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Aloha Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tamamoto and members of the Salary Commission,

I am extremely disappointed to learn that the Salary Commission still plans to consider proposed salary increases for top city officials and city councilmembers on Thursday.

I am against these pay increases and I will vote against this initiative when it comes before the City Council. The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed more than 200,000 people out of work in Hawai'i, now is not the time for top public officials to get pay raises. Government needs to scale back, support residents and businesses and focus on essential services until our economy starts to recover. Government leaders should not be giving themselves pay raises when people are struggling to pay rent or buy food and medicine. I urge your commission to reconsider this proposal so the City can refocus resources and reprioritize getting residents healthy and back to work.

With Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kym Pine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kym Pine  
Councilmember  
Honolulu City Council