

## HYPOCRISY: SALARY & PAY INCREASES

During his tenure as a public servant, Walker's taxpayer-footed salary has increased from \$35,070 to \$119,611. That's an increase of 241% over 17 years, a total of roughly \$1,040,328. And that's not even counting any income he received from per diems, or his taxpayer funded pension and health insurance benefits.

### June 29, 1993: Elected to State Legislature, District 14.

- 1993 State Legislative Salary = \$35,070
- 1995 State Legislative Salary = \$38,056
- 1997 State Legislative Salary = \$39,211
- 1999 State Legislative Salary = \$41,809
- 2001 State Legislative Salary = \$44,233

[<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/pubs/wb/09wb4.pdf>]

Years	Salary
1993-94	\$ 52,605
1995-96	\$ 76,112
1997-98	\$ 78,422
1999-00	\$ 83,618
2001-02	\$ 66,350
2002-03	\$ 137,640
2004-07	\$ 276,456
2008-10	\$ 269,125
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,040,328</b>

### April 30, 2002: Elected to Milwaukee County Executive.

- Approved Salary = \$128,820.
- Walker's salary = \$68,820.
- 55.6% increase over State Leg salary

[<http://county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntyAudit/Report0703.pdf>]

2003: Board increases approved county exec salary to \$129,144 for the next term beginning 2004

### April 6, 2004: Re-Elected to Milwaukee County Executive

- Approved Salary = \$129,114
- Walker's salary = \$69,114.
- 0.43% increase from 2002

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March 20, 2004: After getting caught by David Riemer, Walker sends a letter to the pension board asking that his pension benefit be calculated minus the amount of salary he returns to the county each year.

2007: County Board increases approved salary for county executive to \$129,611 for the next term beginning 2008.

March 18, 2008: Walker announces during re-election campaign that if re-elected he will scale back the amount of salary he returns to the county from \$60,000 to \$10,000.

### April 1, 2008: Re-elected to Milwaukee County Executive

- Approved salary = \$129,611  
[<http://county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntyAudit/Report0703.pdf>]
- Walker's salary = \$119,611

[<http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/29505169.html>]

- 73.06% increase from 2004

### **Tried to issue hefty raises to his top aides while county employees were laid off**

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker wants a 26% pay raise for his chief of staff, former Ald. Tom Nardelli, while bypassing traditional County Board approval in quietly issuing large pay raises over the summer to several other top aides.

Nardelli would get the biggest pay increase of top-tier county officials, a nearly \$20,000 raise to \$95,000 a year. Seven county administrators also scored increases of up to 12.5%.

Some supervisors are upset about being left out of the decision-making process for many of the raises and say Walker's timing couldn't be worse. Heavily rewarding a few top managers while Walker puts final touches on a 2009 budget that's expected to call for scores of layoffs of union workers sends a message of callous disregard, critics of the raises say.

The unannounced October layoffs of three workers in the county vehicle fleet shop, a projected year-end deficit of nearly \$6 million and a report showing county departments have held vacant more than 700 positions approved in the 2008 budget further fueled County Board discontent.

[[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 9/24/2008](#)]

### **Walker's COS Violates Own Policy on Double Dipping – is Triple-Dipping**

You've heard of double-dippers - those folks who draw a government pension while pulling down a regular government paycheck. Now meet a triple-dipper...After putting in nearly 18 years for the city as an aldermanic aide and a member of the Common Council, Nardelli is paid just under \$30,000 a year by the city pension system. Before going to work for the city, he spent more than 25 years with the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He declined last week to say how big his monthly military pension check is, stating that it's a private matter.

Then, just recently, Walker announced that Nardelli, 63, will be starting next month as his chief of staff, which will pay him \$73,153 annually. Under county rules, he will be eligible for a county pension as soon as he starts because he's over 60. If he works five years for the county without a pay increase, he could get a pension of \$5,500 to \$7,300 a year....Walker even has a policy barring workers from drawing a county pension while on the county payroll full time. No double-dipping, in other words, on the county's dime.

But the county CEO noted Friday that the policy doesn't affect his new chief of staff.

"That wouldn't apply," Walker said, "to someone outside the county system."

[[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 7/22/2007](#)]

### **Keeps Campaign Promise to Cut Salary by \$60,000...for a while**

County Executive Scott Walker wants county managers to cut their paychecks to keep next year's budget in the black. Walker, who is giving up \$60,000 of his own salary, told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel some department heads have already volunteered for salary cuts, although he named only parks director Sue Baldwin

[Associated Press, 6/13/2002]

### **But Announces During Re-Election Campaign that He's Giving Himself a Raise**

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker said Tuesday he'll scale back the amount of his paycheck he returns to the county, if he's re-elected to another term April 1. Walker will cut the sum he gives back from \$60,000 annually to \$10,000. He said he's already returned a great deal - some \$360,000 by the end of the month - and will have upped that to a total of \$400,000 by the end of the next term.

The job pays \$129,611 a year, a sum that won't change in the next term.

Walker volunteered to give back \$60,000 of that per year when he was first elected in 2002 on a reform platform that included criticism of the pay level for county executive and other county jobs. At that time, the Milwaukee County executive was paid more than the governor, which seemed out of whack, Walker said.

He has also said returning a portion of his paycheck gives him some moral authority in attempting county budget cuts.

He joked today that his decision to continue giving back nearly 47% of his salary every year has been unpopular with his wife. He said he felt it was important to still return a portion annually and that he had settled on the \$10,000 figure.

[\[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 3/19/2008\]](#)