



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: 12/5/2017
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 15 Min.
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer 
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SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Appointment to the Retirement Board

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

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, as follows:

- a) Receive and file an update on the existing vacancies 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, 2017, the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System will have two vacancies due to the expiring terms of Board Members Suzy Schomer and Al Rotella. In response to these anticipated vacancies, staff conducted a robust recruitment effort that included advertising the vacancy over two months in multiple editions of newspapers of general circulation countywide including the Santa Barbara News Press, Santa Barbara Independent, Santa Ynez Valley News, Lompoc Record, Santa Maria Sun and Santa Maria Times. In addition, ongoing outreach was conducted through the County home page, social media outlets and advertising on County of Santa Barbara TV Channel 20. Individual outreach was also conducted by CEO staff and members of the Board of Supervisors.

Staff is seeking direction from the Board regarding the recruitment process to fill these two terms. Al Rotella has indicated that he will not be seeking reappointment for another term. Suzi Schomer has submitted a letter of interest seeking reappointment to a three year term.

Attached (Attachment A) are the applications and/or letters of interest from the eight individuals who responded to the recruitment; Trent Benedetti, Ted Sten, Donald Benninghoven, Scott Estby, Michael Thompson, Craig Geyer, Charles Stauffer and Suzi Schomer. Any additional applications will be forwarded to the Board as appropriate. Greg Levin, CEO of the Employees Retirement System will be available at the hearing to answer questions.

The process to fill these positions is at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. One option is the establishment an ad hoc sub-committee, consisting of two Supervisors, to review the applications and return to the Board with recommendations for appointment in January, 2018. This process was used during the last round of Retirement Board appointments. Alternatively, the entire Board has previously interviewed the applicants at a regular meeting of the Board. Staff is requesting direction regarding the appointment process with respect to this 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.

Special Instructions:

None.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Applications of Trent Benedetti, Ted Sten, Donald Benninghoven, Scott Estby, Michael Thompson, Craig Geyer, Charles Stauffer and Suzi Schomer.

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