



Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System

**Gregory E. Levin, CPA**  
Chief Executive Officer

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Mona Miyasato  
County Executive Officer  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Adoption of 2020-21 Employer Contribution Rates

Dear Ms. Miyasato:

I am writing to request that the Board of Supervisors adopt the employer contribution rates for 2020-21 pursuant to Government Code Section 31454.

An actuarial valuation conducted by the Retirement System's actuary as of June 30, 2019, recommended an overall employer contribution rate increase from to 40.02% to 41.44% prior to adjustments for negotiated employee offsets of the County's contribution. After adjustment for negotiated employee offsets, the County's composite contribution rate is 39.33%.

Adjusting the rates of contribution as recommended will not reduce the individual benefits provided by either the County Employee Retirement Law of 1937 or the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) of 2013. The Board of Retirement took action at its January 22, 2020 meeting to receive the valuation and recommend the changes in contribution rates to be effective July 1, 2020.

We appreciate your assistance in placing the adoption of the rates before the Board of Supervisors. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg E. Levin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Greg E. Levin  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jeff Frapwell, Budget Director  
Maria Elena De Guevara, Human Resources Director  
Michael C. Ghizzoni, County Counsel