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# Seattle City Employees' Retirement System



## Actuarial Valuation As of January 1, 2013

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Dear Members of the Board:

As requested, we have prepared an actuarial valuation of the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System (SCERS) as of January 1, 2013. This report reflects the benefit provisions and contribution rates in effect as of January 1, 2013.

### **Actuarial Certification**

In preparing this report, we relied, without audit, on information (some oral and some in writing) supplied by SCERS staff. This information includes, but is not limited to, statutory provisions, employee data, and financial information. We found this information to be reasonably consistent and comparable with information used for other purposes. The valuation results depend on the integrity of this information. It should be noted that the valuation was based on the DRAFT audited financial statements, as the final audited statements were not yet available. If any of this information is inaccurate or incomplete our results may be different and our calculations may need to be revised.

All costs, liabilities, rates of interest, and other factors for the System have been determined on the basis of actuarial assumptions and methods which are individually reasonable (taking into account the experience of the System and reasonable expectations), and which, in combination, offer a reasonable estimate of anticipated experience affecting the System.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Due to the limited scope of our assignment, we did not perform an analysis of the potential range of future measurements. The Retirement Board has the final decision regarding the appropriateness of the assumptions and adopted them as indicated in Appendix A.

Actuarial computations presented in this report are for purposes of determining the recommended funding amounts for SCERS. Actuarial computations under GASB Statement No. 25 are for purposes of fulfilling financial accounting requirements. The computations prepared for these two purposes may differ as disclosed in our report. The calculations in the enclosed report have been made on a basis consistent with our understanding of SCERS'

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On the basis of the foregoing, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this report, along with the information contained in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, is complete and accurate and has been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices. We are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

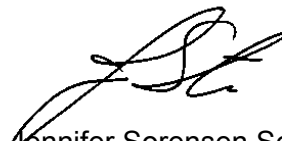
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## Section 1 Summary of the Findings



### Actuarial Required Contribution Rate

Based on the actuarial valuation of the benefits in effect under the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System as of January 1, 2013, we recommend the total contribution rate be increased from 22.92% to 24.34%. Based on a fixed member contribution rate of 10.03%, this means the City's contribution rate should be increased from 12.89% to 14.31% effective January 1, 2014. This reflects the City's commitment to fund the actuarial required contribution rate. It should be noted that this rate is not equivalent to the current GASB Annual Required Contribution (ARC) because the actuarial required rate assumes an increase in membership, which is not consistent with current GASB reporting requirements.

The current Retirement Board funding policy states that "...if the Funding Ratio is less than 100% and a UAAL (Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability) occurs which cannot be amortized over a period of less than 20 years by the combined total contribution rates, additional employer contributions may be considered." The practical goal of SCERS is to amortize the UAAL over a period of 30 years or less, which the recommended contribution rate meets.

It should be noted that a 30-year amortization period is the longest acceptable period under current GASB standards and is often used by retirement systems as a benchmark for funding. We generally prefer an amortization period shorter than 30 years, as it provides stronger funding. It is our understanding that SCERS will examine the amortization method and funding policy following the January 1, 2013 actuarial valuation.

In the January 1, 2012 valuation report, the actuarial required contribution rate to meet a 30-year amortization was 22.92%. The following chart shows the factors that caused the rate to increase this year.

| Sources of Change                           | Actuarial Req. Rate |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>January 1, 2012 Actuarial Valuation</b>  | <b>22.92 %</b>      |
| Expected Valuation-to-Valuation Change      | (0.17)%             |
| Asset (Gain)/Loss on Actuarial Value        | 1.32 %              |
| Salary/Membership Growth Less Than Expected | 0.12 %              |
| Data Revisions                              | 0.15 %              |
| Other                                       | -                   |
| <b>Total Change</b>                         | <b>1.42 %</b>       |
| <b>January 1, 2013 Actuarial Valuation</b>  | <b>24.34 %</b>      |

## Actuarial Required Contribution Rate (continued)

It should be noted that this 24.34% of pay is calculated based on the Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA); see Section 3 of this report for details. This AVA currently defers a small actuarial asset gain under the asset smoothing method. This means that if no actuarial asset gains or losses occur in the future, the actuarial required contribution rate would decrease slightly as the deferred asset gains are phased into the AVA. This valuation fully recognizes the remainder of the previously deferred asset loss from 2008.

The current contribution rates for the death benefit program are sufficient to finance the \$2,000 death benefit.

## Funding Progress

On the basis of the January 1, 2012 actuarial valuation, the Funding Ratio was 68.3%. Based on the January 1, 2013 valuation, the Funding Ratio is 63.5%. The decrease in the Funding Ratio is due mainly to recognition of asset losses, both from 2008 and from 2011 (see Section 3 of this report for a full discussion). This was somewhat offset by the recognition of asset gains from 2009, 2010, and 2012. A summary of the historical Funding Ratio and other measurements are shown on Graphs 1 and 2. A summary of the changes in the Funding Ratio is shown below.

| Sources of Change                          | Funding Ratio |
|--|---------------|
| <b>January 1, 2012 Actuarial Valuation</b> | <b>68.3 %</b> |
| Expected Valuation-to-Valuation Change     | 0.6 %         |
| Asset Gain/(Loss) on Actuarial Value       | (5.1)%        |
| Salary Less/(Greater) Than Expected        | 0.1 %         |
| Data Revisions                             | (0.3)%        |
| Other                                      | (0.1)%        |
| <b>Total Change</b>                        | <b>(4.8)%</b> |
| <b>January 1, 2013 Actuarial Valuation</b> | <b>63.5 %</b> |

## Contingent COLA Benefits

The Seattle Municipal Code allows for an increase in the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) available to current and future retired members. Currently, the Floor COLA (also referred to as a Restoration of Purchasing Power COLA) is at the 65% level. The enhanced COLA benefit (70% Floor COLA) does not become effective until the System attains at least a 100% funding level.

Since it is unknown when this benefit will become effective, especially given the current funded status of the System, we have not included the valuation of these potential benefit changes in this valuation.

## Summary Exhibit

A summary of the key results of this valuation, along with a comparison to the January 1, 2012 valuation, is shown in Table 1. Note that the valuation measures are based on the Actuarial Value of Assets, which smoothes asset gains and losses over a five-year period; however, we have also shown key measures using the Market Value of Assets (MVA).

## Projected Contribution Rates

As outlined above (and discussed further in Section 3 of this report), the actuarial required contribution calculated in this valuation is based on the Actuarial Value of Assets. This AVA is currently deferring a net asset gain of \$31.3 million.

All other things being equal, if assets earn 7.75% on a market value basis and no other actuarial asset gains or losses occur, the actuarial required contribution rate would be projected to decrease slightly as the deferred asset gains are phased in over the coming years.

We have performed a five-year projection of the contribution rates if 7.75% were returned on the market value of assets in each future year (and assuming that no other actuarial gains or losses occur). Additionally, we have performed a projection of the contribution rates at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile expected returns (thereby yielding a 90% asset-return-based confidence interval for the specified rates). These projections are shown in the chart below.

The 90% confidence interval results are based on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile compounded returns for one-, two-, three-, four- and five-year periods. Since actuarial assets are used, deferred gains or losses would continue to decrease or increase the actuarial required contribution rate after these dates.



**Projected  
Contribution Rates  
(continued)**

Please see Section 8 of this report for a detailed discussion of the projected contribution rates, as well as an analysis of phased-in contribution rate increases.

**Projected Total Actuarial Required Contribution Rate**

| <b>Contribution Year*</b> | <b>Assuming 7.75% Future Returns</b> | <b>90% Confidence Interval</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2014                      | 24.34%                               | 24.34% - 24.34%                |
| 2015                      | 23.91%                               | 23.18% - 24.56%                |
| 2016                      | 23.69%                               | 22.08% - 25.22%                |
| 2017                      | 23.60%                               | 20.96% - 26.20%                |
| 2018                      | 23.26%                               | 19.50% - 26.90%                |
| 2019                      | 23.08%                               | 18.16% - 27.83%                |

\* Contribution year lags valuation year by one year. For example: Contribution Year 2014 is based on the 2013 valuation results, amortized over 30 years beginning in 2013, if the increase takes place in 2014.

**Compounded average return for period**

|               | <i>Percentile</i> |             |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
|               | <i>5th</i>        | <i>95th</i> |
| 1-Year Period | 30.1%             | -12.4%      |
| 2-Year Period | 22.8%             | -7.2%       |
| 3-Year Period | 19.7%             | -4.8%       |
| 4-Year Period | 17.9%             | -3.3%       |
| 5-Year Period | 16.7%             | -2.3%       |

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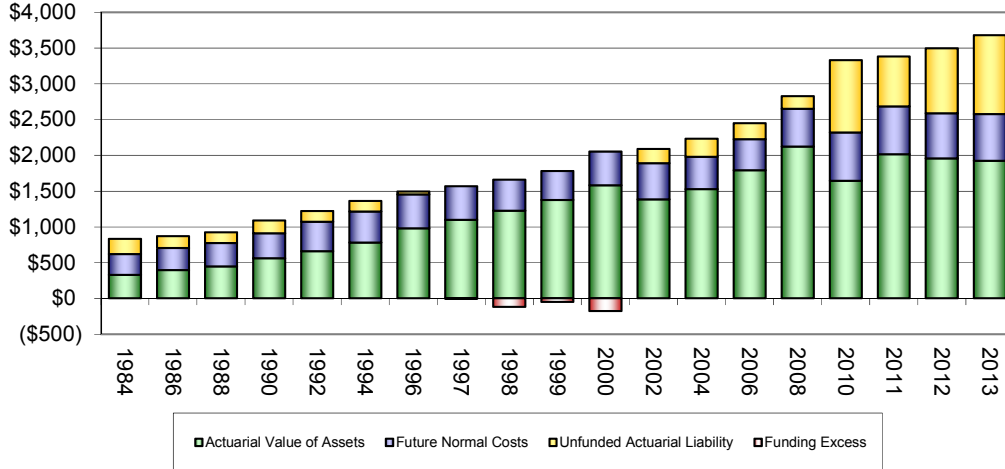
**Table 1 Summary of Results**

|   | Valuation<br>January 1, 2013 | Valuation<br>January 1, 2012 | Percentage<br>Change |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>I. Total Membership</b>  |                              |                              |                      |
| A. Active Members   | 8,465                        | 8,430                        | 0.4%                 |
| B. Retired Members & Beneficiaries  | 5,742                        | 5,580                        | 2.9%                 |
| C. Vested Terminated Members*   | 1,973                        | 2,049                        | (3.7)%               |
| D. Total  | 16,180                       | 16,059                       | 0.8%                 |
| <b>II. Pay as of Valuation Date</b>   |                              |                              |                      |
| A. Annual Total (\$millions)  | \$ 579.4                     | \$ 560.4                     | 3.4%                 |
| B. Annual Average   | \$ 68,449                    | \$ 66,476                    | 3.0%                 |
| <b>III. Average Monthly Benefit Paid to<br/>Current Retirees and Beneficiaries</b>  |                              |                              |                      |
| A. Service Retirement   | \$ 2,143                     | \$ 2,066                     | 3.7%                 |
| B. Disability Retirement  | 1,156                        | 1,155                        | 0.0%                 |
| C. Surviving Spouse and Dependents  | 1,240                        | 1,182                        | 4.9%                 |
| D. Total  | \$ 2,002                     | \$ 1,922                     | 4.2%                 |
| <b>IV. Actuarial Accrued Liability (\$millions)</b>                                 |                              |                              |                      |
| A. Active Members   | \$ 1,511.9                   | \$ 1,465.6                   | 3.2%                 |
| B. Retired Members  | 1,364.5                      | 1,264.7                      | 7.9%                 |
| C. Vested Terminated Members  | 148.9                        | 129.0                        | 15.4%                |
| D. Total  | \$ 3,025.3                   | \$ 2,859.3                   | 5.8%                 |
| <b>V. Assets</b>  |                              |                              |                      |
| A. Actuarial Value of Assets (\$millions)   | \$ 1,920.1                   | \$ 1,954.3                   | (1.8)%               |
| <b>VI. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability<br/>or Surplus Funding (\$millions)</b> |                              |                              |                      |
|   | \$ 1,105.2                   | \$ 905.0                     | 22.1%                |
| <b>VII. Amortization of UAAL</b>  |                              |                              |                      |
| Total Contribution Rate Needed for 30-Year<br>Amortization (as a % of Payroll)      | 24.34%                       | 22.92%                       | 6.2%                 |
| <b>VIII. Funding Ratio</b>  |                              |                              |                      |
|   | 63.5%                        | 68.3%                        | (7.1)%               |
| <b>IX. Normal Cost as a Percent of Salary</b>                                       |                              |                              |                      |
|   | 14.95%                       | 14.95%                       | 0.0%                 |
| <b>Market Value of Assets (MVA) -- For Informational Purposes Only</b>              |                              |                              |                      |
| <b>X. Assets Based on MVA</b>   |                              |                              |                      |
| A. Market Value of Assets (\$millions)  | \$ 1,951.4                   | \$ 1,753.5                   | 11.3%                |
| <b>XI. Amortization of UAAL Based on MVA</b>  |                              |                              |                      |
| A. Total Contribution Rate Needed for<br>30-Year Amortization (as a % of Payroll)   | 24.06%                       | 24.76%                       | (2.8)%               |
| <b>XII. Funding Ratio Based on MVA</b>  |                              |                              |                      |
|   | 64.5%                        | 61.3%                        | 5.2%                 |

