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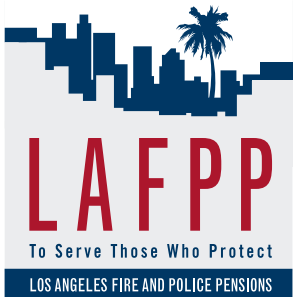
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## DROP Semi-Annual Statements Are Now Available!

DROP Semi-Annual Statements are now available in MyLAFPP to view and/or print. To access your statement for the period ending June 30, 2019, log in to [MyLAFPP](#) and click on Forms & Correspondence, then click on Statements. This statement provides your date of entry, mandatory date of exit, and your account balance with interest credited as of June 30.

For questions regarding your DROP Semi-Annual Statement, please contact the DROP/Service Pensions Section at (213) 279-3100.



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# General Manager's Message



Greetings and welcome to the Fall edition of Pension Perspectives!

As previously announced, in May 2019 we launched the newly redesigned website, [lafpp.com](http://lafpp.com), and your member service web portal, MyLAFPP. We value your feedback, so we redesigned both our website and MyLAFPP with you in mind. The new sites now offer streamlined menus, easier navigation, and a much cleaner, fresher look. We continue to offer a variety of information and services through MyLAFPP and we invite your comments and continued feedback on any other features you would like to see offered in the future.

Our staff worked with our pension administration system vendor over the past three and a half years to design and program the new system for members. And more work and enhancements are yet to be done. We thank you for your understanding and patience throughout the transition period. We hope you enjoy all that the sites have to offer, find the information you need, and take advantage of the added features.

As always, thank you for your dedicated support and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions regarding your pension benefits.

Ray Ciranna, General Manager

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# New LAFPP.com!

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# New Look & Feel!

They are here! The new LAFPP website [www.LAFPP.com](http://www.LAFPP.com) and your self-service member portal, MyLAFPP, were launched in Spring 2019! In just a few keystrokes you can learn more about your pension benefits or make changes to your personal account.



## Have You Navigated Through Our New Website Yet?

The new website [www.lafpp.com](http://www.lafpp.com) now offers links that immediately direct you to learn about your benefit information (for Active, DROP, Retired, or Qualified Survivors). There is a carousel of LAFPP announcements and updates, shortcuts to our most visited pages, an In-Memoriam section honoring those who served the City of Los Angeles, and much more!

The new layout and features also provides you with a better browsing experience. Some of the new enhancements include:

- **Member information** - easily accessible by being featured at the forefront of the homepage
- **Quick links** - quick access to the most visited pages such as current events, Board of Commissioners, Tier Plan Information, and our Financial Planning Education Seminars
- **Responsive design** - scalable, making the site easier to view on mobile devices
- **Easy access to MyLAFPP** – two access links to log in to MyLAFPP

# THE NEW MYLAFPP IS *here!*

MyLAFPP offers convenient 24-hour access to your personalized benefit information and services through the new online portal.

## **DROP MEMBERS** – have access to:

- Summary of personal information
- View monthly DROP balance
- DROP exit estimates
- DROP Semi-Annual Statements

### *New features!*

- View beneficiary information
- Request a DROP Exit appointment (please indicate your intended DROP exit date in the comments)
- View service purchases

## **ACTIVE MEMBERS** – have access to:

- Summary of personal information
- Pension estimates (retirement and DROP estimates)
- Recruit training time and Public Service Purchase estimates
- Annual Member Statements

### *New features!*

- View beneficiary information
- Request an appointment to retire or enter DROP (please indicate your intended DROP entry date/retirement date in the comments)
- View lost service time
- Confirm recruit training time purchase
- Confirm whether your retiree health subsidy is “frozen” or “unfrozen”

If you wish to access your benefits information and/or make changes to your information online, you must first register to the new MyLAFPP using a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Your old username and password are **no longer valid** and cannot be used to access the new MyLAFPP system.

To request a PIN:

1. Visit [www.lafpp.com](http://www.lafpp.com)
2. On the Navigation Menu, click **MyLAFPP** (or for a mobile device, click the yellow circle icon with 3 lines - see page 5)
3. Click **Register to MyLAFPP**
4. Click **Request a PIN** – Registration PIN will be mailed to you in 5-7 business days

Join the 10,500 active and retired members that have already registered for the new MyLAFPP.

