$ | $\$ 1,201$ |
| $\underline{4,574}$ | $\underline{5,762}$ | $\underline{5,762}$ | $\underline{4,699}$ | $\underline{3,598}$ |
| 11,911 | 8,234 | 7,888 | 6,267 | 4,799 |

Cost as \% of Base + Bonus

- Employer Cost \% of Pay
- Employee Normal Cost \% of Pay
11.23\%
3.78\%
3.25\%
2.40\%
1.84\%
- Total Cost $\%$ of Pay

Employer Cost Portion
Employee Cost Portion

| Employer Normal Cost | Projected Unit Credit |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ 3,691 | \$ 724 | \$ 461 | \$ 1,104 | \$ 839 |
| Employee Pension Normal Cost | 4,574 | 5,762 | 5,762 | 3,307 | 2,513 |
| Total Pension Normal Cost | 8,265 | 6,486 | 6,223 | 4,411 | 3,352 |
| Accrued Liability | 14,000 | - | - | - | - |
| 15-Year Amortization of AL | 1,168 | - | - | $=$ | - |
| Total Cost | 9,433 | 6,486 | 6,223 | 4,411 | 3,352 |
| Cost as \% of Base + Bonus |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Employer Cost \% of Pay | 7.44\% | 1.11\% | 0.70\% | 1.69\% | 1.28\% |
| - Employee Normal Cost \% of Pay | 7.00\% | 8.82\% | 8.82\% | 5.06\% | 3.85\% |
| - Total Cost \% of Pay | 14.44\% | 9.93\% | 9.52\% | 6.75\% | 5.13\% |
| Employer Cost Portion | 51.5\% | 11.2\% | 7.4\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% |
| Employee Cost Portion <br> Employee contributions payable bi-weekly <br> Employer contributions payable July $15^{\text {th }}$ <br> Employee contributions allocated to OPEB paid to | 48.5\% | 88.8\% | 92.6\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% |

## SECTION 2

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

## 2. OPEB Benefits

|  | All Amounts are Average Per Employee <br> Blue Italics amounts developed from Segal's reports |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current Plan | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2\%@65 } \\ \text { Base Pay } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2\%@67 } \\ \text { Base Pay } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | New Proposal \#1: 2\% @ SSNRA Base Pay | New <br> Proposal <br> \#2: <br> 1.6\% @ <br> SSNRA <br> Base Pay |
| Base Pay | \$ 64,030 | \$ 64,030 | \$ 64,030 | \$ 64,030 | \$ 64,030 |
| Base Pay + Included Bonus | 65,337 | 65,337 | 65,337 | 65,337 | 65,337 |
|  | Entry Age Normal |  |  |  |  |
| Employer Normal Cost | \$ (620) | \$ 198 | \$ 108 | \$ 354 | \$ 276 |
| Employee OPEB Normal Cost | 2,613 | 1,281 | 1,281 | 1,064 | 829 |
| Total OPEB Normal Cost | 1,993 | 1,479 | 1,389 | 1,418 | 1,105 |

Cost as \% of Base + Bonus

| - Employer Cost \% of Pay | $(0.95) \%$ | $0.30 \%$ | $0.17 \%$ | $0.55 \%$ | $0.43 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Employee Normal Cost \% of Pay | $4.00 \%$ | $1.96 \%$ | $1.96 \%$ | $1.62 \%$ | $1.26 \%$ |
| - Total Cost \% of Pay | $3.05 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ | $2.13 \%$ | $2.17 \%$ | $1.69 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employer Cost Portion | $(31.1) \%$ | $13.4 \%$ | $7.8 \%$ | $25.0 \%$ | $25.0 \%$ |
| Employee Cost Portion | $131.1 \%$ | $86.6 \%$ | $92.2 \%$ | $75.0 \%$ | $75.0 \%$ |