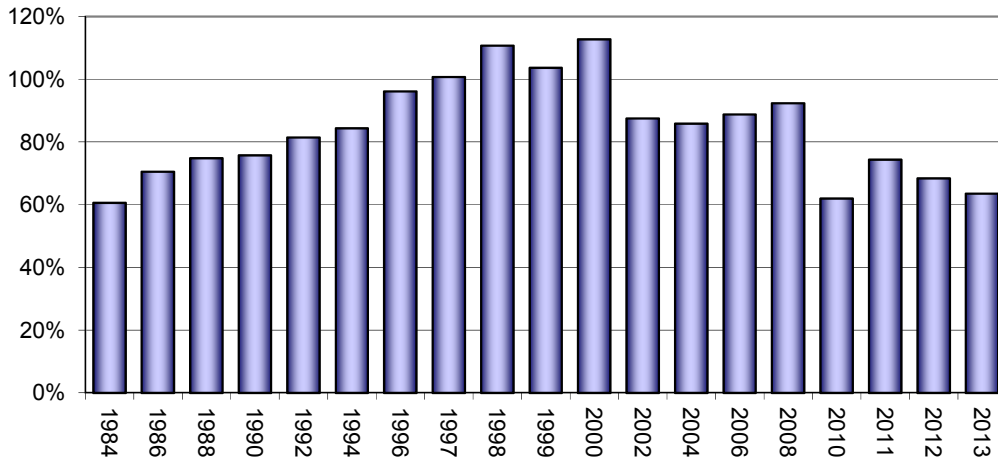
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**Graph 1 Historical Asset and Liability Comparison**



**Graph 2 Historical Funding Ratios**



| Year | (in Millions) |         |       |         | Funding Ratio |
|------|---------------|---------|-------|---------|---------------|
|      | PVB           | Assets  | PVFC  | UAAL    |               |
| 1998 | 1,539.3       | 1,224.6 | 433.5 | (118.8) | 110.7%        |
| 2000 | 1,872.4       | 1,582.7 | 469.3 | (179.6) | 112.8%        |
| 2002 | 2,088.7       | 1,383.7 | 507.3 | 197.7   | 87.5%         |
| 2004 | 2,229.8       | 1,527.5 | 450.9 | 251.4   | 85.9%         |
| 2006 | 2,448.5       | 1,791.8 | 431.0 | 225.8   | 88.8%         |
| 2008 | 2,825.8       | 2,119.4 | 531.2 | 175.2   | 92.4%         |
| 2010 | 3,328.7       | 1,645.3 | 674.9 | 1,008.5 | 62.0%         |
| 2011 | 3,379.6       | 2,013.7 | 670.6 | 695.4   | 74.3%         |
| 2012 | 3,494.1       | 1,954.3 | 634.8 | 905.0   | 68.3%         |
| 2013 | 3,679.8       | 1,920.1 | 654.5 | 1,105.2 | 63.5%         |

# Seattle City Employees' Retirement System Actuarial Valuation

## Section 2 Scope of the Report

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This report presents the actuarial valuation of the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System as of January 1, 2013.

A summary of the findings resulting from this valuation is presented in the previous section. Section 3 describes the assets of the System. A summary of the assets is set forth in Table 2. Sections 3, 4, and 5 describe how the obligations of the System are to be met under the actuarial cost method in use.

Section 6 discloses actuarial information based on the requirements of Statements No. 25 and 27 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Section 7 sets forth estimated actuarial gains or losses from the various sources. Section 8 shows projections of the System's funding under both optimistic and pessimistic scenarios.

Appendix A is a summary of the actuarial procedures and assumptions used to compute the liabilities and contributions shown in this report.

The current benefit structure, as determined by the provisions of the governing law on January 1, 2013, is summarized in Appendix B. Schedules of valuation data classifying the data used in the valuation by various categories of contributing members, former contributing members and beneficiaries make up Appendix C.

Comparative statistics are presented on the System's membership and contribution rates. Appendix D is a glossary of actuarial terms used in this report.

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## Section 3 Assets

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In many respects, an actuarial valuation can be regarded as an inventory process. The inventory is taken as of the actuarial valuation date, which for this valuation is January 1, 2013. On that date, the assets available for the payment of benefits are appraised. These assets are compared with the actuarial liabilities, which are generally well in excess of the assets. The actuarial process thus leads to a method of determining what contributions by members and their employers are needed to pay expected benefits.

This section of the report deals with the asset determination. In the next section, the actuarial liabilities will be discussed. Section 5 will deal with the process for determining required contributions, based on the relationship between the assets and the actuarial liabilities.

Beginning with the January 1, 2011 actuarial valuation, SCERS adopted five-year asset smoothing. This smoothing process recognizes the asset gain or loss occurring in each year evenly over a five-year period.

Table 2 shows the calculation of the Actuarial Value of Assets as of January 1, 2013. Note that a net gain is currently being deferred. This means that, even if the system earns 7.75% in the future, the AVA will experience an actuarial gain over upcoming years as the remaining portions of deferred gains are recognized. In both the Executive Summary and Section 8 of this report, we discuss projections of the required contribution rates resulting from this expected increase in the AVA.

Table 3 summarizes the financial resources of the System on January 1, 2013 on a Market Value basis. Of the total assets, a minor portion is set aside for the payment of current liabilities and expenses. Table 3 shows the Market Value of Assets at January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2012. For years prior to 2011, the Actuarial Value of Assets is equal to the Market Value.

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**Table 2      Calculation of Actuarial Value of Assets at January 1, 2013**  
(All dollar amounts in millions)

| Five-Year Asset Smoothing                         |                                   |                     |                                       |          |                        |         |                   |                   |                       |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Year Ended  | Market Value at Beginning of Year | Total Contributions | Benefit Payments Plus Admin. Expenses | Interest | Market Value of Assets |         | Asset Gain/(Loss) | Current Phase Out | Deferred Amount       |  |
|   |                                   |                     |                                       |          | Expected*              | Actual  |                   |                   |                       |  |
| December 31, 2008                                 | 2,119.4                           | 91.9                | 115.0                                 | 163.4    | 2,259.7                | 1,477.4 | (782.3)           | 0%                | -                     |  |
| December 31, 2009                                 | 1,477.4                           | 93.0                | 120.3                                 | 113.5    | 1,563.6                | 1,645.3 | 81.7              | 20%               | 16.3                  |  |
| December 31, 2010                                 | 1,645.3                           | 90.6                | 131.7                                 | 125.9    | 1,730.1                | 1,812.8 | 82.7              | 40%               | 33.1                  |  |
| December 31, 2011                                 | 1,812.8                           | 100.7               | 140.7                                 | 139.0    | 1,911.8                | 1,753.5 | (158.3)           | 60%               | (95.0)                |  |
| December 31, 2012                                 | 1,753.5                           | 119.6               | 152.4                                 | 134.6    | 1,855.3                | 1,951.4 | 96.1              | 80%               | 76.9                  |  |
| Total Deferred at Jan. 1, 2013:                   |                                   |                     |                                       |          |                        |         |                   |                   | 31.3                  |  |
| Market Value of Assets at Jan. 1, 2013:           |                                   |                     |                                       |          |                        |         |                   |                   | 1,951.4               |  |
| Less Total Deferred at Jan. 1, 2013:              |                                   |                     |                                       |          |                        |         |                   |                   | 31.3                  |  |
| <b>Actuarial Value of Assets at Jan. 1, 2013:</b> |                                   |                     |                                       |          |                        |         |                   |                   | <b><u>1,920.1</u></b> |  |

\*Expected Market Value of Assets assumes 7.75% return, taking into account actual cashflows during year.

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**Table 3 Summary of Plan Net Assets (at Market Value)**

|  | January 1, 2013      |               | January 1, 2012      |               |
|--|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
|  | Market Value         | Distribution  | Market Value         | Distribution  |
| <b>Assets</b>  |                      |               |                      |               |
| Cash and short-term investments  | 51,082,867           | 2.6%          | 114,703,539          | 6.5%          |
| Securities lending collateral  | 10,154,781           | 0.5%          | 3,489,721            | 0.2%          |
| Receivables  |                      |               |                      |               |
| Employee   | 2,452,509            | 0.1%          | 2,110,074            | 0.1%          |
| Employer   | 2,230,401            | 0.1%          | 1,536,698            | 0.1%          |
| Interest and Dividends   | 2,324,732            | 0.1%          | 2,281,373            | 0.1%          |
| Sales Proceeds Receivable  | 3,086,954            | 0.2%          | 79,507,081           | 4.5%          |
| Foreign Currency Contracts   | 35,023,018           | 1.8%          | -                    | 0.0%          |
| Total Receivables  | 45,117,614           | 2.3%          | 85,435,226           | 4.9%          |
| Investments at fair value  |                      |               |                      |               |
| Fixed Income   |                      |               |                      |               |
| US Government obligations  | 97,032,271           | 5.0%          | 87,699,524           | 5.0%          |
| Corporate bonds  | 150,551,988          | 7.7%          | 138,742,103          | 7.9%          |
| Mortgage backed  | 113,394,160          | 5.8%          | 130,049,800          | 7.4%          |
| Foreign sovereign  | 20,592,643           | 1.1%          | 16,150,802           | 0.9%          |
| Domestic stocks  | 581,330,209          | 29.8%         | 503,957,527          | 28.7%         |
| International stocks   | 554,959,429          | 28.4%         | 416,713,116          | 23.8%         |
| Real estate  | 216,761,221          | 11.1%         | 207,713,900          | 11.8%         |
| Alternative  | 179,703,453          | 9.2%          | 132,558,186          | 7.6%          |
| Total investments  | 1,914,325,375        | 98.1%         | 1,633,584,958        | 93.2%         |
| Total assets   | 2,020,680,636        | 103.5%        | 1,837,213,444        | 104.8%        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                      |               |                      |               |
| Pension & Other payables   | 1,667,979            | -0.1%         | 1,501,302            | -0.1%         |
| Securities lending obligation  | 13,404,350           | -0.7%         | 6,911,249            | -0.4%         |
| Investment commitments payable   | 19,150,015           | -1.0%         | 75,276,679           | -4.3%         |
| Foreign currency contracts   | 35,023,018           | -1.8%         | -                    | 0.0%          |
| Total Liabilities  | 69,245,362           | -3.5%         | 83,689,230           | -4.8%         |
| <b>Market Value of Net Assets<br/>Held in Trust For Pension<br/>Benefits</b> |                      |               |                      |               |
|  | <b>1,951,435,274</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>1,753,524,214</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |



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### Section 4 Actuarial Liabilities

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In the previous section, an actuarial valuation was related to an inventory process and an analysis was given of the inventory of assets of the System as of the valuation date, January 1, 2013. In this section, the discussion will focus on the commitments of the System, which will be referred to as its actuarial liabilities.

Table 4 contains an analysis of the actuarial present value of all future benefits for contributing members, for former contributing members, and for beneficiaries. The analysis is given by type of benefit.

The actuarial liabilities summarized in Table 4 include the actuarial present value of all future benefits expected to be paid with respect to each member. For an active member, this value includes a measure of both benefits already earned and future benefits to be earned. Thus, for all members, active and retired, the value extends over benefits earnable and payable for the rest of their lives and, if an optional benefit is chosen, for the lives of their surviving beneficiaries.

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**Table 4 Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits**  
(All dollar amounts in millions)

|   | January 1, 2013 | January 1, 2012 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>A. Active Members</b>                      |                 |                 |
| Service Retirement                            | \$ 2,038.3      | \$ 1,976.1      |
| Vested Retirement                             | 57.0            | 55.1            |
| Disability Retirement                         | 12.0            | 11.7            |
| Survivor Benefits                             | 25.1            | 24.7            |
| Refund of Member Contributions                | 34.0            | 32.8            |
| Total   | \$ 2,166.4      | \$ 2,100.4      |
| <br><b>B. Inactive Members and Annuitants</b> |                 |                 |
| Service Retirement                            | \$ 1,261.9      | \$ 1,165.9      |
| Disability Retirement                         | 9.6             | 10.0            |
| Beneficiaries                                 | 93.0            | 88.8            |
| Inactive Members                              | 148.9           | 129.0           |
| Total   | \$ 1,513.4      | \$ 1,393.7      |
| <br><b>C. Grand Total</b>                     |                 |                 |
|   | \$ 3,679.8      | \$ 3,494.1      |

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## Section 5 Employer Contributions

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### Funding

As shown in Tables 2 and 4, the total actuarial liability exceeds the current Actuarial Value of Assets. This is to be expected, because the System is anticipating future member and employer contributions. The actuarial valuation develops a contribution method to fund this shortfall.

The actuarial cost method utilized is the Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method. This cost method has two components:

1. A normal cost
2. An amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability

Most actuarial cost methods utilize a cost method with these two components. The vast majority of public pension plans utilize the entry age (EA) actuarial cost method, as does SCERS.