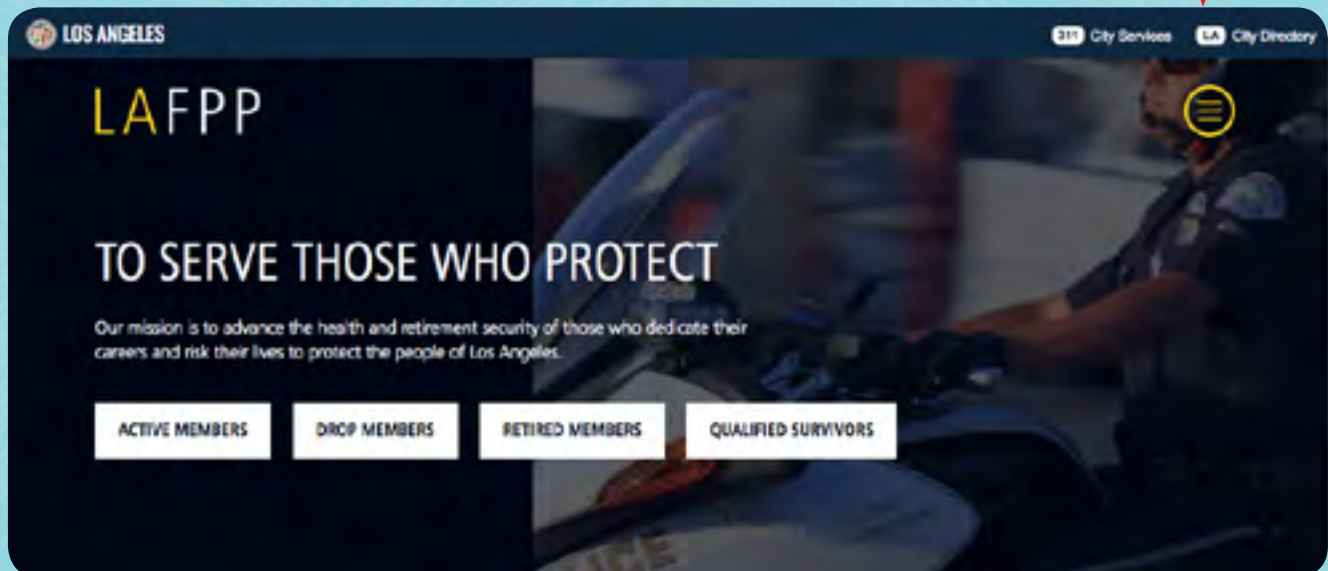
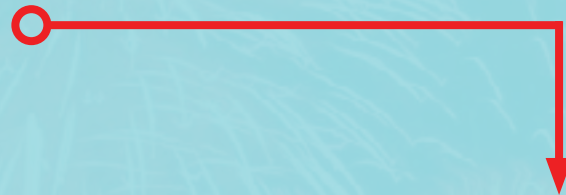
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## HOW TO LOG IN TO MyLAFPP

You can find the MyLAFPP link at [www.lafpp.com](http://www.lafpp.com) located on the homepage:

- Top right menu bar (and on all pages); or
- MyLAFPP box – scroll down to the middle of the page

To log into MyLAFPP from a mobile device, you must click on the yellow menu icon at the top of the screen to open MyLAFPP.



For questions on how to log in or register for an account, please contact the LAFPP Communications & Education section at (213) 279-3155 or visit our offices at 701 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90013 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

- To register for MyLAFPP, you will be required to enter personal information to verify your identity. One of those credentials is your mailing zip code. If your current zip code and the zip code we have on file do not match, you will not be able to register. To update your mailing address, please contact your Department's Payroll section.

# 2018

## ANNUAL ACTIVE MEMBER STATEMENTS

NOW AVAILABLE IN MYLAFPP!



**Y**our 2018 Annual Active Member Statement is now available to view and/or print online. This statement summarizes your individual pension-related information as of December 31, 2018. To access your statement, log in to MyLAFPP and click on Forms & Correspondence, then click on Statements.

For questions concerning your 2018 statement or copies of statements from prior years, please contact the Active Member Services Section at (213) 279-3140.



## ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS **CUSTOMER SERVICE** *Efficiency*

**W**hen you call our LAFPP offices, we now have a phone tree to get you to the service or information you need, quickly and efficiently.