Employer Normal Cost
Employee OPEB Normal Cost
Total OPEB Normal Cost

| Projected Unit Credit |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$(1,228)$ | $\$(257)$ | $\$(321)$ | $\$ 217$ | $\$ 178$ |
| 2,613 | $\underline{1,281}$ | $\underline{1,281}$ | $\underline{653}$ | $\underline{535}$ |
| 1,385 | 1,024 | 960 | 870 | 713 |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | $\bar{Z}$ | $\overline{-}$ |
| 1,385 | 1,024 | 960 | 870 | 713 |

Cost as \% of Base + Bonus

| - Employer Cost \% of Pay | (1.88\%) | (0.39\%) | (0.49\%) | 0.33\% | 0.27\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Employee Normal Cost \% of Pay | 4.00\% | 1.96\% | 1.96\% | 1.00\% | 0.82\% |
| - Total Cost \% of Pay | 2.12\% | 1.57\% | 1.47\% | 1.33\% | 1.09\% |
| Employer Cost Portion | (88.7\%) | (25.1\%) | (33.4\%) | 25.0\% | 25.0\% |
| Employee Cost Portion <br> Employee contributions payable bi-weekly Employer contributions payable July $15^{\text {th }}$ <br> Employee contributions allocated to OPEB paid | 188.7\% | 125.1\% | 133.4\% | 75.0\% | 75.0\% |

## SECTION 2

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

## 3. Total Pension + OPEB Benefits

Base Pay
Base Pay + Included Bonus
All Amounts are Average Per Employee
Blue Italics amounts developed from Segal's reports

|  |  |  | New | New |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Proposal | Proposal |
|  |  |  | \#1: | \#2: |
|  | $\mathbf{2 \% @ 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 \% @ 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ @ | $\mathbf{1 . 6 \%}$ @ |
| Current | Base | Base | SSNRA | SSNRA |
| Plan | Pay | Pay | Base Pay | Base Pay |
| $\$ 64,030$ | $\$ 64,030$ | $\$ 64,030$ | $\$ 64,030$ | $\$ 64,030$ |
| 65,337 | 65,337 | 65,337 | 65,337 | 65,337 |


|  | Entry Age Normal |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\$ 6,717$ | $\$ 2,670$ | $\$ 2,234$ | $\$ 1,922$ | $\$ 1,477$ |
| Employer Normal Cost | $\underline{7,187}$ | $\underline{7,043}$ | $\underline{7,043}$ | $\underline{5,763}$ | $\underline{4,427}$ |
| Total Normal Cost | 13,904 | 9,713 | 9,277 | 7,685 | 5,904 |

Cost as \% of Base + Bonus

- Employer Cost \% of Pay
- Employee Normal Cost \% of Pay

| $10.28 \%$ | $4.09 \%$ | $3.42 \%$ | $2.94 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $11.00 \%$ | $10.78 \%$ | $10.78 \%$ | $8.82 \%$ | $6.78 \%$ |
| $21.28 \%$ | $14.87 \%$ | $14.20 \%$ | $11.76 \%$ | $9.04 \%$ |

Employer Cost Portion
Employee Cost Portion
Employer Normal Cost
Employee Normal Cost
Total Normal Cost
Accrued Liability
15-Year Amortization of AL
Total Cost

| Projected Unit Credit |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 2,463$ | $\$ 467$ | $\$ 140$ | $\$ 1,321$ | $\$ 1,017$ |
| $\underline{7,187}$ | $\underline{7,043}$ | $\underline{7,043}$ | $\underline{3,960}$ | $\underline{3,048}$ |
| 9,650 | 7,510 | 7,183 | 5,281 | 4,065 |
| 14,000 | - | - | - | - |
| $\underline{1,168}$ | - | - | - | $\overline{-}$ |
| 10,818 | 7,510 | 7,183 | 5,281 | 4,065 |