The normal cost under EA is developed so that benefits are funded as a level percentage of payroll for each member from the member's membership date to the member's termination date. One key feature of this method is that costs tend to be stable from year to year because most members' entry age cost percentages do not change materially from year to year, and because the population does not change considerably from year to year. Normal costs by benefit type are shown in Table 5.

When the present value of future normal costs is subtracted from the present value of total benefits, the result is the actuarial accrued liability. This can also be thought of as the present value of past normal costs, or the amount which would be in the fund if all prior assumptions had been exactly met. To the extent that this actuarial accrued liability exceeds plan assets, an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) exists. This is currently the situation for the SCERS.

Because a UAAL exists, the total System costs must reflect an amortization of this UAAL. In general, a UAAL exists when liabilities increase more than anticipated or assets increase less than anticipated.

### Actuarial Gains and Losses

When experience is different from actuarial expectation, an actuarial gain or loss occurs. Section 7 illustrates the historical actuarial gains and losses by source. Ongoing actuarial gains and losses decrease and increase the UAAL.

## Amortization of UAAL

Table 7 details the components of the actuarial required contribution rate of 24.34% by breaking it into the necessary funding components: normal cost and amortization of UAAL. It then illustrates the split between member and employer contribution rates, assuming that member contributions are allocated entirely toward paying the ongoing normal cost of benefits.

As of the January 1, 2013 valuation, the actuarial required contribution rate for the employer has increased to 14.31% beginning January 1, 2014. This is mainly due to the partial reflection of deferred 2008 asset losses, as well as the partial reflection of the 2011 asset loss. Note that this valuation recognizes the remaining balance of the 2008 asset loss.

The total contribution rate of 22.92% being paid in 2013 amortizes the January 1, 2012 UAAL over a 30-year period; however, it is not sufficient to amortize the UAAL based on the 2013 valuation over 30 years.

The current Retirement Board funding policy states that "...if the Funding Ratio is less than 100% and a UAAL occurs which cannot be amortized over a period of less than 20 years by the combined total contribution rates, additional employer contributions may be considered." It is our understanding that the City is currently committed to contributing the actuarial required contribution rate, with the goal of amortizing the UAAL over a period of 30 years.

The total contribution rate needs to be immediately (i.e., as of the beginning of the next calendar year) increased from 22.92% of pay to 24.34% of pay to be projected to amortize the UAAL over 30 years from January 1, 2013. Because this figure is based on an Actuarial Value of Assets which is currently deferring a net gain, this 24.34% is projected to decrease over the next several years if no other actuarial asset gains or losses were to occur.

In Section 8 of this report, we have included a five-year projection of the actuarial required contribution, including optimistic and pessimistic investment return scenarios.

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**Table 5      Normal Cost Contribution Rates as Percentages of Salary**

|                                | <u>January 1, 2013</u> | <u>January 1, 2012</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Service Retirement             | 11.63 %                | 11.60 %                |
| Vested Retirement              | 1.26                   | 1.28                   |
| Disability Retirement          | 0.14                   | 0.14                   |
| Survivor Benefits              | 0.19                   | 0.19                   |
| Refund of Member Contributions | 1.33                   | 1.34                   |
| Administrative Expenses        | <u>0.40</u>            | <u>0.40</u>            |
| Total                          | 14.95 %                | 14.95 %                |

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**Table 6      Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability**

(All dollar amounts in millions)

|  | January 1, 2013 | January 1, 2012 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. Actuarial present value of all future benefits for present and former members and their survivors (Table 3) | \$      3,679.8 | \$      3,494.1 |
| B. Less actuarial present value of total future normal costs for present members                               | 654.5           | 634.8           |
| C. Actuarial accrued liability [A - B]   | \$      3,025.3 | \$      2,859.3 |
| D. Less actuarial value of assets available for benefits (Table 2)   | 1,920.1         | 1,954.3         |
| E. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (Funding Excess, if negative) [C - D]                                  | \$      1,105.2 | \$      905.0   |
| F. Funding Ratio [D ÷ C]   | 63.5%           | 68.3%           |

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**Table 7 Contribution Rates as Percentages of Salary**

|  | <b>Actuarial Required Contribution Beginning</b> |                        |
|--|--|------------------------|
|  | <u>January 1, 2014</u>                           | <u>January 1, 2013</u> |
| A. Total normal cost rate                                  | 14.95 %  | 14.95 %                |
| B. UAAL amortization rate                                  | <u>9.39</u>                                      | <u>7.97</u>            |
| C. Actuarial required contribution rate                    | 24.34 %  | 22.92 %                |
| D. Member contribution rate                                | <u>10.03</u>                                     | <u>10.03</u>           |
| E. Allocation of employer contribution rate <sup>(1)</sup> |  |                        |
| Normal cost  | 4.92 %   | 4.92 %                 |
| Amortization payment                                       | <u>9.39</u>                                      | <u>7.97</u>            |
| Total employer contribution rate                           | 14.31 %  | 12.89 %                |

<sup>(1)</sup> *If member contributions are all allocated to paying normal cost.*



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## Section 6 Actuarial Information for Accounting Purposes

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The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued standards under Statements No. 25 and 27. Statement 25 is required reporting by the plan (the System) and Statement 27 is reporting by state and local governmental employers (the City). Statement 25 includes certain supplementary information:

1. A schedule of funding progress
2. A schedule of employer contributions

It should be noted that GASB has recently issued new statements that will supersede Statements No. 25 and 27. These will result in significant accounting changes and will be effective within a few years.

The schedule of funding progress is shown in Table 9 and compares assets and liabilities over the years. Primarily due to the poor investment returns of 2000 through 2003, as well as the extreme market downturn of 2008, the plan is not fully funded. Another material factor in the current funding shortfall is the benefit enhancements triggered in 2007 (i.e., 65% Floor COLA and the 1.5% COLA for all retirees).

The schedule of employer contributions is shown in Table 11 and shows that, except for the most recent three years, the employer has consistently made contributions equal to or greater than the Actuarial Required Contribution (ARC).

Table 8 develops the Annual Pension Cost (APC) and Net Pension Obligation (NPO). The NPO can be thought of as the accumulated value of APC in excess of employer contributions. Because contributions have exceeded the APC in prior years, a negative NPO has built up. The current Board policy is to set the ARC equal to the fixed contribution rate, solving for the amortization period.

If the fixed rate is not sufficient to fund the UAAL over a period of 30 years or less, the ARC will be equal to the amount needed to fund the normal cost for the year plus a 30-year amortization payment of the UAAL. This is the minimum allowed for accounting purposes under current GASB parameters. Note that, per GASB requirements, the ARC does not include an assumption for expected future growth in membership.

**Actuarial Information  
(continued)**

Despite the large increase in the ARC, which was not fully funded by SCERS, the NPO remains negative due to the large negative balance previously accumulated through past contributions in excess of the ARC. However, this has been significantly depleted and a large buffer no longer exists.

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**Table 8      GASB Statement No. 27 Annual Pension Cost  
and Net Pension Obligation**

For Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2013  
Based on January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 Valuations\*

|   | 2012        | 2013     |
|---|-------------|----------|
| 1a Total Normal Cost Rate                                   | 14.99%      | 14.95%   |
| 1b Employee Contribution Rate                               | 10.03%      | 10.03%   |
| 1c Employer Normal Cost Rate (1a - 1b)                      | 4.96%       | 4.92%    |
| 2a Total Employer Contribution Rate                         | 11.01%      | 12.89%   |
| 2b Amortization Payment Rate (2a - 1c)                      | 6.05%       | 7.97%    |
| 2c Amortization Period                                      | 38 years    | 38 years |
| 2d GASB 27 Amortization Rate                                | 6.88%       | 9.10%    |
| 3 Total Annual Required Contribution (ARC) Rate (1c + 2d)** | 11.84%      | 14.02%   |
| 4 Covered Employee Payroll***                               | 567,805,922 |          |
| 5a ARC (3 x 4)  | 67,228,221  |          |
| 5b Interest on Net Pension Obligation (NPO)                 | (551,926)   |          |
| 5c ARC Adjustment   | 385,452     |          |
| 5d Annual Pension Cost (APC) (5a + 5b + 5c)                 | 67,061,747  |          |
| 6 Employer Contribution                                     | 62,515,432  |          |
| 7a Change in NPO (5d - 6)                                   | 4,546,315   |          |
| 7b NPO at Beginning of Year                                 | (7,121,624) |          |
| 7c NPO at End of Year (7a + 7b)                             | (2,575,309) |          |

\* Beginning with the January 1, 2013 actuarial valuation report, GASB calculations take into account the lag between determination of the actuarial contribution rate and the date of expected contribution rate. For example, the January 1, 2011 actuarial valuation calculates the contribution rate beginning January 1, 2012 (for fiscal year ending December 31, 2012). This change was made due to SCERS' new funding policy, adopted in 2011, to contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate (previously, a fixed rate was contributed).

\*\* If the amortization period determined by the actual contribution rate exceeds the maximum amortization period required by GASB Statement No. 27, the ARC is determined using an amortization of the UAAL over 30 years.

\*\*\* Covered payroll includes compensation paid to all active employees on which contributions were made.

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**Table 9 Schedule of Funding Progress**

(All dollar amounts in millions)

| Actuarial<br>Valuation Date<br>January 1 | Actuarial Value<br>of Assets | Actuarial Accrued<br>Liabilities (AAL) | Unfunded<br>Actuarial Accrued<br>Liabilities (UAAL) | Funded Ratio | Covered<br>Payroll <sup>(1)</sup> | UAAL as a<br>Percentage of<br>Covered Payroll |
|--|------------------------------|--|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1984                                     | \$ 329.8                     | \$ 544.0                               | \$ 214.2  | 60.6%        | \$ 159.4                          | 134.4%  |
| 1986                                     | 395.7                        | 561.3                                  | 165.6   | 70.5         | 182.0                             | 91.0  |
| 1988                                     | 445.4                        | 595.3                                  | 149.9   | 74.8         | 199.0                             | 75.3  |
| 1990                                     | 558.8                        | 737.9                                  | 179.1   | 75.7         | 212.3                             | 84.4  |
| 1992                                     | 660.0                        | 810.5                                  | 150.5   | 81.4         | 239.4                             | 62.9  |
| 1994                                     | 781.8                        | 926.2                                  | 144.4   | 84.4         | 291.8                             | 49.5  |
| 1996                                     | 980.2                        | 1,019.7                                | 39.5  | 96.1         | 310.6                             | 12.7  |
| 1997                                     | 1,094.8                      | 1,087.3                                | (7.5)   | 100.7        | 316.9                             | (2.4)   |
| 1998 <sup>(2)</sup>                      | 1,224.6                      | 1,266.7                                | 42.1  | 96.7         | 341.5                             | 12.3  |
| 1999                                     | 1,375.0                      | 1,326.6                                | (48.4)  | 103.6        | 370.4                             | (13.1)  |
| 2000                                     | 1,582.7                      | 1,403.1                                | (179.6)   | 112.8        | 383.6                             | (46.5)  |
| 2002                                     | 1,383.7                      | 1,581.4                                | 197.7   | 87.5         | 405.1                             | 48.8  |
| 2004                                     | 1,527.5                      | 1,778.9                                | 251.4   | 85.9         | 424.7                             | 59.2  |
| 2006                                     | 1,791.8                      | 2,017.5                                | 225.8   | 88.8         | 447.0                             | 50.5  |
| 2008                                     | 2,119.4                      | 2,294.6                                | 175.2   | 92.4         | 501.9                             | 34.9  |
| 2010                                     | 1,645.3                      | 2,653.8                                | 1,008.5   | 62.0         | 580.9                             | 173.6   |
| 2011                                     | 2,013.7                      | 2,709.0                                | 695.4   | 74.3         | 563.2                             | 123.5   |
| 2012                                     | 1,954.3                      | 2,859.3                                | 905.0   | 68.3         | 557.0                             | 162.5   |
| 2013                                     | 1,920.1                      | 3,025.3                                | 1,105.2   | 63.5         | 567.8                             | 194.6   |

<sup>(1)</sup> Covered Payroll includes compensation paid to all active employees on which contributions are calculated. Covered Payroll differs from the Active Member Valuation Payroll shown in Table 1, which is an annualized compensation of only those members who were active on the actuarial valuation date.

<sup>(2)</sup> Reflects increased COLA benefits adopted by the City Council after the valuation was completed.



