

LA MAYOR CALLS FOR 'SHARED SACRIFICE' TO SAVE JOBS



Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa wants city workers to consider a shorter work week, or paying more toward their retirement benefits, to help avert hundreds of layoffs. At a City Hall news conference, Villaraigosa said his plan calls for "shared sacrifice" at a time of crisis. Even after deep cuts, the city faces the possibility of losing 2,800 jobs. Villaraigosa says the city could save 580 of those jobs, if every city employee worked one less hour per week. Villaraigosa says about 1,300 jobs could be saved if workers cut back one hour per week *and* contribute 2% more toward their retirement benefits.

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