Cost as \% of Base + Bonus


## SECTION 3

OUtline of Potential Plan Design

| Proposed New Tier Pension Plan Designs |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current Plan | 2\%@65 | 2\%@67 | New Proposal \#1: <br> 2\% @ SSNRA | $\begin{gathered} \text { New Proposal } \\ \text { \#2: } \\ \text { 1.6\%@SSNRA } \end{gathered}$ |
| Benefit | 2.16\% @ 60 | 2.0 \% @65 | 2.0 \% @67 | 2.0 \% @SSNRA | $\begin{aligned} & 1.6 \% \\ & @ S S N R A \end{aligned}$ |
| Maximum benefit | 100\% | 75\% | Same | Same | Same |
| Normal (Unreduced) Retirement | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 55 / 30 \\ 60 / 10 \\ 70 / 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 65 / 10 \\ 70 / 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 67/10 } \\ & 70 / 0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | SSNRA, generally 67 | Same |
| Early Retirement Eligibility | 55/10 or /30 yrs | 55/10 | 57/10 | 55/10 | Same |
| Reduction for Early Ret. | $1.5 \%$ per year after 55 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 4 \% \text { to } \\ & 5.5 \% / \text { year } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \% \text { to } \\ & 5.5 \% / \text { year } \end{aligned}$ | Actuarial (7.5\%/yr) | Same |
| Employee <br> Contribution <br> Rate | 7\% for pension | 9\% for pension | Same | 75\% of Normal Cost <br> (7.34\% base pay for pension EAN, 5.16\% PUC) | 75\% of Normal Cost (5.62\% base pay for pension EAN, 3.92\% PUC) |
| Final Average Compensation | 1 year, Base + certain bonus, IRS limits | 3 years, Base Only, IRS limits | Same | 5 years Base Only, IRS limits | Same |
| COLA | 3\% | 2\%, after 2 years of retirement | Same | 2\% (add'l coverage purchasable) | 1\% (add'l coverage purchasable) |
| Disability Eligibility | 5 years | 10 years | Same | Same | Same |
| Disability | Greater of: $1 / 3$ of pay OR 1/70 (1.43\%) x pay x svc. No early ret. reduction. | 1/90 (1.11\%) x <br> pay x service. <br> No early ret. <br> reduction. | Same | Same | Same |
| Vested <br> Termination | - = Early ret. <br> - Return of <br> Contr.@ 55 If <br> <10 years | Same | Same | Same | Same |
| Post- <br> Retirement <br> Death | -Married: 50\% J\&S <br> - Else: Life Annuity, Return survivor contr. - \$2,500 LS death benefit | Same | Same | - Life annuity (add'l coverage purchasable) - \$2,500 LS death benefit | Same |

## SECTION 3 <br> Outline of Potential Plan Design

| Sample Benefit Factors for Current and Proposed Plan Designs |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Retirement Age | Current Plan | 2\%@65 | 2\%@67 | New Proposal \#1: 2\% @ SSNRA $^{1}$ | New Proposal \#2: 1.6\% @ SSNRA $^{1}$ |
| Age 55 | 2.00\% | 1.16\% | N/A | 0.63\% | 0.50\% |
| Age 56 | 2.03\% | 1.24\% | N/A | 0.68\% | 0.54\% |
| Age 57 | 2.06\% | 1.33\% | 1.16\% | 0.75\% | 0.60\% |
| Age 58 | 2.10\% | 1.41\% | 1.24\% | 0.82\% | 0.65\% |
| Age 59 | 2.13\% | 1.50\% | 1.33\% | 0.90\% | 0.71\% |
| Age 60 | 2.16\% | 1.58\% | 1.41\% | 0.99\% | 0.79\% |
| Age 61 | 2.16\% | 1.66\% | 1.50\% | 1.09\% | 0.87\% |
| Age 62 | 2.16\% | 1.75\% | 1.58\% | 1.20\% | 0.96\% |
| Age 63 | 2.16\% | 1.83\% | 1.66\% | 1.32\% | 1.06\% |
| Age 64 | 2.16\% | 1.92\% | 1.75\% | 1.46\% | 1.17\% |
| Age 65 | 2.16\% | 2.00\% | 1.83\% | 1.62\% | 1.29\% |
| Age 66 | 2.16\% | 2.00\% | 1.92\% | 1.80\% | 1.44\% |
| Age 67 | 2.16\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 1.60\% |


| Employee <br> Contribution <br> Rates |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |