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**Table 10 Solvency Test**

(All dollar amounts in millions)

| Actuarial<br>Valuation Date<br>January 1 | Actuarial<br>Value of<br>Valuation<br>Assets | Actuarial Accrued Liabilities for |   |   |          | Portion of Actuarial Accrued Liabilities<br>Covered by Assets |       |       |       |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|----------|---|-------|-------|-------|
|  |  | (A)                               | (B)   | (C)   | (D)      | (A)   | (B)   | (C)   | (D)   |
|  |  | Active Member<br>Contributions    | Inactives,<br>Retirees and<br>Beneficiaries | Active Members<br>(Employer<br>Financed<br>Portion) | Total    |   |       |       |       |
| 1984                                     | \$ 329.8                                     | \$ 90.1                           | \$ 243.0                                    | \$ 210.9  | \$ 544.0 | 100.0%  | 98.6% | 0.0%  | 60.6% |
| 1986                                     | 395.7  | 110.7                             | 263.1                                       | 187.5   | 561.3    | 100.0   | 100.0 | 11.7  | 70.5  |
| 1988                                     | 445.4  | 136.0                             | 303.6                                       | 155.7   | 595.3    | 100.0   | 100.0 | 3.7   | 74.8  |
| 1990                                     | 558.8  | 164.0                             | 332.8                                       | 241.1   | 737.9    | 100.0   | 100.0 | 25.7  | 75.7  |
| 1992                                     | 660.0  | 202.6                             | 357.9                                       | 250.0   | 810.5    | 100.0   | 100.0 | 39.8  | 81.4  |
| 1994                                     | 781.8  | 248.4                             | 383.1                                       | 294.7   | 926.2    | 100.0   | 100.0 | 51.0  | 84.4  |
| 1996                                     | 980.2  | 294.1                             | 409.3                                       | 316.3   | 1,019.7  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 87.5  | 96.1  |
| 1997                                     | 1,094.8                                      | 313.1                             | 449.8                                       | 324.4   | 1,087.3  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.7 |
| 1998 <sup>(1)</sup>                      | 1,224.6                                      | 337.3                             | 551.8                                       | 377.6   | 1,266.7  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 88.9  | 96.7  |
| 1999                                     | 1,375.0                                      | 358.4                             | 577.6                                       | 390.6   | 1,326.6  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 100.0 | 103.6 |
| 2000                                     | 1,582.7                                      | 385.2                             | 599.4                                       | 418.5   | 1,403.1  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 100.0 | 112.8 |
| 2002                                     | 1,383.7                                      | 434.3                             | 675.6                                       | 471.5   | 1,581.4  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 58.1  | 87.5  |
| 2004                                     | 1,527.5                                      | 482.5                             | 758.9                                       | 537.5   | 1,778.9  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 53.2  | 85.9  |
| 2006                                     | 1,791.8                                      | 539.7                             | 902.2                                       | 575.6   | 2,017.5  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 60.8  | 88.8  |
| 2008                                     | 2,119.4                                      | 590.1                             | 1,084.9                                     | 619.6   | 2,294.6  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 71.7  | 92.4  |
| 2010                                     | 1,645.3                                      | 684.7                             | 1,176.4                                     | 792.7   | 2,653.8  | 100.0   | 81.7  | 0.0   | 62.0  |
| 2011                                     | 2,013.7                                      | 683.7                             | 1,290.9                                     | 734.4   | 2,709.0  | 100.0   | 100.0 | 5.3   | 74.3  |
| 2012                                     | 1,954.3                                      | 730.9                             | 1,393.7                                     | 734.7   | 2,859.3  | 100.0   | 87.8  | 0.0   | 68.3  |
| 2013                                     | 1,920.1                                      | 757.3                             | 1,513.4                                     | 754.6   | 3,025.3  | 100.0   | 76.8  | 0.0   | 63.5  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Reflects increased COLA benefits adopted by the City Council after the valuation was completed.



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**Table 11 Schedule of Employer Contributions**

(All dollar amounts in millions)

| Fiscal Year<br>Ending<br>December 31 | Covered<br>Employee<br>Payroll <sup>(1)</sup> | Actual<br>Employer<br>Contributions <sup>(2)</sup> | Actual<br>Employer<br>Contribution % <sup>(3)</sup> | Annual Required<br>Contribution<br>(ARC) % <sup>(4)</sup> | Percentage of<br>ARC Contributed |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1989                                 | \$ 212.3                                      | \$ 25.1  | 8.91%   | 8.91%   | 159.4%                           |
| 1990                                 | 243.2   | 21.8   | 8.91  | 8.91  | 100.0                            |
| 1991                                 | 239.4   | 21.5   | 8.91  | 8.91  | 100.0                            |
| 1992                                 | 280.4   | 25.1   | 8.91  | 8.91  | 100.0                            |
| 1993                                 | 291.8   | 26.1   | 8.91  | 8.91  | 100.0                            |
| 1994                                 | 298.0   | 26.7   | 8.91  | 8.91  | 100.0                            |
| 1995                                 | 310.6   | 27.8   | 8.91  | 8.91  | 100.0                            |
| 1996                                 | 316.9   | 28.4   | 8.91  | 8.91  | 100.0                            |
| 1997                                 | 316.3   | 28.3   | 8.91  | 8.91  | 100.0                            |
| 1998 <sup>(4)</sup>                  | 341.5   | 30.6   | 8.91  | 8.91  | 100.0                            |
| 1999                                 | 370.4   | 29.7   | 8.03  | 4.50  | 178.0                            |
| 2000                                 | 383.6   | 30.8   | 8.03  | 4.50  | 178.0                            |
| 2001                                 | 405.1   | 32.7   | 8.03  | 3.04  | 264.0                            |
| 2002                                 | 454.5   | 36.6   | 8.03  | 3.04  | 264.0                            |
| 2003                                 | 424.7   | 34.2   | 8.03  | 8.03  | 100.0                            |
| 2004                                 | 456.8   | 36.7   | 8.03  | 8.03  | 100.0                            |
| 2005                                 | 447.0   | 35.9   | 8.03  | 8.03  | 100.0                            |
| 2006                                 | 472.5   | 37.9   | 8.03  | 8.03  | 100.0                            |
| 2007                                 | 501.9   | 40.3   | 8.03  | 8.03  | 100.0                            |
| 2008                                 | 572.4   | 46.0   | 8.03  | 8.03  | 100.0                            |
| 2009                                 | 580.9   | 46.7   | 8.03  | 8.03  | 100.0                            |
| 2010                                 | 563.2   | 45.2   | 8.03  | 17.00   | 47.2                             |
| 2011                                 | 557.0   | 50.3   | 9.03  | 13.11   | 68.9                             |
| 2012                                 | 567.8   | 62.5   | 11.01   | 11.84   | 93.0                             |

<sup>(1)</sup> Computed as the dollar amount of the actual employer contribution made as a percentage of payroll divided by the contribution rate, expressed as a percentage of payroll.

<sup>(2)</sup> The actual and required employer contributions are expressed as a percentage of payroll, after first recognizing the \$12 per employee assessment made for the death benefits. This assessment per employee is included in the actual employer contributions reported and has been previously recognized by the actuary in determining the ARC.

<sup>(3)</sup> The City makes employer contributions as a percentage of actual payroll as set in the City Ordinance. Thus, as long as the percentage equals the percentage required by the most recent actuarial valuation, the dollar amount of the Annual Required Contributions (ARC) is equal to the actual dollar amount of the employer contributions. The City Ordinance does not permit a reduction in the employer contribution rate less than the employee contribution rate. Thus, the City's contributions exceeded the ARC for 1999 through 2001 and resulted in a negative NPO amount.

<sup>(4)</sup> ARC reflects the increased COLA benefits adopted in 1998. ARC is calculated assuming 0.0% population growth.



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**Table 12      GASB Statement No. 27 Five-Year Trend Information**

| <u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> | <u>Annual Pension Cost (APC)</u> | <u>Contribution as a Percentage of APC</u> | <u>Net Pension Obligation (NPO)</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| December 31, 2008         | 46,245,324                       | 99%  | (78,149,216)                        |
| December 31, 2009         | 46,933,422                       | 99%  | (77,865,963)                        |
| December 31, 2010         | 93,923,454                       | 48%  | (29,167,296)                        |
| December 31, 2011         | 72,346,935                       | 70%  | (7,121,624)                         |
| December 31, 2012         | 67,061,747                       | 93%  | (2,575,309)                         |



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**Table 13      GASB Statement No. 27 Annual Development of Pension Cost**

| <u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> | <u>ARC at<br/>EOY</u> | <u>Interest<br/>on NPO</u> | <u>ARC<br/>Adjustment</u> | <u>Annual<br/>Pension<br/>Cost (APC)</u> | <u>Total<br/>Employer<br/>Contributions</u> | <u>Change in<br/>NPO</u> | <u>NPO<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Gain/Loss</u> | <u>Amort.<br/>Factor</u> | <u>Amort. Of<br/>Gain/Loss</u> | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| December 31, 2008         | 45,961,040            | (6,078,596)                | 6,362,880                 | 46,245,324                               | 45,961,040                                  | 284,284                  | (78,149,216)           | -                | 12.32673                 | (6,362,880)                    | (78,149,216)              |
| December 31, 2009         | 46,650,169            | (6,056,564)                | 6,339,817                 | 46,933,422                               | 46,650,169                                  | 283,253                  | (77,865,963)           | -                | 12.32673                 | (6,339,817)                    | (77,865,963)              |
| December 31, 2010         | 95,743,634            | (6,034,612)                | 4,214,432                 | 93,923,454                               | 45,224,787                                  | 48,698,667               | (29,167,296)           | 50,518,847       | 18.47603                 | (4,214,432)                    | (29,167,296)              |
| December 31, 2011         | 73,028,744            | (2,260,465)                | 1,578,656                 | 72,346,935                               | 50,301,263                                  | 22,045,672               | (7,121,624)            | 22,727,481       | 18.47603                 | (1,578,656)                    | (7,121,624)               |
| December 31, 2012         | 67,228,221            | (551,926)                  | 385,452                   | 67,061,747                               | 62,515,432                                  | 4,546,315                | (2,575,309)            | 4,712,789        | 18.47603                 | (385,452)                      | (2,575,309)               |

Amortization Period: Open 30 years, unless fixed rate amortizes in less than 30 years.

Amortization Method: Level Percentage of Projected Payroll.

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### Section 7 Actuarial Gains or Losses

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An analysis of actuarial gains or losses was performed in conjunction with the January 1, 2011, January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013 actuarial valuations.

The results of our analysis of the financial experience of the System in the three most recent actuarial valuations are presented in Table 14. Each gain or loss shown represents our estimate of how much the given type of experience caused the UAAL to change in the period since the previous actuarial valuation.

Gains and losses due to demographic sources are approximate. Demographic experience is analyzed in greater detail in our periodic assumption studies.

There is one non-recurring item reflected in the current year's actuarial gains and losses:

- A number of terminated SCERS members were not reported as vested in the 2012 and prior valuation data. The data provided to us for these employees has been corrected for the January 1, 2013 valuation, causing an increase in the UAAL.

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**Table 14 Analysis of Actuarial Gains or Losses**

(All dollar amounts in millions)\*

|   | Gain (Loss) for Period |              |              |
|---|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2012                   | 2011         | 2010         |
| <b>Investment Income.</b> Investment income on AVA was greater (less) than assumed.   | \$(151.6)              | \$(173.9)    | \$82.7       |
| <b>Pay Increases.</b> Pay increases were less (greater) than expected.  | 3.1                    | 31.7         | 96.0         |
| <b>Age and Service Retirements.</b> Members retired at older (younger) ages or with less (greater) final average pay than expected. | 13.7                   | 14.4         | 0.7          |
| <b>Disability Retirements.</b> Disability claims were less (greater) than expected.   | (0.1)                  | (0.1)        | (0.2)        |
| <b>Death-in-Service Benefits.</b> Survivor claims were less (greater) than expected.  | 0.0                    | 0.0          | 0.0          |
| <b>Withdrawal from Employment.</b> More (less) reserves were released by withdrawals than expected.                                 | (14.9)                 | (16.8)       | (8.5)        |
| <b>Death after Retirement.</b> Retirees died younger (lived longer) than expected.  | <u>(2.8)</u>           | <u>(7.8)</u> | <u>(3.7)</u> |
| <b>Total Gain or (Loss) during Period from Financial Experience</b>   | \$(152.6)              | \$(152.5)    | \$167.0      |
| <b>Nonrecurring Items:</b>  |                        |              |              |
| Changes in actuarial assumptions and plan amendments caused a gain (loss).  | 0.0                    | 9.1          | 23.8         |
| Data revisions  | (17.0)                 | (30.5)       | 0.0          |
| Change in actuarial asset valuation method caused a gain (loss).  | <u>N/A</u>             | <u>N/A</u>   | <u>200.9</u> |
| <b>Composite Gain (Loss) during Period</b>  | \$(169.6)              | \$(173.9)    | \$391.7      |

\* Effects related to losses are shown in parentheses. Numerical results are expressed as a decrease (increase) in the UAAL.

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## Section 8 Contribution Rate Projections and Increases

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This section of the January 1, 2013 actuarial valuation is devoted to a detailed discussion of the contribution rates currently needed, and projected to be needed, in order to effectively fund the System.

This section illustrates two key points:

1. As mentioned throughout this report, the current AVA is deferring a net gain. As a result, if no actuarial asset gains or losses were to occur over the next several years (i.e., the market return equals 7.75%), the actuarial required contribution rate would be projected to decrease slightly (and the Funding Ratio would be projected to increase) as the remaining deferred gains are fully phased in.
2. Currently, SCERS is contributing a total rate of 22.92% of payroll (employer and member). The actual contribution rate needed will vary in the future. We have shown projections to roughly quantify the potential impact of good and bad experience.

### Projection of Actuarial Required Contribution Rate

We have performed a five-year projection of the actuarial required contribution rate under three different scenarios:

1. Assuming that the investment return assumption of 7.75% is met in each future year.
2. Assuming that the assets return at the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile.
3. Assuming that the assets return at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile.

The result is effectively a 90% confidence interval (based on asset returns) of the projected contribution rates in these years. Note that in each scenario, all other actuarial assumptions are assumed to be met.

