



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: CEO  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: 1/17/12  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Tme: 10 Min.  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s) Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer  
Contact Info: Michael Allen, Clerk of the Board 568-2240

**SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Appointment to the Retirement Board**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

Consider recommendations regarding the Recruitment Process for filling a vacancy on the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System.

- a) Receive and file an update on the recruitment efforts to fill the existing vacancy on the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System; and
- b) Provide direction to staff regarding the appointment process.

**Summary Text:**

As of December 31, 2011, the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System has a vacancy due to the resignation of Board Member Vanessa Patterson. In November 2011, staff was directed to initiate a recruitment process that involved the placement of display adds in newspapers of general circulation Countywide. In November and early December 2011, display adds announcing the vacancy and inviting interested individuals to apply to the position were run twice, approximately 10 days apart, in the Santa Barbara Daily Sound, the Lompoc Record, the Santa Maria Times, the Santa Ynez Valley News and the Santa Barbara Independent. The deadline for the submission of applications was set for Friday, December 23, 2011.

As of December 23, 2011, the Clerk of the Board Office had received three applications (attached) from Robert Krains, Susan Garner and Jonathan Ziegler. An additional application (attached) from Trent Benedetti was received on January 9, 2012. Previously, Supervisors Gray and Wolf, as the current and previous Board Member serving on the Retirement Board, have acted as a sub-committee reviewing the applications, and as appropriate, making a recommendation to the full Board.

This process is at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. The Board may direct a sub-committee to review the applications and make a recommendation to the Board as appropriate or the full Board can review the applications as part of a noticed item on the agenda and make the appointment. Staff is requesting direction regarding the appointment process with respect to the current recruitment.

**Background:**

The Retirement Board is composed of nine members and two alternates. One member shall be the County Treasurer. Four members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and shall be qualified electors of the County, one of which may be a member of the Board of Supervisors. One regular member and one alternate are elected by retired members of the system, one regular and one alternate are elected by safety members of the system and two regular members are elected by the general members of the system. The appointments are for three year terms.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Staffing Impacts: NA**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the Retirement Board Office of the appointment.

**Attachments:**

Applications of Robert Krains, Susan Garner, Jonathan Ziegler and Trent Benedetti.

**Authored by:**

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