${ }^{1}$ Assumes SSNRA=67

## SECTION 3 <br> Outline of Potential Plan Design

| Current and Proposed OPEB Benefit Design |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## SECTION 3 <br> Outline of Potential Plan Design

| Current and Proposed OPEB Benefit Design, continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |

Under New Proposal \#2, the maximum subsidy payable will have the vesting factors based on service, and an actuarial reduction based on age at benefit commencement. The following chart illustrates sample benefits payable based on the 2012 subsidy amount, SSNRA at 67, and selected service levels.

| 2012 Benefit Subsidy under New Proposal \#2: 1.6\% at SSNRA |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age At Commencement | 10 Years of Service | 20 Years of Service | 30 Years of Service |
| Age 55 | \$ 75 | \$ 130 | \$ 186 |
| Age 56 | 82 | 143 | 204 |
| Age 57 | 89 | 156 | 223 |
| Age 58 | 98 | 171 | 244 |
| Age 59 | 107 | 188 | 268 |
| Age 60 | 118 | 206 | 294 |
| Age 61 | 130 | 227 | 324 |
| Age 62 | 143 | 250 | 357 |
| Age 63 | 158 | 276 | 394 |
| Age 64 | 174 | 305 | 435 |
| Age 65 | 193 | 338 | 482 |
| Age 66 | 214 | 375 | 536 |
| Age 67 | 238 | 417 | 596 |

## SECTION 4 <br> Actuarial Assumptions

The same assumptions were used as in Segal's 6/30/11 and Proposed New Tier reports. Key assumptions are summarized below.


## SECTION 5 <br> PARTICIPANT DATA

This study uses data based on participants hired during the three years preceding June 30, 2011. A summary of the participant data follows:

|  | Distribution of Study Participants by Entry Age and Salary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Under } \\ \$ 25,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \$ 25,000 \\ \text { to } \\ \$ 50,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \$ 50,000 \\ \text { to } \\ \$ 75,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 75,000 \\ \text { to } \\ \$ 100,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 100,000 \\ \text { to } \\ \$ 125,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 125,000 \\ \text { to } \\ \$ 150,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 150,000 \\ \text { to } \\ \$ 175,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 175,000 \\ \text { to } \\ \$ 200,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Over } \\ \$ 200,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Total |
| Under 20 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 20-24 | 0 | 63 | 54 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 129 |
| 25-29 | 0 | 93 | 102 | 40 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 238 |
| 30-34 | 0 | 41 | 84 | 31 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 163 |
| 35-39 | 0 | 38 | 58 | 26 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 128 |
| 40-44 | 0 | 29 | 28 | 29 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 92 |
| 45-49 | 0 | 33 | 41 | 31 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 112 |
| 50-54 | 0 | 23 | 21 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 70 |
| 55-59 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 45 |
| 60-64 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| Over 65 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Total | 0 | 357 | 404 | 199 | 21 | 12 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 1,016 |

## SECTION 6 <br> Tier II SAVings Projections

The Cost Projections in this section estimate costs on both the current Projected Unit Credit (PUC) and the future Tier II Entry Age Normal (EAN) funding method. The cost patterns of the two funding methods are very different, making the comparison of costs and benefits between the methods complex. The two charts below illustrate the cost patterns of the two funding methods. These charts use actual valuation projections of Normal Cost for one employee, and so take into account probabilities of retirement and the decreasing likelihood that the participant will remain employed at the later ages. The dollar amount of Normal Cost declines after retirement eligibility because a portion of the employee is assumed to have already retired.