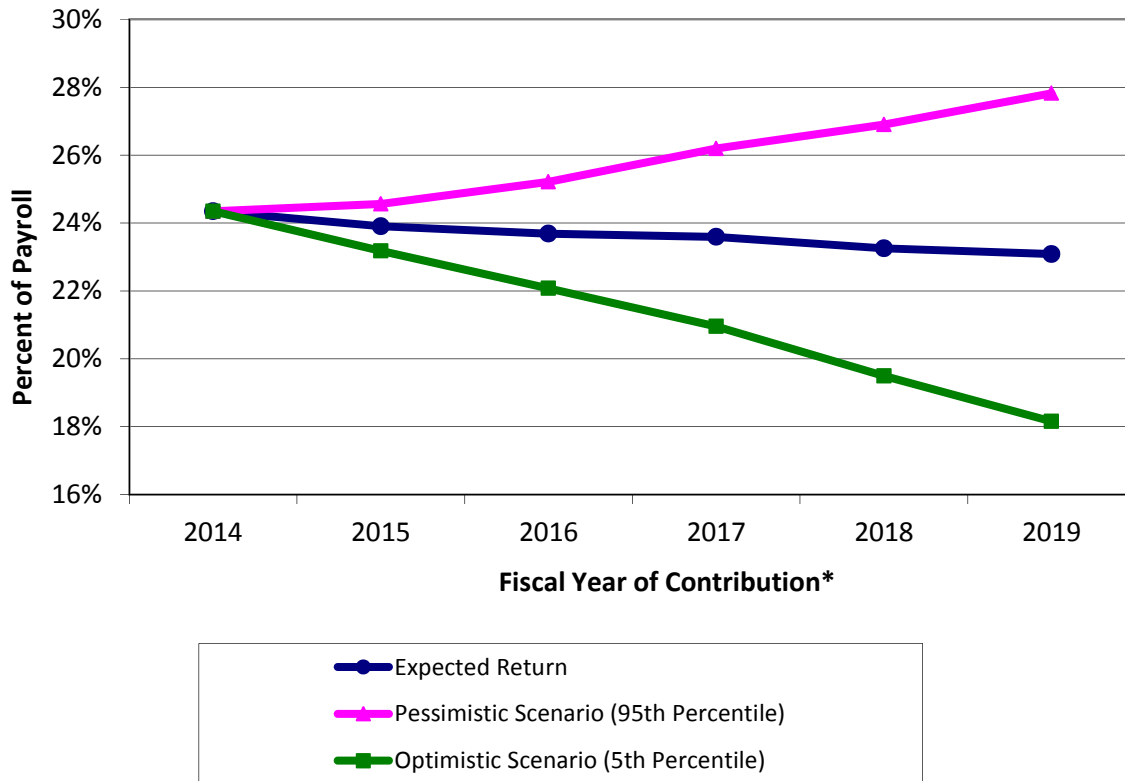
The projections assume the City contributes the actuarial required contribution rate each year in the future. This rate is based on a 30-year open amortization method and includes a 1% population growth assumption. Future returns at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile are based on Milliman's capital market assumptions and SCERS's January 1, 2013 asset allocation.

Table 15 provides the results of these projections.

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**Table 15 Projected Total Contribution Rates**

### Projected Total Actuarial Required Contribution Rate



### Projected Actuarial Required Total Contribution Rate

| Contribution<br>Year* | 95th Percentile | Assuming 7.75%<br>Future Returns | 5th Percentile |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 2014                  | 24.34%          | 24.34%                           | 24.34%         |
| 2015                  | 24.56%          | 23.91%                           | 23.18%         |
| 2016                  | 25.22%          | 23.69%                           | 22.08%         |
| 2017                  | 26.20%          | 23.60%                           | 20.96%         |
| 2018                  | 26.90%          | 23.26%                           | 19.50%         |
| 2019                  | 27.83%          | 23.08%                           | 18.16%         |

\* Contribution year lags calculation year by one year. For example: Contribution Year 2014 is based on the 2013 valuation results, amortized over 30 years beginning in 2013, if the increase takes place in 2014.

## **Contribution Increases**

The current contribution rate needs to be increased in order to be sufficient to amortize the UAAL over a 30-year period. As of January 1, 2014, an actuarial required contribution rate of 24.34% is projected to be needed in order to amortize the UAAL over a 30-year period beginning January 1, 2013.

This represents a needed increase of 1.42% of pay, in addition to the current 22.92% of pay being contributed (by the employer and members combined). Note that due to the future recognition of deferred asset gains, this amount is expected to decrease in the next valuation.

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### Section 9 Projection of Benefit Payments and Contribution Dollars

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#### Projection of Benefit Payments and Contribution Dollars

This section of the January 1, 2013 actuarial valuation illustrates projected SCERS benefit payments and dollar contributions over a 10-year period following the actuarial valuation.

These projections assume all actuarial assumptions, including 7.75% investment returns (on a market basis) in each future year, are met in the future.

The projection of contribution dollars makes the following additional key assumptions:

1. Valuation payroll is assumed to grow with both wage inflation and 1% annual population growth (per current SCERS assumptions).
2. SCERS is assumed to make the actuarially required contribution rate calculated in each projection year.
3. Future recognition of currently deferred asset gains or losses is reflected in the projection.

Tables 16 shows the results of these projections.



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**Table 16**      **10-Year Projection of Benefit Payments and Contributions\***  
(\$ in millions)

| Year | Projected<br>Benefit<br>Payments | Projected<br>Contribution<br>Dollars |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2014 | \$ 166.2                         | \$ 141.1                             |
| 2015 | 179.1                            | 145.5                                |
| 2016 | 192.1                            | 151.4                                |
| 2017 | 205.1                            | 158.4                                |
| 2018 | 217.9                            | 164.0                                |
| 2019 | 231.2                            | 171.0                                |
| 2020 | 244.8                            | 179.6                                |
| 2021 | 258.1                            | 188.7                                |
| 2022 | 271.2                            | 198.2                                |
| 2023 | 284.0                            | 208.2                                |

*\*Benefit payments do not include administrative expenses.  
Contributions include employer and member contributions.*

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## Appendix A Actuarial Procedures and Assumptions

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This section of the report describes the actuarial procedures and assumptions used in this valuation. The assumptions used in this valuation were adopted by the SCERS Board at their June, 2011 meeting.

The actuarial assumptions used in the valuation are intended to estimate the future experience of the members of the System and of the System itself in areas that affect the projected benefit flow and anticipated investment earnings. Any variations in future experience from that expected from these assumptions will result in corresponding changes in the estimated costs of the System's benefits. Table A-1 summarizes the actuarial assumptions.

Table A-2 presents expected annual salary increases for various years of service. Tables A-3 through A-6 show rates of decrement for service retirement, disablement, mortality, and other terminations of employment. Table A-7 shows probabilities of vesting upon termination.

### Actuarial Cost Method

The actuarial valuation was prepared using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the valuation is allocated as a level percentage of the individual's projected compensation between entry age and assumed exit. The portion of this actuarial present value allocated to a valuation year is called the normal cost. The portion of this actuarial present value not provided for at a valuation date by the sum of (a) the actuarial value of the assets, and (b) the actuarial present value of future normal costs is called the unfunded actuarial accrued liability or UAAL. The UAAL is amortized as a level percentage of the projected salaries of present and future members of the System.

### Records and Data

The data used in the valuation consist of financial information; records of age, sex, service, salary, contribution rates and account balances of contributing members; and records of age, sex, and amount of benefit for retired members and beneficiaries. All of the data were supplied by the System and are accepted for valuation purposes without audit.

**Replacement of Terminated Members** The ages at entry and distribution by sex of future members are assumed to average the same as those of the present members they replace. If the number of active members should increase, it is further assumed that the average entry age of the larger group will be the same, from an actuarial standpoint, as that of the present group. Under these assumptions, the normal cost rates for active members will not vary with the termination of present members.

**Employer Contributions** For 2013, the total employer contribution rate for normal costs and amortization of the UAAL was 12.92% of members' salaries. The employer contribution rate is determined as of the prior year's valuation such that the combined member and employer contribution rate is sufficient to amortize the UAAL over a 30-year period. The amortization payment is based on a level percent of pay.

**Administrative Expense** The annual contribution assumed to be necessary to meet general administrative expenses of the system, excluding investment expenses, is 0.40% of members' salaries. This figure is included in the calculation of the normal cost rate.

**Valuation of Assets** The assets are valued using a five-year smoothing method based on the difference between the expected market value and the actual market value of the assets in each year. The expected market value is the prior year's market value increased with the net increase in the cash flow, all increased with interest during the past fiscal year at the expected investment return rate assumption.

**Investment Earnings** The annual rate of investment earnings of the assets of the System is assumed to be 7.75%. This rate is compounded annually and is net of investment expenses.

**Postretirement Benefit Increases** Postretirement benefit increases include:

- Automatic 1.5% Annual COLA. This benefit applies to all members.
- 65% Restoration of Purchasing Power (ROPP). The member's benefit is the greater of 65% of the annual initial benefit adjusted for CPI or their applicable benefit. This minimum benefit is available to all retirees and beneficiaries. The financial impact of the ROPP benefit is valued, assuming an annual price inflation rate of 3.5%.

Additional contingent COLA increases that were adopted in 2001, but will not be effective until the System reaches at least a 100% Funding Ratio, are not included in the valuation results.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Future Salaries</b>                  | Table A-2 illustrates the rates of future salary increases assumed for the purpose of the valuation. In addition to increases in salary due to promotions and longevity, this scale includes an assumed 4.0% per annum rate of increase in the general wage level of the membership.  |
| <b>Service Retirement</b>               | Table A-3 shows the annual assumed rates of retirement among members eligible for service retirement or reduced retirement. Separate rates are also used during the first year a member is eligible for service retirement.   |
| <b>Disablement</b>                      | The rates of disablement used in this valuation are illustrated in Table A-4. It is assumed that one-third of all disabilities are duty related and two-thirds occur while off duty.  |
| <b>Mortality</b>                        | The mortality rates used in this valuation are illustrated in Table A-5. A written description of each table used is included in Table A-1.   |
| <b>Other Terminations of Employment</b> | The rates of assumed future withdrawal from active service for reasons other than death, disability or retirement are shown for representative ages in Table A-6. Note that this assumption only applies to members who terminate and are not yet eligible for retirement.  |
| <b>Probability of Refund</b>            | <p>Terminating members may forfeit a vested right to a deferred benefit if they elect a refund of their accumulated contributions. Table A-7 gives the assumed probability, at selected ages, that a terminating member will elect to receive a refund of his accumulated contributions instead of a deferred benefit.</p> <p>If a member terminates with more than 20 years of service, there is assumed to be a 20% probability that the member will elect a refund.</p> <p>Note that the probability of refund assumption only applies to members who terminate with a vested benefit and are not yet eligible for retirement.</p> |
| <b>Interest on Member Contributions</b> | Interest on member contributions made prior to January 1, 2012 is assumed to accrue at a rate of 5.75% per annum, compounded annually. Interest on member contributions made on or after January 1, 2012 is assumed to accrue at 5.00%.   |
| <b>Portability</b>                      | The cost of portability with other public retirement systems is not included in this valuation.   |

**Probability of  
Marriage**

We assumed 60% of the active members are married or have a registered domestic partner.

**Commencement for  
Terminated Vested  
Members**

Vested members who terminate but elect to leave their contributions in the System are assumed to commence receiving benefits at age 62.

