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KENOSHA GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RAKE IN HUGE SALARIES AND LAVISH, GOLD-PLATED PENSIONS

KENOSHA--A report released today by Taxpayers United of America (TUA) reveals that government employees of the City of Kenosha, County of Kenosha, and Kenosha School District are receiving huge salaries and that their estimated *pension* benefits in many cases are larger than salaries in the private sector.

“At the top of the Top 100 Kenosha School District salaries is **Michele Hancock**, with an annual salary of \$195,000. The state refuses to release figures relating to pensions, and I condemn this lack of transparency. On the basis of the figures that were released, Hancock’s future annual pension including Social Security is estimated to start at a very sumptuous \$162,500. Fringe benefits, which can include pension contribution, health care, and life insurance, are estimated to be \$69,188.”

“Also at the top of the Kenosha School District Top 100 is **Joseph Mangi**, with an annual salary of \$195,000, an estimated future pension of \$162,500, and fringe benefits of \$27,270.

“The City Administrator of Kenosha, **Frank Pacetti**, is pulling in an annual salary of \$134,939, with an estimated future pension including Social Security of \$120,458 a year. **Ronald Bursek**, Dir. of Public Works is receiving \$121,351 annually, with an estimated annual pension including Social Security of \$110,946.”

“Government employees of Kenosha County also are doing very well in this recession. Of the Top 25 salaries and pensions, **Frank Volpintesta** heads the list with an annual salary of \$115,074, and an estimated pension including Social Security of \$106,552. **Frances M. Petrick** follows closely with an annual salary of \$114,529, and an estimated pension including Social Security of \$106,170.

“The Wisconsin pension system is not available under the Open Records act. This is nonsensical and public transparency demands that the public have access to pension information they are paying for.”

“Wisconsin’s pension system is making multimillionaires out of government employees at taxpayer expense,” said Tobin. “With today’s release, we are shining the spotlight on the runaway government employee benefits that **Gov. Scott Walker** has attempted to bring under control.”