Once you select the requested service, based on your current member status (i.e., active or retired), you will immediately be directed to the appropriate section. Our benefits staff will then provide you with personal and professional assistance to respond to your inquiry.

Other benefits of our new telephone service structure are:

- Saving time to quickly connect you to the information you want
- Not having to explain your need or inquiry twice
- Ability to leave a voicemail message directly with a department section outside of regular business hours.

We continue to look for ways to provide you the most effective and personal customer service. We look forward to hearing from you!



## **DISABILITY APPLICATION PROCESS**

LAFPP is currently compiling information for members who are considering filing for a disability pension. To educate you on the disability application process, a Disability Guide has been posted on the website for your reference. You can

find it at [www.lafpp.com](http://www.lafpp.com) on the Active Member page. Look for the second pod on the right. For questions please contact the Disability Pensions Section at (213) 279-3165.

# Board Elects New Officers

## The Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners Elects New Officers

Each year in July, the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners elects its Officers of the Board to serve one-year terms. On July 18, 2019, the Board elected Commissioner Adam Nathanson and Commissioner Brian Pendleton as President and Vice President, respectively.

Pursuant to Board Policy, members of the Board shall not serve more than one term consecutively as President or Vice President; the President is prohibited from being elected to the Office of the Vice President immediately upon completion of their term as President; and election of these positions is decided by majority vote. A copy of the Board’s Governance Policy, which includes the duties and responsibilities of the Board President and Vice President, can be found on our website at [www.LAFPP.com](http://www.LAFPP.com).

Congratulations to Commissioner Nathanson and Commissioner Pendleton and thank you for your continued service!

### APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD

Effective June 12, 2019, Commissioner Corinne T. Babcock was re-appointed by the Mayor to serve a new five-year term ending June 30, 2024. She was first appointed to the Board in December 2013 to serve the unexpired term of a former Commissioner.

Congratulations Commissioner Babcock on your re-appointment and thank you for your continued service!

## BOARD DIRECTORY

The Board consists of nine members: five members appointed by the Mayor and four members elected by active and retired Plan members. In governing the System, the Board is committed to acting in strict accordance with its fiduciary duties, including those of prudence, loyalty and care.

COMMISSIONER	APPOINTED/ELECTED	TERM EXPIRATION
Adam Nathanson, PRESIDENT	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2020
Brian Pendleton, VICE PRESIDENT	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2023
Corinne T. Babcock	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2024
Kenneth E. Buzzell	Elected by Retired Fire Members	June 30, 2020
Ruben Navarro	Elected by Active Fire Members	June 30, 2022
Pedram Salimpour, MD	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2022
Belinda M. Vega	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2021
Paul M. Weber	Elected by Active Police Members	June 30, 2020
Garrett W. Zimmon	Elected by Retired Police Members	June 30, 2024

For additional Board information, please visit [www.lafpp.com/board](http://www.lafpp.com/board).



## POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIRED MEMBER

# Of the Board of Fire & Police Pension Commissioners



**L**AFPP welcomes Commissioner Garrett W. Zimmon, the Police Department Retired Member of the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners! Commissioner Zimmon was elected to the Board by the retired members of the Los Angeles Police Department to fill the vacancy created by former Commissioner George Aliano. Commissioner Zimmon was sworn into office in early July 2019 to fulfill his fiduciary responsibilities as a Board member, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

Prior to becoming a Commissioner, Mr. Zimmon had a 37-year career at three law enforcement organizations. He joined the LAPD in 1973 and retired in 2002 at the rank of Commander. Over the course of his LAPD career, he worked assignments in patrol, administration, and detectives.

A few key LAPD career highlights include overseeing the development of a strategic plan for the LAPD, the implementation of Community Policing throughout the agency, and the assimilation of another law enforcement department into the LAPD. In his last assignment at the LAPD, Mr. Zimmon was directly responsible for managing the specialized detective divisions within the Detective Services Bureau.

Commissioner Zimmon retired from the LAPD to assume the position of Chief of Police in San Bernardino, California, where he oversaw an agency of approximately 350 employees.

In 2008, Commissioner Zimmon became an Assistant Director in the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) of the U.S. Department of Justice. In that role, he oversaw all ICITAP law enforcement assistance and development programs for the Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and Caribbean regions of the world.