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**Table A-1 Summary of Valuation Assumptions as of January 1, 2013**

|  |  |            |
|--|--|------------|
| I. Economic assumptions  |  |            |
| A. Price inflation   |  | 3.50%      |
| B. General wage increases                                      |  | 4.00       |
| C. Investment return   |  | 7.75       |
| D. Increase in membership                                      |  | 1.00       |
| E. Interest on member accounts                                 |  | 5.75/5.00* |
| II. Demographic assumptions                                    |  |            |
| A. Salary increases due to promotion and longevity             |  | Table A-2  |
| B. Retirement  |  | Table A-3  |
| C. Disablement   |  | Table A-4  |
| D. Mortality** among contributing members                      |  | Table A-5  |
| Men  | RP 2000 Employees Table for Males, with ages set back three years.   |            |
| Women  | RP 2000 Employees Table for Females, with ages set back three years. |            |
| E. Mortality** among service retired members and beneficiaries |  | Table A-5  |
| Men  | RP2000 Combined Healthy Males, with ages set back one year.          |            |
| Women  | RP2000 Combined Healthy Females, with ages set back one year.        |            |
| F. Mortality** among disabled members                          |  | Table A-5  |
| Men  | RP2000 Disabled Males, with ages set back four years.                |            |
| Women  | RP2000 Disabled Females, with ages set back four years.              |            |
| G. Other terminations of employment                            |  | Table A-6  |
| H. Probabilities of vesting on termination                     |  | Table A-7  |

\* *Member contributions made prior to January 1, 2012 are assumed to accrue interest at 5.75%; contributions made on or after that date are assumed to accrue at 5.00%.*

\*\**All mortality tables are generational using Projection Scale AA to reflect expected future mortality improvement.*

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**Table A-2 Future Salaries**

| <b>Annual Rate of Increase</b> |                                    |              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Years of Service</b>        | <b>Promotion and<br/>Longevity</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| 0 to 1                         | 4.50%                              | 8.68%        |
| 1 to 2                         | 3.50                               | 7.64         |
| 2 to 3                         | 2.75                               | 6.86         |
| 3 to 4                         | 2.00                               | 6.08         |
| 4 to 5                         | 1.50                               | 5.56         |
| 9 to 10                        | 0.80                               | 4.83         |
| 14 to 15                       | 0.45                               | 4.47         |
| 19 to 20                       | 0.29                               | 4.30         |
| 24 to 25                       | 0.25                               | 4.26         |
| 29 to 30                       | 0.25                               | 4.26         |
| 35 or more                     | 0.25                               | 4.26         |

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**Table A-3 Retirement**

| Age          | Annual Probability            |                               |                             |                               |                               |                             |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|              | Men                           |                               |                             | Women                         |                               |                             |
|              | Eligible for Full Benefits    |                               |                             | Eligible for Full Benefits    |                               |                             |
|              | Eligible for Reduced Benefits | Less than 30 years of service | 30 years or more of service | Eligible for Reduced Benefits | Less than 30 years of service | 30 years or more of service |
| Less than 50 | 0.0%                          | 10.0%                         | 8.0%                        | 0.0%                          | 10.0%                         | 10.0%                       |
| 50           | 6.0                           | 10.0                          | 10.0                        | 5.0                           | 10.0                          | 12.0                        |
| 51           | 6.0                           | 10.0                          | 10.0                        | 5.0                           | 10.0                          | 12.0                        |
| 52           | 6.0                           | 12.0                          | 12.0                        | 5.0                           | 10.0                          | 12.0                        |
| 53           | 5.0                           | 9.0                           | 12.0                        | 4.0                           | 10.0                          | 12.0                        |
| 54           | 5.0                           | 8.0                           | 12.0                        | 5.0                           | 10.0                          | 13.0                        |
| 55           | 6.0                           | 10.0                          | 12.0                        | 5.0                           | 10.0                          | 15.0                        |
| 56           | 6.0                           | 8.0                           | 12.0                        | 5.0                           | 10.0                          | 13.0                        |
| 57           | 6.0                           | 8.0                           | 12.0                        | 5.0                           | 13.0                          | 15.0                        |
| 58           | 6.0                           | 8.0                           | 12.0                        | 5.0                           | 13.0                          | 13.0                        |
| 59           | 6.0                           | 10.0                          | 15.0                        | 8.0                           | 13.0                          | 14.0                        |
| 60           | 7.0                           | 10.0                          | 15.0                        | 8.0                           | 15.0                          | 17.0                        |
| 61           | 9.0                           | 16.0                          | 15.0                        | 13.0                          | 15.0                          | 16.0                        |
| 62           | 16.0                          | 27.0                          | 30.0                        | 18.0                          | 21.0                          | 28.0                        |
| 63           | 12.0                          | 18.0                          | 22.0                        | 13.0                          | 17.0                          | 22.0                        |
| 64           | 12.0                          | 18.0                          | 22.0                        | 13.0                          | 17.0                          | 22.0                        |
| 65           |                               | 40.0                          | 32.0                        |                               | 35.0                          | 30.0                        |
| 66           |                               | 37.0                          | 32.0                        |                               | 40.0                          | 33.0                        |
| 67           |                               | 32.0                          | 32.0                        |                               | 35.0                          | 33.0                        |
| 68           |                               | 28.0                          | 26.0                        |                               | 30.0                          | 30.0                        |
| 69           |                               | 28.0                          | 26.0                        |                               | 30.0                          | 30.0                        |
| 70           |                               | *                             | *                           |                               | *                             | *                           |

\* Immediate retirement is assumed for every person age 70 or over.



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**Table A-4    Disablement**

| Age | Annual Rates |       |
|-----|--------------|-------|
|     | Men          | Women |
| 20  | .00%         | .00%  |
| 25  | .00          | .00   |
| 30  | .04          | .04   |
| 35  | .04          | .04   |
| 40  | .05          | .05   |
| 45  | .05          | .05   |
| 50  | .08          | .08   |
| 55  | .08          | .08   |
| 60  | .08          | .08   |
| 65  | .00          | .00   |

*Note: It is assumed that one-third of all disabilities are duty related and two-thirds are non-duty related.*

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**Table A-5 Mortality**

| Age | Annual Probability*  |        |   |        |                  |        |
|-----|----------------------|--------|---|--------|------------------|--------|
|     | Contributing Members |        | Members Retired for Service<br>and Beneficiaries of Members |        | Disabled Members |        |
|     | Men                  | Women  | Men   | Women  | Men              | Women  |
| 22  | 0.03 %               | 0.02 % | 0.04 %  | 0.02 % | 2.26 %           | 0.74 % |
| 27  | 0.04                 | 0.02   | 0.04  | 0.02   | 2.26             | 0.74   |
| 32  | 0.04                 | 0.02   | 0.05  | 0.03   | 2.26             | 0.74   |
| 37  | 0.07                 | 0.04   | 0.08  | 0.05   | 2.26             | 0.74   |
| 42  | 0.10                 | 0.06   | 0.11  | 0.08   | 2.26             | 0.74   |
| 47  | 0.14                 | 0.10   | 0.16  | 0.12   | 2.26             | 0.74   |
| 52  | 0.20                 | 0.16   | 0.24  | 0.19   | 2.64             | 0.98   |
| 57  | 0.28                 | 0.23   | 0.42  | 0.31   | 3.29             | 1.45   |
| 62  | 0.44                 | 0.36   | 0.77  | 0.58   | 3.93             | 1.97   |
| 67  | 0.70                 | 0.54   | 1.44  | 1.10   | 4.66             | 2.53   |
| 72  | N/A                  | N/A    | 2.46  | 1.86   | 5.69             | 3.32   |
| 77  | N/A                  | N/A    | 4.22  | 3.10   | 7.33             | 4.58   |
| 82  | N/A                  | N/A    | 7.20  | 5.08   | 9.76             | 6.35   |
| 87  | N/A                  | N/A    | 12.28   | 8.64   | 12.83            | 8.78   |
| 92  | N/A                  | N/A    | 19.98   | 14.46  | 16.22            | 12.25  |

\*The mortality rates shown above are generationally projected on an individual basis using Projection Scale AA for the valuation.

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**Table A-6 Other Terminations of Employment Among Members Not Eligible to Retire**

| Years of Service | Annual Rates for Men | Annual Rates for Women |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 0 to 1           | 7.0%                 | 8.5%                   |
| 1 to 2           | 6.5                  | 8.3                    |
| 2 to 3           | 6.3                  | 8.0                    |
| 3 to 4           | 6.0                  | 7.8                    |
| 4 to 5           | 5.5                  | 7.5                    |
| 5 to 6           | 5.0                  | 7.0                    |
| 6 to 7           | 4.5                  | 6.3                    |
| 7 to 8           | 4.0                  | 5.7                    |
| 8 to 9           | 3.6                  | 5.1                    |
| 9 to 10          | 3.2                  | 4.5                    |
| 10 to 11         | 2.8                  | 4.0                    |
| 11 to 12         | 2.5                  | 3.5                    |
| 12 to 13         | 2.3                  | 3.2                    |
| 13 to 14         | 2.0                  | 2.9                    |
| 14 to 15         | 1.8                  | 2.6                    |
| 15 to 16         | 1.6                  | 2.3                    |
| 16 to 17         | 1.4                  | 2.0                    |
| 17 to 18         | 1.2                  | 1.7                    |
| 18 to 19         | 1.1                  | 1.4                    |
| 19 to 20         | 1.0                  | 1.2                    |
| 20 to 21         | 0.9                  | 1.1                    |
| 21 to 22         | 0.8                  | 1.0                    |
| 22 to 23         | 0.8                  | 0.9                    |
| 23 to 24         | 0.7                  | 0.8                    |
| 24 to 25         | 0.7                  | 0.8                    |
| 25 to 26         | 0.6                  | 0.7                    |
| 26 to 27         | 0.6                  | 0.7                    |
| 27 to 28         | 0.5                  | 0.6                    |
| 28 to 29         | 0.5                  | 0.6                    |
| 29 to 30         | 0.4                  | 0.5                    |
| 30 and up        | 0.5                  | 0.5                    |

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**Table A-7 Probability of Refund**

| Age | Probabilities of Refund<br>upon Termination* |
|-----|--|
| 25  | 70.0%  |
| 30  | 65.0   |
| 35  | 55.0   |
| 40  | 48.0   |
| 45  | 43.0   |
| 50  | 38.0   |
| 55  | 36.0   |
| 60  | 40.0   |

*\* If service is 20 or more years at termination,  
probability of refund is equal to 20%.*

# Seattle City Employees' Retirement System Actuarial Valuation

## Appendix B Provisions of Governing Law

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All actuarial calculations are based upon our understanding of the provisions governing the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System, Chapter 4.36 of the Seattle City Code. The benefit and contribution provisions are summarized briefly below, along with corresponding references to the City code. This summary encompasses the major provisions of the System; it does not attempt to cover all of the detailed provisions.

### Effective Date

The effective date of the retirement system was July 1, 1929.  
(Section 4.36.080)

### Members' Contribution Rate

The members' contribution rate is 10.03% of salary as of January, 2012. Certain members who were contributing at a lower rate on June 23, 1972 continue to contribute at a lower rate.  
(Section 4.36.110A)

### City Contribution Rate

The City contribution rate is the amount that is actuarially determined to be necessary to fund that portion of the retirement allowances not covered by the members' contributions. This amount shall be at least the members' contribution rate.  
(Sections 4.36.110C and 4.36.170)

### Final Compensation

Final compensation is based on highest average compensation (excluding overtime) during any consecutive 24 months.  
(Sections 4.36.040C and 4.36.050B)

### Service Retirement

#### *Eligibility*

30 years of service;

Age 52 and 20 years of service;

Age 57 and 10 years of service; or

Age 62 and 5 years of service.

#### *Normal Form*

Straight life benefit.

#### *Optional Forms*

Actuarial equivalent according to the mortality and interest basis adopted by the Retirement Board for such purposes.

**Service Retirement  
(continued)**

*Amount of Allowance*

The total monthly allowance is generally 2% times final compensation times total years of creditable service.

However, if the member does not qualify in one of the following ways, the 2% factor is reduced by 0.1% for each year that retirement precedes the earliest date the member would be:

- (a) any age with 30 years of service.
- (b) age 51-59, providing the member's age and years of service total 80 or more.
- (c) age 60 or older with 20 years of service.
- (d) age 65 or older with five years of service.

The reduction is somewhat less than 0.1% for members with less than 20 years of service.

For those hired on or after January 1, 1988, creditable service excludes the first six months of service.

*Maximum Allowance*

The formula-based retirement allowance (as described above) of any member shall be limited to 60% of final compensation, except where the minimum allowance described below applies.

*Minimum Allowance*

A monthly benefit based on twice the actuarial value of accumulated member contributions. This is not subject to the 60% of final compensation maximum.  
(Sections 4.36.200, 4.36.210 and 4.36.260)

Note: Effective January 1, 2011, the conversion of the contributions to an annuity benefit in the minimum allowance reflects option factors that use the new mortality rates.

## Disability Retirement

### *Eligibility*

Ten years of service credited within the 15 years preceding disability retirement. If disablement occurs in the course of City employment, there is no service requirement.

### *Normal Form*

Modified cash refund annuity. An optional survivor's benefit is available if the spouse is the beneficiary.

### *Amount of Allowance*

The total monthly disability allowance is the greater of:

- (a) 1.5% times final compensation times completed years of creditable service.
- (b) 1.5% times final compensation times total years of creditable service that could have been earned to age 62, but not to exceed one-third of final compensation.

### *Maximum Allowance*

The maximum disability allowance is 60% of final compensation.

### *Minimum Allowance*

The minimum disability allowance is \$140 per month.

(Sections 4.36.220 and 4.36.230)

## Death Benefits

### *Retired Members*

Death benefits to retired members are payable according to the form of retirement allowance elected.

### *Active Members*

- (a) Payment to the beneficiary of accumulated contributions, including interest; or
- (b) If the member had completed 10 years of service at the time of death, a surviving spouse or a registered domestic partner may elect to receive, in place of (a) above, either:
  - (1) A monthly allowance for life equal to the benefit the spouse would have received had the member just retired with a 100% contingent annuitant option in force; or
  - (2) A cash payment of no more than one-half of the member's accumulated contributions, along with a correspondingly reduced retirement allowance.

(Section 4.36.270)

## Withdrawal Benefits

### *Form*

Payment of accumulated contributions, with interest.

(Section 4.36.190)

**Vested Withdrawal  
Benefits**

*Eligibility*

Five years of service.

*Amount of Allowance*

Same as service retirement benefit.

*Benefits Commence*

Age 52, if 20 or more years of service;

Age 57, if 10-19 years of service; or

Age 62, regardless of years of service.

(Section 4.36.200)

**Postretirement  
Benefit Increases**

*Provisions*

Effective January 1, 2007, the City Council adopted a 65% Restoration of Purchasing Power benefit and an automatic 1.5% annual COLA to all members.

If the System reaches a 100% Funding Ratio, the restoration amount increases to 70%.

