

Attention City of Detroit pensioners:

'New Plan' Still Cuts Pensions to Pay Off Bankers!

Demand a Mass Meeting of All Pensioners.

Vote NO!

- Orr and company now want "only" 4.5% from general retirees and 0% from uniformed. The Emergency Manager and his Wall Street pals did this by changing the projected pension earning rate from 6.25% up to 6.75%. That wipes out most of the deficit. But even the higher number is low compared to most pension plans that are allowed to estimate a return of 7 to 8% (New York Times April 17). This shows that the whole bankruptcy was their creation. Remember: Figures don't lie, but liars do figure.
- Cost of living is still cancelled for general and reduced to 1% for uniformed (from previous 2.25%). In 10 years that will amount to a 22.5% loss (12.5% for uniformed).
- EM Orr is going after our annuity savings, saying the interest payments were "excessive." This is false. Annuity plans pay a guaranteed rate whatever the stock market does. Detroit's pension annuity plans did nothing illegal or out of the ordinary. In years the stock market did better, they paid us above the minimal guaranteed 7.9% since they aren't a profit making entity. Orr wants to take another 15.5% away from our pensions to steal money already paid to us from 2003 to 2013.
- ALL LAWSUITS CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STEALING PENSION FUNDS IN VIOLATION OF MICHIGAN'S CONSTITUTION AND THE LEGALITY OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW (PASSED AFTER THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN VOTED IT DOWN BY BALLOT INITIATIVE) WILL BE DROPPED IF THE PLAN IS ACCEPTED. This will set a precedent for taking pension funds across the country.
- There is no guarantee that the funding promised by the State and the charitable foundations will be paid now or in the future. It was the refusal of the State to pay Detroit its promised revenue sharing that caused much of the annual shortfall in the City budget. News reports recently revealed that Michigan failed to pay \$6.2 billion in revenue sharing over the years to cities, towns and county governments.
- There is no attempt to prosecute the criminal bankers to recover \$300 million from the illegal bond swap deal by Bank of America and UBS or the \$500 million paid to other big banks two years ago by the Detroit Water & Sewerage Dept. for another crooked bond swap deal. They won't go after these same banks who are refusing to pay taxes on foreclosed homes they seized in Detroit amounting to around \$50 million a year (and this goes back at least 6 years!). Why isn't anyone being prosecuted for refusing to release the \$500 million federal funds that was supposed to help "hardest hit homeowners" keep their homes? Now these hundreds of millions are being funneled to Dan Gilbert and other blgwise to tear down the homes that they allowed to be foreclosed on and stripped. What about the \$13 billion fine the Federal government is getting from JP/Morgan/Chase for fraudulent mortgage practices (like the ones that destroyed Detroit's tax base) and the \$20 billion that Bank of America will have to pay to the government? How come none of this comes back to Detroit?

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Join us every Monday at 7 P.M. at 5920 Second Avenue (at Antoinette St. just north of Wayne State U) to help organize the fight to keep our pensions and make the crooked banks pay.