Welcome Commissioner Zimmon and congratulations on your election!

# Farewell

## COMMISSIONER GEORGE ALIANO



**O**n June 20, 2019, George Aliano attended his last official meeting as Commissioner of the Board of Fire and Police Pensions. After serving more than 18 years (February 14, 2001 – June 30, 2019) as the Police Retired Board member, Commissioner Aliano decided to not seek reelection for another term. He was first elected in February 2001 to serve the unexpired term of the former Police Department Retired Board Member and was since re-elected three times.

Commissioner Aliano's career spanned 34

years with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). He was elected as the Lieutenant member and served over 12 years with the Los Angeles Police Protective League (seven years as President) and one year as President of the Los Angeles Police Command Officers' Association. He worked closely with the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City and was honored to receive their endorsement along with the Police Protective League's and the Command Officers' Association while a candidate for the Board of Fire and Police Pensions in 2001.

Thank you Commissioner Aliano for all of your service!

## LETTER FROM COMMISSIONER GEORGE ALIANO TIME TO *HANG'EM UP*

By George Aliano  
Elected Retired Police Pension Commissioner

*To my colleagues:*

*I have enjoyed representing active and retired Fire and Police members for eighteen years, but I've decided the time has come for me to retire from the Pension Commission.*

*It has been an honor to have been given the responsibility of watching over our pension fund: Taking part in all aspects of making our plan the best it can be; making you feel proud of the way our plan has grown and the improvements that have been made; and providing you with representation that meets your expectations.*

*I've benefited from your tremendous support which has provided me with the drive and ability to have given you all I had to offer. I hope, in return you have had confidence in knowing that what I offered was the best oversight I could have given, and I have done my best to represent you.*

*During my years on the Pension Commission many people working in our pension department have given outstanding reports, excellent advice and carried out our mandate in a professional and forward-thinking manner and I want to thank the pension staff for the excellent work they do for us. It has been gratifying to me to be a part of such an outstanding and well-managed organization.*

*I want to thank the L.A. Police Protective League, the United Fire Fighters of L.A., L.A. Retired Fire and Police Association Board Member Lee Kebler, Pension Department General Managers Mike Perez, and the late Gary Mattingly, and former United Firefighter President Ken Buzzell, and the late Sam Diannitto, Commissioner Emeritus (a Mentor), for their endorsements and support over the last eighteen years.*

*Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your representative on the L.A. Fire and Police Pension Commission.*

*Arrivederci  
partners*

## 2019 CALENDAR

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

October 14	Indigenous Peoples Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 28–29	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

Our offices will be closed on these holidays, but you can still find information on our website.

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### BOARD MEETINGS

October 3 & 17	December 5 & 19
November 7 & 21	

Please check the *Board of Commissioners* section of [lafpp.com](http://lafpp.com) for meeting information.

Our staff is available to assist you Monday through Friday (excluding City holidays) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm PT. Please refer to the following information to contact us. When calling our toll-free number, (844) 88-LAFPP, please enter the extension number as detailed below.

## DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY

### ACTIVE MEMBER SERVICES

(213) 279-3140  
(toll-free ext.: 93140)  
(213) 628-7716 (Fax)

- Annual Member Statements
- Beneficiary Designations
- Contribution Accounts
- Dissolution of Marriage Information
- Domestic Partnership Filing
- Refund of Contributions
- Request to Purchase Service Credit
  - Military or Other Government Service (PSP)
  - Recruit Training Time
  - Other Service Credit

### COMMUNICATIONS & EDUCATION

(213) 279-3155  
(toll-free ext.: 93155)  
(213) 628-7716 (Fax)

- Annual Report
- MyLAFPP
- Newsletters
- Social Media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)
- Website
- Financial Planning Education Seminars & Benefit Presentations

### DISABILITY PENSIONS

(213) 279-3165  
(toll-free ext.: 93165)  
(213) 628-7782 (Fax)

- Disability Pension Inquiries, Processing and Reviews
- Review of Dependent Children/Parent Qualifications

### DROP/SERVICE PENSIONS

(213) 279-3100  
(toll-free ext.: 93100)  
(213) 628-7716 (Fax)

- DROP – Information on the Deferred Retirement Option Plan
  - DROP Entry/Exit Inquiries & Processing
  - DROP Member Beneficiary Designation
- Service and Deferred Pension Inquiries and Processing

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