(Sections 4.36.155 and 4.36.215)

**Death Benefit  
System**

*Eligibility*

Mandatory for all active members; optional for retired members.

*Benefits*

\$2,000 upon the death of an active member or a participating retired member.

*Assessment*

Members pay an assessment of \$12 per year; the City pays a matching amount. If these assessments are not adequate, additional amounts may be transferred from the interest earnings in the retirement fund.

(Sections 4.36.320 and 4.36.330)

**Additional  
Contributions**

*Provisions*

Members may voluntarily make contributions in excess of the regular rate; these are make-up contributions that apply only in specific situations.

*Retirement Benefit*

A monthly annuity which is the actuarial equivalent of accumulated additional contributions with interest.

*Other Benefits*

Accumulated additional contributions, with interest, generally become payable upon termination other than retirement.

(Sections 4.36.030 and 4.36.210)



## Seattle City Employees' Retirement System Actuarial Valuation

### Appendix C Valuation Data

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This valuation is based upon the membership of the system as of January 1, 2013. Membership data were supplied by the System and accepted for valuation purposes without audit. However, extensive tests were performed to ensure that the data are sufficiently accurate for valuation purposes.

The data for all contributing members, former contributing members, and their survivors are summarized in Table C-1.

Tables C-2 through C-4 present distributions of members receiving service retirement benefits, members receiving disability retirement benefits, and survivors receiving benefits. Shown in the tables are the numbers of persons receiving benefits, the total annual benefits received (including payments for the annual bonus), and the average annual benefit per recipient.

Table C-5 contains summaries of the data for contributing members. Values shown in the tables are the numbers of members and their total and average annual salaries.

The valuation also includes liabilities attributable to members who have terminated employment but have neither retired nor withdrawn their contributions.

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**Table C-1 Summary of Membership Data**

|                 | Contributing Members |                              |                         | Annuitants |                              |                         |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                 | Number               | Annual Salaries<br>(\$1,000) | Average Annual Salaries | Number     | Annual Benefits<br>(\$1,000) | Average Annual Benefits |
| January 1, 2013 | 8,465                | \$ 579,396                   | \$ 68,449               | 5,742      | \$ 137,836                   | \$ 24,006               |
| January 1, 2012 | 8,430                | 560,412                      | 66,476                  | 5,580      | 128,645                      | 23,056                  |
| January 1, 2011 | 8,599                | 569,472                      | 66,225                  | 5,428      | 118,920                      | 21,909                  |
| January 1, 2010 | 9,071                | 596,892                      | 65,802                  | 5,304      | 108,886                      | 20,529                  |
| January 1, 2008 | 8,842                | 529,062                      | 59,835                  | 5,201      | 102,772                      | 19,760                  |
| January 1, 2006 | 8,521                | 468,096                      | 54,934                  | 5,011      | 83,988                       | 16,761                  |
| January 1, 2004 | 8,382                | 441,562                      | 52,680                  | 4,876      | 74,341                       | 15,246                  |
| January 1, 2002 | 8,758                | 418,908                      | 47,831                  | 4,733      | 61,801                       | 13,058                  |
| January 1, 2000 | 8,669                | 382,620                      | 44,137                  | 4,681      | 55,542                       | 11,865                  |
| January 1, 1999 | 7,779                | 333,984                      | 42,934                  | 4,644      | 52,482                       | 11,301                  |
| January 1, 1998 | 7,926                | 329,028                      | 41,512                  | 4,649      | 50,394                       | 10,840                  |



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### Inactive Lives

**Table C-2 Members Receiving Service Retirement Benefits as of January 1, 2013**

|                                 | <50  | 50-54     | 55-59     | 60-64     | 65-69     | 70-74     | 75-79     | 80-84     | 85-89     | 90+       | Totals    |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of Persons               |      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Male                            | 1    | 13        | 114       | 439       | 733       | 545       | 396       | 260       | 227       | 154       | 2,882     |
| Female                          | 0    | 24        | 132       | 399       | 540       | 307       | 199       | 140       | 129       | 100       | 1,970     |
| Total                           | 1    | 37        | 246       | 838       | 1,273     | 852       | 595       | 400       | 356       | 254       | 4,852     |
| Annual Benefits<br>in Thousands |      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Male                            | \$ * | \$ 624    | \$ 4,290  | \$ 15,357 | \$ 20,741 | \$ 15,238 | \$ 9,673  | \$ 5,940  | \$ 4,943  | \$ 2,730  | \$ 79,536 |
| Female                          | 0    | 820       | 4,479     | 11,723    | 12,902    | 6,696     | 3,572     | 2,316     | 1,671     | 999       | 45,178    |
| Total                           | 0    | 1,444     | 8,769     | 27,080    | 33,643    | 21,934    | 13,245    | 8,256     | 6,614     | 3,729     | 124,714   |
| Average Annual<br>Benefits      |      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Male                            | \$ * | \$ 48,000 | \$ 37,632 | \$ 34,982 | \$ 28,296 | \$ 27,960 | \$ 24,427 | \$ 22,846 | \$ 21,775 | \$ 17,727 | \$ 27,598 |
| Female                          | 0    | 34,167    | 33,932    | 29,381    | 23,893    | 21,811    | 17,950    | 16,543    | 12,953    | 9,990     | 22,933    |
| Total                           | 0    | 39,027    | 35,646    | 32,315    | 26,428    | 25,744    | 22,261    | 20,640    | 18,579    | 14,681    | 25,704    |

\* Benefit amounts for groups with only one member not shown.



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### Inactive Lives

**Table C-3 Members Receiving Disability Retirement Benefits as of January 1, 2013**

|                                 | <50    | 50-54  | 55-59     | 60-64     | 65-69     | 70-74     | 75-79     | 80-84     | 85-89    | 90+       | Totals |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Number of Persons               |        |        |           |           |           |           |           |           |          |           |        |
| Male                            | 0      | 1      | 5         | 3         | 5         | 4         | 4         | 4         | 3        | 3         | 32     |
| Female                          | 2      | 5      | 11        | 4         | 1         | 4         | 2         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 31     |
| Total                           | 2      | 6      | 16        | 7         | 6         | 8         | 6         | 5         | 3        | 4         | 63     |
| Annual Benefits<br>in Thousands |        |        |           |           |           |           |           |           |          |           |        |
| Male \$                         | 0 \$   | * \$   | 85 \$     | 46 \$     | 68 \$     | 47 \$     | 48 \$     | 54 \$     | 21 \$    | 30 \$     | 399    |
| Female                          | 40     | 75     | 179       | 69        | *         | 40        | 23        | *         | 0        | *         | 426    |
| Total                           | 40     | 75     | 264       | 115       | 68        | 87        | 71        | 54        | 21       | 30        | 825    |
| Average Annual Benefits         |        |        |           |           |           |           |           |           |          |           |        |
| Male \$                         | 0 \$   | * \$   | 17,000 \$ | 15,333 \$ | 13,600 \$ | 11,750 \$ | 12,000 \$ | 13,500 \$ | 7,000 \$ | 10,000 \$ | 12,469 |
| Female                          | 20,000 | 15,000 | 16,273    | 17,250    | *         | 10,000    | 11,500    | *         | 0        | *         | 13,742 |
| Total                           | 20,000 | 12,500 | 16,500    | 16,429    | 11,333    | 10,875    | 11,833    | 10,800    | 7,000    | 7,500     | 13,081 |

\* Benefit amounts for groups with only one member not shown.



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**Table C-4 Survivors Receiving Retirement Benefits as of January 1, 2013\***

|                                 | <50    | 50-54  | 55-59     | 60-64    | 65-69     | 70-74    | 75-79     | 80-84    | 85-89    | 90+      | Totals |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Number of Persons               |        |        |           |          |           |          |           |          |          |          |        |
| Male                            | 0      | 1      | 10        | 3        | 6         | 9        | 3         | 7        | 3        | 4        | 46     |
| Female                          | 8      | 7      | 25        | 47       | 63        | 48       | 72        | 102      | 147      | 178      | 697    |
| Total                           | 8      | 8      | 35        | 50       | 69        | 57       | 75        | 109      | 150      | 182      | 743    |
| Annual Benefits<br>in Thousands |        |        |           |          |           |          |           |          |          |          |        |
| Male \$                         | 0 \$   | * \$   | 169 \$    | 18 \$    | 117 \$    | 79 \$    | 43 \$     | 38 \$    | 21 \$    | 28 \$    | 513    |
| Female                          | 88     | 88     | 498       | 743      | 1,084     | 813      | 1,116     | 1,538    | 2,166    | 2,375    | 10,509 |
| Total                           | 88     | 88     | 667       | 761      | 1,201     | 892      | 1,159     | 1,576    | 2,187    | 2,403    | 11,022 |
| Average Annual<br>Benefits      |        |        |           |          |           |          |           |          |          |          |        |
| Male \$                         | 0 \$   | * \$   | 16,900 \$ | 6,000 \$ | 19,500 \$ | 8,778 \$ | 14,333 \$ | 5,429 \$ | 7,000 \$ | 7,000 \$ | 11,152 |
| Female                          | 11,000 | 12,571 | 19,920    | 15,809   | 17,206    | 16,938   | 15,500    | 15,078   | 14,735   | 13,343   | 15,077 |
| Total                           | 11,000 | 11,000 | 19,057    | 15,220   | 17,406    | 15,649   | 15,453    | 14,459   | 14,580   | 13,203   | 14,834 |

\* Benefit amounts for groups with only one member not shown.

Note: In addition, 26 male survivors are receiving \$334,223 and 58 female survivors are receiving \$940,722 in Option B or Option C benefits for a certain period only.



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### Active Lives

**Table C-5 Distribution of Employees and Salaries as of January 1, 2013**

#### Number of Employees - By Age Group - Males

| Nearest<br>Year of<br>Service | <20      | 20-24     | 25-29      | 30-34      | 35-39      | 40-44      | 45-49      | 50-54      | 55-59      | 60-64      | 65-69      | 70+       | Totals       |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 0                             |          | 10        | 12         | 17         | 16         | 18         | 8          | 13         | 13         | 12         | 2          | 2         | 123          |
| 1                             |          | 15        | 35         | 38         | 44         | 33         | 29         | 22         | 23         | 7          | 2          | 2         | 250          |
| 2                             | 1        | 6         | 11         | 10         | 18         | 16         | 14         | 8          | 10         | 8          | 3          | 2         | 107          |
| 3-4                           |          | 9         | 47         | 54         | 54         | 57         | 62         | 48         | 38         | 24         | 6          |           | 399          |
| 5-9                           |          | 3         | 71         | 171        | 210        | 196        | 177        | 175        | 133        | 80         | 32         | 5         | 1,253        |
| 10-14                         |          |           | 1          | 29         | 104        | 143        | 176        | 173        | 164        | 105        | 38         | 12        | 945          |
| 15-19                         |          |           |            | 1          | 5          | 74         | 98         | 91         | 102        | 63         | 25         | 6         | 465          |
| 20-24                         |          |           |            |            |            | 16         | 81         | 125        | 125        | 85         | 28         | 3         | 463          |
| 25-29                         |          |           |            |            |            |            | 13         | 67         | 96         | 96         | 19         | 9         | 300          |
| 30-34                         |          |           |            |            |            |            |            | 35         | 73         | 64         | 14         | 1         | 187          |
| 35-39                         |          |           |            |            |            |            |            | 3          | 31         | 30         | 23         | 2         | 89           |
| 40+                           |          |           |            |            |            |            |            |            | 1          | 13         | 17         | 9         | 40           |
| <b>Totals</b>                 | <b>1</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>177</b> | <b>320</b> | <b>451</b> | <b>553</b> | <b>658</b> | <b>760</b> | <b>809</b> | <b>587</b> | <b>209</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>4,621</b> |

#### Monthly Salaries in Thousands - By Age Group - Males

| Nearest<br>Year of<br>Service | <20      | 20-24      | 25-29      | 30-34        | 35-39        | 40-44        | 45-49        | 50-54        | 55-59        | 60-64        | 65-69        | 70+        | Totals        |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| 0                             | \$       | \$ 28      | \$ 40      | \$ 88        | \$ 89        | \$ 93        | \$ 45        | \$ 77        | \$ 81        | \$ 65        | \$ 16        | \$ 12      | \$ 634        |
| 1                             |          | 45         | 158        | 208          | 243          | 172          | 169          | 137          | 159          | 50           | 14           | 8          | 1,363         |
| 2                             | 1        | 20         | 50         | 62           | 110          | 116          | 88           | 58           | 44           | 66           | 20           | 2          | 637           |
| 3-4                           |          | 25         | 217        | 299          | 319          | 329          | 356          | 272          | 208          | 117          | 30           |            | 2,172         |
| 5-9                           |          | 11         | 328        | 880          | 1,204        | 1,177        | 1,038        | 1,028        | 731          | 466          | 184          | 13         | 7,060         |
| 10-14                         |          |            | 1          | 139          | 589          | 889          | 1,089        | 1,097        | 966          | 618          | 231          | 75         | 5,694         |
| 15-19                         |          |            |            | 7            | 26           | 440          | 638          | 574          | 599          | 404          | 157          | 40         | 2,885         |
| 20-24                         |          |            |            |              |              | 99           | 520          | 789          | 861          | 521          | 177          | 14         | 2,981         |
| 25-29                         |          |            |            |              |              |              | 85           | 450          | 642          | 623          | 125          | 59         | 1,984         |
| 30-34                         |          |            |            |              |              |              |              | 244          | 515          | 447          | 99           | 9          | 1,314         |
| 35-39                         |          |            |            |              |              |              |              | 18           | 195          | 192          | 159          | 8          | 572           |
| 40+                           |          |            |            |              |              |              |              |              | 6            | 87           | 109          | 59         | 261           |
| <b>Totals</b>                 | <b>1</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>794</b> | <b>1,683</b> | <b>2,580</b> | <b>3,315</b> | <b>4,028</b> | <b>4,744</b> | <b>5,007</b> | <b>3,656</b> | <b>1,321</b> | <b>299</b> | <b>27,557</b> |