## SECTION 6 <br> Tier II SAvings Projections

In projecting the Tier II payroll, we used the same actuarial assumptions as in the actuarial valuation to project the payroll of the Tier I group, taking into account the termination and retirement rates as well as assumed salary increases. Also, we assumed that during the period of no total payroll growth that current employees would receive no cost-of-living pay increase (but would continue to receive promotion increases).

The chart below shows Tier II payroll as a percentage of total payroll.


## SECTION 6 <br> Tier II SAVINGS Projections

The following chart estimates the savings from implementing the proposed Tier II benefits. The columns headed "Tier II Savings (Actual)" show the difference between the cost of the current plan benefits, as currently funded using the PUC funding method, and the proposed Tier II funded on the EAN method. The columns headed "Tier II Savings (EAN) show the difference between the current benefits and the proposed Tier II benefits if both were funded using the EAN method.


* Figures are provided for illustrative purposes only (based on Segal actuarial draft study, dated 2/7/12) and are based on various assumptions, including annual growth, payroll, and Tier II \% of payroll. ** Approximation of GASB 68 AA Bond rate.


## SECTION 6 <br> Tier II SAVINGS Projections

The following chart estimates the savings from implementing the proposed Tier II benefits. The columns headed "Tier II Savings (Actual)" show the difference between the cost of the current plan benefits, as currently funded using the PUC funding method, and the proposed Tier II funded on the EAN method. The columns headed "Tier II Savings (EAN) show the difference between the current benefits and the proposed Tier II benefits if both were funded using the EAN method.

