



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: SBCERS
Department No.: 810
For Agenda Of: November 28, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Gregory Levin, CPA CEO, SBCERS
Contact Info: (805) 770 - 1120
SUBJECT: Certification of SBCERS Board of Retirement Election Results

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- A. That the Board of Supervisors approve the certification of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System ["SBCERS"] General Third Member Election, and the election of Laurie Lee to the General Third Member position of the SBCERS Board of Retirement, and
- B. That the Board of Supervisors order that no election be held for Retired Member (Eighth Member) and Alternate Retired Member (Eighth Alternate Member), of the SBCERS Board of Retirement, and direct the Clerk of the Board to cast unanimous ballots in favor of the sole nominated members, Zandra Cholmondeley for the position of Eighth Member and Gary Blair for the position of Eighth Alternate Member, of the Board of Retirement.

Summary Text:

Three nominating petitions were received for the General Third Member position of the Board of Retirement. SBCERS staff verified that all candidates' petitions were sufficient in accordance with the Trustee Elections Policy adopted by the SBCERS Board of Retirement. MK Elections Services conducted an election by mail from September 13, 2023 through October 10, 2023. Votes were tallied by MK Elections Services on October 11, 2023. The official canvass of the General Member Candidates returns is as follows:

Candidate	Votes Received
Laurie Lee (Social Services)	196
Joel Flores (General Services)	122
Julius Abanise (County Counsel)	127
Total Votes	445

Laurie Lee, the candidate with the highest number of votes, was elected to the General Third Member seat.

Only one nomination petition was received for both the Retired Eighth Member position and Alternate Retired Eighth Member position. Pursuant to the Board of Retirement policy and historical practice, those elections were not held and it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors direct the Clerk of the Board to cast unanimous ballots in favor of the sole nominees, both of whom are incumbent trustees.

Background:

The Santa Barbara County Board of Retirement consists of nine members and two alternates. Members of the Retirement System elect four members and two alternates, representing General, Safety, and Retired members of SBCERS.

The current terms of the General Third, Retired Eighth, and Alternate Retired Eighth Members end on December 31, 2023. The filing period for nominating petitions was held July 3, 2023 through August 8, 2023, and MK Election Services was engaged to conduct the election from September 13, 2023 to October 10, 2023. The re-elected General, Retired, and Alternate Retired Members will serve three-year terms beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: N/A

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Return a copy of the minute order to SBCERS for its files.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Certification of Results dated October 11, 2023, from Cesar Casillas, Senior Election Administrator of MK Election Services, to Gregory E. Levin, CPA, CEO, SBCERS.

Authored by:

Gregory Levin, SBCERS

cc:

Members, Board of Retirement