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Statement of Mark C. Whitworth, Interim City Administrator

“In 2004, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing an amendment to the City of Vernon's contract with CalPERS. That amendment to the contract with CalPERS provided for a change in classification for all attorneys employed in the City Attorney's office who qualify as local prosecutors to be classified as "safety" employees. The effect of the change was to increase the amount paid to CalPERS by the City of Vernon and increase the possible future pensions for this class of employees. I have asked our staff to look into this issue. The City is the sole funding agency for these retirement benefits. Not a penny of state funds nor funds from other local governments are used to fund the CalPERS pension program for city employees.”

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