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# City Workers Vote To Take Benefit Boost

Santa Cruz city employes have voted to accept the city's offer of increased retirement benefits.

The new benefits were offered to employes along with a wage hike earlier this year in lieu of a higher wage increase requested by the workers.

James P. Lee, president of the city's civil service association, said employes approved the retirement plan by "an overwhelming" majority.

Among other benefits, the plan provides additional survivor benefits to the families of deceased workers, and hikes the minimum retirement pay to \$100 per month.

The plan also lowers the earliest retirement age from 60 to 55 and normal retirement age from 65 to 60. Compulsory retirement age remains the same at 70.

The new plan goes into effect October 26.