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## More benefits sought for unmarried pairs



The Los Angeles City Coun-cil asked city employee benefit programs Tuesday to extend disability bene-fits and family illness leave to unmarried domes-

tic partners, including homosexual couples, and to study a possible ballot measure to extend pension benefits to domestic partners.

The requests were approved two months after the City Council voted to provide health and dental benefits to unmarried domestic partners. Only seven people have signed up for domestic partner coverage, according to Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg.

City officials said city employee benefit programs have their own boards of directors, which would

boards of directors, which would have to agree to extend benefits. To extend retirement benefits to domestic partners, a ballot measure to change the City Charter would be required, officials said.

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