

BROWARD COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



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HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION TO CUT RETIREE BENEFITS

Hollywood, Fla. June 4, 2014 – The BCPBA is calling for urgent action on the part of retirees of the Hollywood Police Department to demand that the Hollywood City Commission vote down a resolution being considered that would cut retiree benefits by ending what is called “The 13th Check.”

The City Commission will be meeting today (June 4th), beginning at 1pm to vote on resolution item R 2014-131 which, if there is a yes vote, will essentially end an agreed upon benefit that has been in place for many years and was part of the collective bargaining agreement that the city administration had agreed upon.

“Hollywood officers went through years of negotiations and reduced salary increases as a trade-off to receive better health care, pension benefits, and the “13th check”, which is not even guaranteed and is only received after a certain level of growth in the pension fund is met. A yes vote would be a step in taking away hard earned benefits and would be a slap in the face to retirees. If this becomes a yes vote, even current officers who are not affected by this action will never truly know if promises by the city will actually stand the test of time.” Stated Jeff Marano, President of the BCPBA.

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The Broward County Police Benevolent Association is a non-profit organization providing labor relations assistance and collective bargaining services for its members. The PBA’s mission is to promote professionalism in law enforcement and to protect the rights and privileges of individual law enforcement officers and civilian employees, as well as to keep citizens informed of the challenges facing law enforcement today.