| Estimated Savings 1.6\%@SSNRA (\$000’s) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YR | FY | PAYROLL GROWTH | BASE PAYROLL | TIER <br> II \% <br> PAY- <br> ROLL | TIER II PAYROLL | TIER II SAVINGS (Actual) |  | TIER II SAVINGS (EAN) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | ANNUAL | CUMU- <br> LATIVE | ANNUAL | CUMULATIVE |
| 1 | 2013 | 0.00\% | 1,817,662 | 4\% | 67,367 | 2,223 | 2,223 | 5,403 | 5,403 |
| 2 | 2014 | 0.00\% | 1,817,662 | 8\% | 136,678 | 4,849 | 7,072 | 10,962 | 16,364 |
| 3 | 2015 | 0.00\% | 1,817,662 | 11\% | 207,949 | 7,924 | 14,996 | 16,678 | 33,042 |
| 4 | 2016 | 0.00\% | 1,817,662 | 16\% | 283,423 | 11,555 | 26,551 | 22,731 | 55,772 |
| 5 | 2017 | 0.00\% | 1,817,662 | 17\% | 312,176 | 14,110 | 40,660 | 25,037 | 80,809 |
| 6 | 2018 | 4.25\% | 1,894,913 | 22\% | 425,062 | 19,704 | 60,364 | 34,090 | 114,899 |
| 7 | 2019 | 4.25\% | 1,975,447 | 28\% | 546,806 | 26,284 | 86,648 | 43,854 | 158,753 |
| 8 | 2020 | 4.25\% | 2,059,403 | 33\% | 679,002 | 34,008 | 120,656 | 54,456 | 213,209 |
| 9 | 2021 | 4.25\% | 2,146,928 | 38\% | 819,567 | 42,909 | 163,566 | 65,729 | 278,938 |
| 10 | 2022 | 4.25\% | 2,238,172 | 43\% | 965,192 | 52,974 | 216,540 | 77,408 | 356,346 |
| 11 | 2023 | 4.25\% | 2,333,295 | 48\% | 1,115,214 | 64,272 | 280,812 | 89,440 | 445,787 |
| 12 | 2024 | 4.25\% | 2,432,460 | 52\% | 1,269,267 | 76,879 | 357,691 | 101,795 | 547,582 |
| 13 | 2025 | 4.25\% | 2,535,839 | 56\% | 1,424,722 | 90,796 | 448,487 | 114,263 | 661,844 |
| 14 | 2026 | 4.25\% | 2,643,612 | 60\% | 1,583,829 | 106,171 | 554,658 | 127,023 | 788,868 |
| 15 | 2027 | 4.25\% | 2,755,966 | 63\% | 1,748,234 | 121,676 | 676,334 | 140,208 | 929,076 |
| 16 | 2028 | 4.25\% | 2,873,094 | 67\% | 1,916,818 | 135,977 | 812,311 | 153,729 | 1,082,805 |
| 17 | 2029 | 4.25\% | 2,995,201 | 70\% | 2,089,671 | 150,779 | 963,090 | 167,592 | 1,250,396 |
| 18 | 2030 | 4.25\% | 3,122,497 | 73\% | 2,269,178 | 166,482 | 1,129,572 | 181,988 | 1,432,384 |
| 19 | 2031 | 4.25\% | 3,255,203 | 76\% | 2,457,795 | 184,440 | 1,314,012 | 197,115 | 1,629,500 |
| 20 | 2032 | 4.25\% | 3,393,549 | 78\% | 2,653,146 | 203,477 | 1,517,489 | 212,782 | 1,842,282 |
| 21 | 2033 | 4.25\% | 3,537,775 | 81\% | 2,855,257 | 220,729 | 1,738,218 | 228,992 | 2,071,274 |
| 22 | 2034 | 4.25\% | 3,688,130 | 83\% | 3,064,089 | 237,866 | 1,976,085 | 245,740 | 2,317,014 |
| 23 | 2035 | 4.25\% | 3,844,876 | 85\% | 3,277,472 | 255,072 | 2,231,157 | 262,853 | 2,579,867 |
| 24 | 2036 | 4.25\% | 4,008,283 | 87\% | 3,494,302 | 273,040 | 2,504,196 | 280,243 | 2,860,110 |
| 25 | 2037 | 4.25\% | 4,178,635 | 89\% | 3,719,586 | 291,033 | 2,795,229 | 298,311 | 3,158,421 |
| 26 | 2038 | 4.25\% | 4,356,227 | 91\% | 3,954,290 | 308,832 | 3,104,061 | 317,134 | 3,475,555 |
| 27 | 2039 | 4.25\% | 4,541,367 | 92\% | 4,195,988 | 327,011 | 3,431,072 | 336,518 | 3,812,073 |
| 28 | 2040 | 4.25\% | 4,734,375 | 94\% | 4,442,743 | 345,848 | 3,776,920 | 356,308 | 4,168,381 |
| 29 | 2041 | 4.25\% | 4,935,586 | 95\% | 4,692,460 | 365,872 | 4,142,793 | 376,335 | 4,544,716 |
| 30 | 2042 | 4.25\% | 5,145,348 | 96\% | 4,943,534 | 386,667 | 4,529,460 | 396,471 | 4,941,187 |
| Current present value of 30-year savings using 7.75\% discount rate |  |  |  |  |  |  | 955,662 |  | 1,116,597 |
| Current present value of 30-year savings using 3.75\%** discount rate |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,040,181 |  | 2,291,010 |

* Figures are provided for illustrative purposes only (based on Segal actuarial draft study, dated 2/7/12) and are based on various assumptions, including annual growth, payroll, and Tier II \% of payroll. ** Approximation of GASB 68 AA Bond rate.


## Effect of Early Retirement rates

The Segal Company proposed two new sets of early retirement rates (ERR) which they used to value the $2 \%$ @ 65 and $2 \%$ @ 67 proposed new tiers. One way to compare early retirement rates is by comparing the average retirement age of participants that will be projected using that table. There are shown on page 10. We believe that these tables might be overly "conservative" for the $2 \% @ 65$ and $2 \%$ @ 67 benefit formulas, for participants not eligible for $55 / 30$ retirement. Although the new benefit formulas provide lower benefits to Tier II employees, the additional years of service in Segal's proposed rates means participants would retire with, on average, larger benefits than at the retirement date assumed under the current formula. This is due to the additional years of service they are assumed to work before retiring.

