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## **Public Employee Pay & Government Budgets** *Author to Discuss Hot Button Issue*

**Atlanta, GA.** – It is an issue pulled straight from the headlines: public employees and government budgets. On Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm, the Jimmy Carter Library welcomes professor and consultant Thom Reilly to discuss his new book ***Rethinking Public-Sector Compensation.***

The recent recall election battle in Wisconsin focused a light on the issue of public sector compensation. Reilly argues that the problem arose because elected officials have been too willing to keep workers happy with deferred compensation plans that would be paid long after they left office. "These pension promises are coming due, and the payments are so large the cities can't function and offer their core services," says Reilly.

Meanwhile, in California, voters in two major cities have overwhelmingly approved measures to cut retirement benefits for city workers in contests being closely watched as states and local governments throughout the country struggle with mounting pension obligations. Reilly expects the California measures may spawn similar efforts elsewhere. "The ones who are actually paying the taxes will never see these benefits in their lifetimes, so there's not a lot of sympathy in the public," he said.

Dr. Reilly is President/CEO of the Reilly Group, Inc., a strategic consulting, marketing and management firm focusing on public, private and non-profit/non-governmental organizations. He is also a Professor in the College of Health and Human Services at San Diego State University. Previously Reilly served as County Manager/CEO for Clark County, Nevada (the Las Vegas Valley) where he was responsible for the executive oversight of a government that provides both regional and municipal-type services to over 1.8 million residents and 44 million tourists per year.

Copies of *Rethinking Public-Sector Compensation* will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

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