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**Active Lives**

**Table C-5 Distribution of Employees and Salaries as of January 1, 2013**

**Average Monthly Salaries - By Age Group - Males**

| Nearest<br>Year of<br>Service | <20   | 20-24    | 25-29    | 30-34    | 35-39    | 40-44    | 45-49    | 50-54    | 55-59    | 60-64    | 65-69    | 70+      | Totals   |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 0                             | \$    | \$ 2,800 | \$ 3,333 | \$ 5,176 | \$ 5,563 | \$ 5,167 | \$ 5,625 | \$ 5,923 | \$ 6,231 | \$ 5,417 | \$ 8,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 5,154 |
| 1                             |       | 3,000    | 4,514    | 5,474    | 5,523    | 5,212    | 5,828    | 6,227    | 6,913    | 7,143    | 7,000    | 4,000    | 5,452    |
| 2                             | 1,000 | 3,333    | 4,545    | 6,200    | 6,111    | 7,250    | 6,286    | 7,250    | 4,400    | 8,250    | 6,667    | 1,000    | 5,953    |
| 3-4                           |       | 2,778    | 4,617    | 5,537    | 5,907    | 5,772    | 5,742    | 5,667    | 5,474    | 4,875    | 5,000    |          | 5,444    |
| 5-9                           |       | 3,667    | 4,620    | 5,146    | 5,733    | 6,005    | 5,864    | 5,874    | 5,496    | 5,825    | 5,750    | 2,600    | 5,634    |
| 10-14                         |       |          | 1,000    | 4,793    | 5,663    | 6,217    | 6,188    | 6,341    | 5,890    | 5,886    | 6,079    | 6,250    | 6,025    |
| 15-19                         |       |          |          | 7,000    | 5,200    | 5,946    | 6,510    | 6,308    | 5,873    | 6,413    | 6,280    | 6,667    | 6,204    |
| 20-24                         |       |          |          |          |          | 6,188    | 6,420    | 6,312    | 6,888    | 6,129    | 6,321    | 4,667    | 6,438    |
| 25-29                         |       |          |          |          |          |          | 6,538    | 6,716    | 6,688    | 6,490    | 6,579    | 6,556    | 6,613    |
| 30-34                         |       |          |          |          |          |          |          | 6,971    | 7,055    | 6,984    | 7,071    | 9,000    | 7,027    |
| 35-39                         |       |          |          |          |          |          |          | 6,000    | 6,290    | 6,400    | 6,913    | 4,000    | 6,427    |
| 40+                           |       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 6,000    | 6,692    | 6,412    | 6,556    | 6,525    |
| Totals                        | 1,000 | 3,000    | 4,486    | 5,259    | 5,721    | 5,995    | 6,122    | 6,242    | 6,189    | 6,228    | 6,321    | 5,642    | 5,963    |



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Table C-5 Distribution of Employees and Salaries as of January 1, 2013

**Number of Employees - By Age Group - Females**

| Nearest Year of Service | <20 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65-69 | 70+ | Totals |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------|
| 0                       |     | 7     | 23    | 18    | 22    | 26    | 12    | 9     | 3     | 4     | 1     |     | 125    |
| 1                       |     | 15    | 26    | 35    | 30    | 22    | 19    | 15    | 14    | 9     | 1     |     | 186    |
| 2                       |     | 6     | 12    | 8     | 20    | 11    | 12    | 9     | 13    | 2     |       |     | 93     |
| 3-4                     |     | 11    | 26    | 55    | 48    | 43    | 29    | 29    | 28    | 23    | 4     | 3   | 299    |
| 5-9                     |     | 3     | 53    | 142   | 151   | 145   | 132   | 129   | 96    | 72    | 29    | 4   | 956    |
| 10-14                   |     |       | 3     | 30    | 78    | 125   | 137   | 129   | 117   | 67    | 32    | 12  | 730    |
| 15-19                   |     |       |       |       | 18    | 52    | 78    | 82    | 67    | 44    | 11    | 7   | 359    |
| 20-24                   |     |       |       |       | 1     | 29    | 94    | 128   | 110   | 104   | 32    | 1   | 499    |
| 25-29                   |     |       |       |       |       | 2     | 17    | 90    | 107   | 86    | 20    | 1   | 323    |
| 30-34                   |     |       |       |       |       |       |       | 27    | 66    | 55    | 18    | 3   | 169    |
| 35-39                   |     |       |       |       |       |       |       | 2     | 26    | 43    | 13    |     | 84     |
| 40+                     |     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 12    | 8     | 1   | 21     |
| Totals                  | 0   | 42    | 143   | 288   | 368   | 455   | 530   | 649   | 647   | 521   | 169   | 32  | 3,844  |

**Monthly Salaries in Thousands - By Age Group - Females**

| Nearest Year of Service | <20 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39  | 40-44  | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65-69 | 70+ | Totals |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------|
| 0                       | \$  | \$ 20 | \$ 81 | \$ 92 | \$ 121 | \$ 138 | \$ 51 | \$ 48 | \$ 12 | \$ 13 | \$ 3  |     | \$ 579 |
| 1                       |     | 40    | 106   | 151   | 165    | 125    | 83    | 83    | 74    | 53    | 7     |     | 887    |
| 2                       |     | 12    | 53    | 37    | 95     | 61     | 66    | 49    | 79    | 9     |       |     | 461    |
| 3-4                     |     | 22    | 90    | 262   | 240    | 233    | 151   | 171   | 164   | 102   | 17    | 12  | 1,464  |
| 5-9                     |     | 7     | 198   | 631   | 816    | 801    | 700   | 715   | 536   | 404   | 128   | 8   | 4,944  |
| 10-14                   |     |       | 14    | 122   | 423    | 693    | 836   | 713   | 682   | 354   | 150   | 19  | 4,006  |
| 15-19                   |     |       |       |       | 86     | 282    | 429   | 472   | 413   | 222   | 60    | 19  | 1,983  |
| 20-24                   |     |       |       |       | 4      | 145    | 557   | 722   | 649   | 612   | 163   | 1   | 2,853  |
| 25-29                   |     |       |       |       |        | 9      | 88    | 536   | 675   | 530   | 116   | 4   | 1,958  |
| 30-34                   |     |       |       |       |        |        |       | 175   | 384   | 322   | 113   | 18  | 1,012  |
| 35-39                   |     |       |       |       |        |        |       | 12    | 140   | 239   | 75    |     | 466    |
| 40+                     |     |       |       |       |        |        |       |       |       | 57    | 51    | 5   | 113    |
| Totals                  | 0   | 101   | 542   | 1,295 | 1,950  | 2,487  | 2,961 | 3,696 | 3,808 | 2,917 | 883   | 86  | 20,726 |



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Table C-5 Distribution of Employees and Salaries as of January 1, 2013

Average Monthly Salaries - By Age Group - Females

| Nearest<br>Year of<br>Service | <20      | 20-24    | 25-29    | 30-34    | 35-39    | 40-44    | 45-49    | 50-54    | 55-59    | 60-64    | 65-69 | 70+   | Totals   |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|----------|
| 0                             | \$ 2,857 | \$ 3,522 | \$ 5,111 | \$ 5,500 | \$ 5,308 | \$ 4,250 | \$ 5,333 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 3,250 | \$ 3,000 |       |       | \$ 4,632 |
| 1                             | 2,667    | 4,077    | 4,314    | 5,500    | 5,682    | 4,368    | 5,533    | 5,286    | 5,889    | 7,000    |       |       | 4,769    |
| 2                             | 2,000    | 4,417    | 4,625    | 4,750    | 5,545    | 5,500    | 5,444    | 6,077    | 4,500    |          |       |       | 4,957    |
| 3-4                           | 2,000    | 3,462    | 4,764    | 5,000    | 5,419    | 5,207    | 5,897    | 5,857    | 4,435    | 4,250    | 4,000 |       | 4,896    |
| 5-9                           | 2,333    | 3,736    | 4,444    | 5,404    | 5,524    | 5,303    | 5,543    | 5,583    | 5,611    | 4,414    | 2,000 |       | 5,172    |
| 10-14                         |          | 4,667    | 4,067    | 5,423    | 5,544    | 6,102    | 5,527    | 5,829    | 5,284    | 4,688    | 1,583 |       | 5,488    |
| 15-19                         |          |          |          | 4,778    | 5,423    | 5,500    | 5,756    | 6,164    | 5,045    | 5,455    | 2,714 |       | 5,524    |
| 20-24                         |          |          |          | 4,000    | 5,000    | 5,926    | 5,641    | 5,900    | 5,885    | 5,094    | 1,000 |       | 5,717    |
| 25-29                         |          |          |          |          |          | 4,500    | 5,176    | 5,956    | 6,308    | 6,163    | 5,800 | 4,000 | 6,062    |
| 30-34                         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 6,481    | 5,818    | 5,855    | 6,278 | 6,000 | 5,988    |
| 35-39                         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 6,000    | 5,385    | 5,558    | 5,769 |       | 5,548    |
| 40+                           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | 4,750    | 6,375 | 5,000 | 5,381    |
| Totals                        |          | 2,405    | 3,790    | 4,497    | 5,299    | 5,466    | 5,587    | 5,695    | 5,886    | 5,599    | 5,225 | 2,688 | 5,392    |

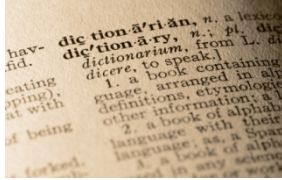


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## Appendix D Glossary

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The following definitions are largely excerpts from a list adopted in 1981 by the major actuarial organizations in the United States. In some cases the definitions have been modified for specific applicability to the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System. Defined terms are capitalized throughout this Appendix.

### **Accrued Benefit**

The amount of an individual's benefit (whether or not vested) as of a specific date, determined in accordance with the terms of a pension plan and based on compensation and service to that date.

### **Actuarial Accrued Liability**

That portion, as determined by a particular Actuarial Cost Method, of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses which is not provided for by future Normal Costs.

### **Actuarial Assumptions**

Assumptions as to the occurrence of future events affecting pension costs, such as: mortality, withdrawal, disablement, and retirement; changes in compensation, rates of investment earnings, and asset appreciation or depreciation; procedures used to determine the Actuarial Value of Assets; and other relevant items.

### **Actuarial Cost Method**

A procedure for determining the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses and for developing an actuarially equivalent allocation of such value to time periods, usually in the form of a Normal Cost and an Actuarial Accrued Liability.

### **Actuarial Gain (Loss)**

A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon a set of Actuarial Assumptions during the period between two Actuarial Valuation dates, as determined in accordance with a particular Actuarial Cost Method.

### **Actuarial Present Value**

The value of an amount or series of amounts payable or receivable at various times, determined as of a given date by the application of a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions.

### **Actuarial Valuation**

The determination, as of a valuation date, of the Normal Cost, Actuarial Accrued Liability, Actuarial Value of Assets, and related Actuarial Present Values for a pension plan.

### **Actuarial Value of Assets**

The value of cash, investments and other property belonging to a pension plan, as used by the actuary for the purpose of an Actuarial Valuation.

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| <b>Actuarially Equivalent</b>               | Of equal Actuarial Present Value, determined as of a given date with each value based on the same set of Actuarial Assumptions.  |
| <b>Amortization Payment</b>                 | That portion of the pension plan contribution that is designed to pay interest on and to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability or (UAAL).  |
| <b>Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method</b>      | A method under which the Actuarial Present Value of the Projected Benefits of each individual included in an Actuarial Valuation is allocated on a level basis over the earnings of the individual between entry age and assumed exit ages. The portion of this Actuarial Present Value allocated to a valuation year is called the Normal Cost. The portion of this Actuarial Present Value not provided for at a valuation date by the Actuarial Present Value of future Normal Costs is called the Actuarial Accrued Liability. |
| <b>Normal Cost</b>                          | That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses which is allocated to a valuation year by the Actuarial Cost Method.   |
| <b>Projected Benefits</b>                   | Those pension plan benefit amounts which are expected to be paid at various future times under a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions, taking into account such items as the effect of advancement in age and past and anticipated future compensation and service credits.   |
| <b>Surplus Funding</b>                      | The excess of the Actuarial Value of Assets over the Actuarial Accrued Liability.  |
| <b>Unaccrued Benefit</b>                    | The excess of an individual's Projected Benefits over the Accrued Benefits as of a specified date.   |
| <b>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability</b> | The excess of the Actuarial Accrued Liability over the Actuarial Value of Assets.  |