

# ***TallahasseeVoices***

## **Severance Pay to Past Local Government Employees June 14, 2007**

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# Should local government pay severance to past employees?

- By about a 3 to 1 margin citizens oppose local government severance to past employees.

City and County governments have paid over \$1,000,000 in severance pay to past employees who have resigned, been fired, or left for personal reasons. County Administrator, Parwez Alam says severance pay has “saved significant money” by “avoiding legal lawsuits” with past employees. Others contend that there is no reason to pay hush money to past employees if the employees have been treated fairly. Do you support or oppose local governments paying severance pay to employees?

