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## Chula Vista council members approve raises for themselves.

The salary increases will cost the city's general fund \$18,500 in fiscal year 2024-25

By [Tammy Murga](#) Reporter

Jan. 15, 2024 4:15 PM PT

The Chula Vista City Council last week authorized salary raises for itself.

**The four part-time council members got a nearly 3 percent raise, with their annual pay to \$62,954.**

The raises, which are retroactive to July 2023, will cost the city's general fund a total of \$18,506 in fiscal year 2024-25,

**which will be fully offset by property tax revenues, according to city staff.**

Chula Vista officials approved in October 2022 extending **Maria Kachadoorian's contract through 2025 with salary increases of 5 percent per year.**

**Her salary jumped to \$315,000 in June and it is expected to hike to \$330,700 this year.**

**Former deputy city manager sues city of Chula Vista over \$199K in unpaid severance. Eric Crockett claims the city withheld the money when he refused to sign a separation agreement.**

BY TAMMY MURGAREPORTER MARCH 29, 2024 11:31 AM PT

CHULA VISTA —Eric Crockett, a former deputy city manager and director of economic development for Chula Vista, is suing the city, alleging the municipality owes him thousands of dollars in unpaid severance after he was fired in December.

According to the 26-page complaint filed last week in San Diego Superior Court, Crockett's employment with the city ended on Dec. 5 during a meeting with City Manager Maria Kachadoorian and Assistant City Attorney Megan McClurg.

**Kachadoorian allegedly told him that he was being fired because “he was not a good ‘fit’**

**(without cause and for the convenience of the City)” and that he would be paid \$198,762 in severance pay, the complaint said.**

Crockett's attorney, Michael Campbell, declined to comment. The city also declined.

Crockett said the severance pay was required by his contract, so he refused to sign the agreement and told the city any attempt to link the two was “illegal and unethical.”

**Additionally, Crockett says he was discriminated against based on his gender.**