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January 18, 2018

Dr. James R. Wilbanks  
Retirement Administrator  
Mendocino County Employees' Retirement Association  
625-B Kings Court  
Ukiah, California 95482

**Re: Mendocino County Employees' Retirement Association  
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) as of April 1, 2018**

Dear James:

We have determined the cost-of-living adjustments for the Association in accordance with Section 31870.1, as provided in the enclosed exhibit.

The cost-of-living factor to be used by the Association on April 1, 2018 is determined by comparing the December CPI for the West Region (with 1982-84 as the base period) in each of the past two years. The ratio of the past two December indices, 257.347 in 2017 and 249.516 in 2016, is 1.0314. The County Law section cited above indicates that the resulting percentage change of 3.14% should be rounded to the nearest one-half percent, which is 3.0%.

Please note the above cost-of-living adjustment calculated using established procedures for MCERA may result in adjustments different from those calculated using alternative procedures by other systems.

For members who are not in the CalPEPRA tiers<sup>1</sup>, the actual cost-of-living adjustment is independent of the date of retirement. The CPI adjustment to be applied on April 1, 2018 is provided in Column (4) of the enclosed exhibit. The COLA bank on April 1, 2018 is provided in Column (5).

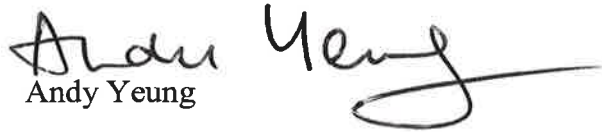
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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that there is no COLA provided under the provisions adopted by the employer for the CalPEPRA plans.

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Please give us a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Andy Yeung

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Enclosure

Mendocino County Employees' Retirement Association  
 Cost-Of-Living Adjustment  
 As of April 1, 2018

Retirement Date	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Retirement Date	April 1, 2017 Accumulated Carry-over	CPI Change*	CPI Rounded**	CPI Used***	April 1, 2018 Accumulated Carry-over****
General Tiers 1, 2 and 3, Safety Tiers 1 and 2, and Probation Tiers 1 and 2					
Section 31870.1					
Maximum Annual COLA	3.0%				
On or Before 4/1/1971	51.5%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	51.5%
04/02/1971 to 04/01/1972	49.5%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	49.5%
04/02/1972 to 04/01/1973	48.5%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	48.5%
04/02/1973 to 04/01/1974	48.0%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	48.0%
04/02/1974 to 04/01/1975	45.0%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	45.0%
04/02/1975 to 04/01/1976	40.0%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	40.0%
04/02/1976 to 04/01/1977	35.0%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	35.0%
04/02/1977 to 04/01/1978	34.5%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	34.5%
04/02/1978 to 04/01/1979	32.0%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	32.0%
04/02/1979 to 04/01/1980	27.5%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	27.5%
04/02/1980 to 04/01/1981	24.0%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	24.0%
04/02/1981 to 04/01/1982	12.0%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	12.0%
04/02/1982 to 04/01/1983	2.0%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%
04/02/1983 to 04/01/2017	0.0%	3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%
04/02/2017 to 04/01/2018		3.14%	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%

\* Based on ratio of December 2017 CPI to December 2016 CPI for the West Region.

\*\* Based on CPI change rounded to nearest one-half percent.

\*\*\* These are the cost-of-living adjustment factors to be applied on April 1, 2018.

\*\*\*\* These are the carry-over of the cost-of-living adjustments that have not been used on April 1, 2018.