Bartel Associates developed proposed early retirement rates under which participants retire, on average, at the age where their benefit under the new formula is the same percentage of pay as under the current formula.

We then applied these rates in the actuarial valuation and found that they had a small effect on the total pension normal cost but a slightly larger effect on the total OPEB normal cost. Employees are projected to pay a relatively large portion of the Normal Cost, and the amount of their contribution does not change with the assumed retirement rates. Therefore there is a "leveraging" effect, and the resulting change in the net employer contribution rate is significant.

Effect of Change from Proposed Segal Early Retirement Rates (ERR) (Non 55/30) to
Proposed Bartel Associates (Non 55/30) Early Retirement Rates (ERR)

| $2 \%$ @65 |  | $2 \%$ @ 67 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EAN | PUC | EAN | PUC |

## Pension

Total NC, Segal ERR
Total NC, BA ERR
\% Change (BA/Segal)
Employee Contributions
Net Employer NC, Segal ERR
Net Employer NC, BA ERR
\% Change (BA/Segal)
OPEB
Total NC, Segal ERR
Total NC, BA ERR
\% Change (BA/Segal)
Employee Contributions

| $\$ 8,234$ | $\$ 6,486$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 8,382 | 6,654 |
| $101.80 \%$ | $102.60 \%$ |

$\$ 7,888$
7,964
$100.97 \%$
7043
845
921
$109.01 \%$
\$ 6,223
6,352
102.07\%

7043
1,191
1,339
112.41\%

| $\$ 1,479$ | $\$ 1,024$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1,575 | 1,100 |
| $106.50 \%$ | $107.47 \%$ |
| 0 | 0 |

$\begin{array}{cc}\$ 9,713 & \$ 7,510 \\ 9,957 & 7,755 \\ 102.51 \% & \mathbf{1 0 3 . 2 6 \%} \\ 7,043 & 7,043 \\ 2,670 & 467 \\ 2,914 & 712 \\ 109.14 \% & \mathbf{1 5 2 . 4 4 \%}\end{array}$
$\$ 9,277$
9,448
$101.84 \%$
7,043
2,234
2,405
$107.64 \%$
\$ 7,183
7,388
102.86\%

7,043

## SECTION 7

## Effect of Early Retirement rates

A comparison of the early retirement rates follows. Rather than show the actual rate table, we show the number of employees remaining active at each age. The blue horizontal line marks $50 \%$. Where this line crosses the retirement rate curves is the point where half of the participants have retired.



## Cost-Sharing of Unfunded Payment

In the future, if actuarial assumptions are not exactly met, the Plan will develop an unfunded or an overfunded actuarial liability (UAL), as the plan assets will not exactly equal the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL). The City believes that the employees should bear a portion of the cost of the required amortization payments on the UAL. We agree that this is appropriate since the UAL would not exist if the Normal Cost payments had always been exactly correct. If a UAL exists it means that on average, past Normal Costs have been too small, and thus employees have benefitted from a lower Normal Cost rate than otherwise.

We propose that a percentage of the amortization payments attributable to the Tier II participants be allocated to employees as additional required employee contributions, and that a smoothing method be employed to minimize fluctuations in the contribution rate. The percentage should be the same for amortization payments as for the Normal Cost: $75 \%$ under the current proposal.

We offer the following comments on cost sharing of amortization payments.
"Generational equity" is one consideration. The employees who benefitted from lower Normal Cost rates will not be exactly the same employees who must make increased contributions to amortize the UAL. But similarly, the taxpayers who benefitted from the City's lower normal cost rates are not the same ones who must pay higher taxes for the additional UAL amortization.

Significance. In the early years of Tier II, the group's assets and liabilities are small in dollar amount as well as a percentage of Tier II payroll. The dollar amounts of any gains and losses and amortization payments will also be small and perhaps immaterial. However, as the plan’s assets and liabilities grow these have the potential to become much more significant.

