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Saving for the future while taking care of our employees now Statement from Alderwoman Lewis October 30, 2018

With more than \$13 million in pension savings announced by Mayor Barrett, we have a unique opportunity with our 2019 budget. I agree with the idea of maintaining a reserve; however, we must balance that with retaining our quality municipal employees.

My budget amendment would take \$1 million from the Pension Reserve Fund to apply toward a 1% annual increase for our city's Group A workers: technicians, paraprofessionals, administrative support, skilled craft and service and maintenance sections.

As the City of Milwaukee is losing far too many employees to other entities (whether it be the County, State, other municipalities or the private sector) we must take action now to be a competitive employer and ensure talented workers remain. City government is like no different than a private company or a sports team; it requires quality people who are invested in their group's success. As Milwaukee continues to see increased economic development, the services required to properly accommodate residents, visitors, and businesses are vast. And we rely on a talented workforce to execute these City services.

Quite simply the money from my budget amendment would go directly to the employees for all the hard work they do each and every day.

And to the City workers themselves, if you don't hear it enough, we appreciate you, our City appreciates you, and we wouldn't be as great a City as we are without you! Salute.

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