



# City of Jacksonville, Florida

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June 15, 2017

Timothy H. Johnson, Executive Director  
Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund  
1 West Adams Street, #100  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In accordance with our discussions, I attach for your information letters I just mailed to the three participants of the retirement plan formerly known as Senior Staff Voluntary Retirement Plan ("SSVRP"). As the letters set forth, in May 2016, the City informed each of these individuals that their retirement benefit as calculated under the SSVRP was being discontinued, as the PFPF Board had no legal authority to create the SSVRP. See General Counsel Opinion 16-01. Upon discontinuing the plan, the City thought it equitable to continue providing a retirement benefit to the participants, and substituted the SSVRP retirement benefit with a retirement benefit akin to that the participants would have received had they participated in the City's General Employees' Pension Plan ("GEPP"), the only legal defined benefit plan available during Ms. Walmsley's, the late Richard Cohee's, and John Keane's employment with the PFPF Board. Since that time, litigation has ensued calling into question the legality of the discontinuance of the SSVRP. While that litigation is pending, the participants are still receiving benefits and as of late, there has been some confusion regarding the administration of these benefits.

In an effort to allay any confusion, the City wants to make the Board and the participants aware that the party responsible for administering the benefits and handling any inquiries related to them is the City's Pension Administration Manager, Ray Ferngren, who can be reached by telephone at 904-255-7285 or emailed at [rfern gren@coj.net](mailto:rfern gren@coj.net). Mr. Ferngren and all other City employees responsible for the administration have been notified of their responsibilities as to this matter. Because the retirement benefit due the three participants was calculated as though Ms. Walmsley, the late Richard Cohee, and John Keane had participated in GEPP throughout their employment with the PFPF Board, it logically follows that the same party responsible for managing the retirement benefit for current and retired PFPF Board employees that participate in GEPP would also manage the retirement benefit for these three participants.

Sincerely,

Michael Weinstein, CFO  
Director of Finance  
Finance and Administration Department



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John J. Keane  


**Re: Administration of Retirement Benefit**

Dear Mr. Keane:

I am writing regarding the administration of the retirement benefit you are receiving due to your service with the Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund Board. As you are aware, in May 2016, the City sent you a letter indicating your retirement benefit as calculated under the Senior Staff Voluntary Retirement Plan was being discontinued, as the Police and Fire Pension Fund Board had no legal authority to create the SSVRP. The City further informed you that your retirement benefit was being recalculated as though you had participated in the City of Jacksonville's General Employees' Pension Plan throughout your employment with the PFPF Board. The purpose of this letter is to inform you as to the party responsible for administering the benefits, and to provide you with contact information should any concerns arise regarding your retirement benefit.

Your retirement benefit contact is the City of Jacksonville's Pension Administration Manager, Ray Ferngren. Mr. Ferngren can be reached by telephone at 904-255-7285 or emailed at [rfern gren@coj.net](mailto:rfern gren@coj.net).

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Donna Walmsley  

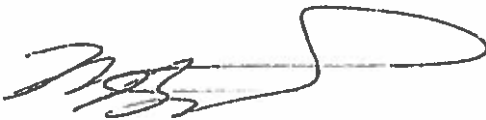

**Re: Administration of Retirement Benefit**

Dear Ms. Walmsley:

I am writing regarding the administration of the retirement benefit you are receiving due to your service with the Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund Board. As you are aware, in May 2016, the City sent you a letter indicating your retirement benefit as calculated under the Senior Staff Voluntary Retirement Plan was being discontinued, as the Police and Fire Pension Fund Board had no legal authority to create the SSVRP. The City further informed you that your retirement benefit was being recalculated as though you had participated in the City of Jacksonville's General Employees' Pension Plan throughout your employment with the PFPF Board. The purpose of this letter is to inform you as to the party responsible for administering the benefits, and to provide you with contact information should any concerns arise regarding your retirement benefit.

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Debra S. Cohee  


**Re: Administration of Retirement Benefit**

Dear Ms. Cohee:

I am writing regarding the administration of the retirement benefit you are receiving due to your late husband Richard Cohee's service with the Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund Board. As you are aware, in May 2016, the City sent you a letter indicating your retirement benefit as calculated under the Senior Staff Voluntary Retirement Plan was being discontinued, as the Police and Fire Pension Fund Board had no legal authority to create the SSVRP. The City further informed you that your retirement benefit was being recalculated as though you had participated in the City of Jacksonville's General Employees' Pension Plan throughout your employment with the PFPF Board. The purpose of this letter is to inform you as to the party responsible for administering the benefits, and to provide you with contact information should any concerns arise regarding your retirement benefit.

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