Cost-sharing amount. We suggest that it is appropriate for employees to bear the same percentage of any amortization payments as of Normal Cost. While some might argue that asset returns are more under the control of the City than the Employees and thus investment gains or losses should be separately considered, we believe that the City's 7-year asset smoothing method should reduce short-term fluctuations and timing issues.

Calculation of Amortization Payments. The illustrations that follow assumes that amortization payments will continue to be calculated as in the past, as an amortization of the UAL attributable to Tier II employees, and spread over a period of years as a level percentage of payroll. In the past, and in our illustrations, that calculation has assumed payroll will grow at $4.25 \%$ per year. However, the Tier II group is expanding and so its payroll increases much faster than $4.25 \%$ per year. The resulting amortization payments actually decrease over time as a percentage of Tier II total payroll.

Administration. In order to implement any cost sharing, the assets attributable to Tier II participants will need to be tracked separately, as will all actuarial gains and losses and amortization bases and payments. In considering a cost-sharing methodology, we believe ease of administration is very important. We believe any attempt to segregate gains and losses by type (asset losses, liability/demographic losses, changes in actuarial assumptions, etc.) will unnecessarily complicate the calculation. Similarly, we believe the use of a "corridor" where a certain level of gains or losses would not be allocated to employee contributions would be difficult to develop the required employee contribution rate, and is not necessary if a smoothing method is used as proposed.

## SECTION 8 <br> Cost-Sharing of Unfunded Payment

The illustrations following show two possible smoothing methods. In one, the employee contribution rate is developed as the rolling average of the previous 3 years' amortization payments. In the other, the employee contribution rate is determined every 3 years as the average of the previous 3 years' amortization payments.

There are several sets of illustrations to show how this would work under various scenarios.

## SECTION 8 <br> Cost-Sharing of Unfunded Payment

| Scenario: Sample: One-year large asset loss |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage (Gain) or Loss in each Year |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Assumption Change |
| 2013 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2014 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2015 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2016 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2017 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2018 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2019 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2020 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2021 | 0\% | 40\% | 0\% |
| 2022 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2023 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2024 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2025 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2026 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2027 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2028 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2029 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2030 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2031 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2032 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2033 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2034 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2035 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2036 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2037 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2038 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2039 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2040 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2041 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2042 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |





## SECTION 8 <br> Cost-Sharing of Unfunded Payment

| Scenario: Fluctuating Gains and Losses, average to 0. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage ( | ) or | in each |  |
|  |  | Assets | Assumption Change |
| 2013 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2014 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2015 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2016 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2017 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2018 | -3\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2019 | -3\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2020 | -3\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2021 | -3\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2022 | -3\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2023 | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2024 | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2025 | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2026 | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2027 | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2028 | -2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2029 | -2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2030 | -2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2031 | -2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2032 | -2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2033 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2034 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2035 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2036 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2037 | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2038 | -2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2039 | -2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2040 | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2041 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 2042 | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |




## SECTION 8 <br> Cost-Sharing of Unfunded Payment

| Scenario: Fluctuating Gains and Losses, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| opposite direction to previous scenario. |  |  |  |
| Percentage (Gain) or Loss in each Year |  |  |  |
| 2013 | $-2 \%$ | Assets |  |





## SECTION 8 <br> Cost-Sharing of Unfunded Payment

| Scenario: Persistent asset losses. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage (Gain) or Loss in each Year |  |  |  |
| Liability |  |  |  |
| 2013 | $0 \%$ | Assets | Assumption |
| 2014 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2015 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2016 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2017 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2018 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2019 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2020 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2021 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2022 | $0 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2023 | $0 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2024 | $0 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2025 | $0 \%$ | $-5 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2026 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2027 | $0 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2028 | $0 \%$ | $-5 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2029 | $0 \%$ | $-2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2030 | $0 \%$ | $-2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2031 | $0 \%$ | $-2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2032 | $0 \%$ | $-2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2033 | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2034 | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2035 | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2036 | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2037 | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2038 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2039 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2040 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2041 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2042 | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |







