



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Board of Supervisors  
**Department No.:**  
**For Agenda Of:** 6-2-09  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Time:** 20 minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor, Janet Wolf, 568-2191  
4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor, Joni Gray, 737-7700

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Contact Info:

**SUBJECT:** Board of Retirement Appointee Recommendation

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors appoint Mr. Alfred Rotella to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Board of Retirement.

**Summary Text:**

The Board Ad Hoc Subcommittee comprised of Supervisors Joni Gray and Janet Wolf recommends the appointment of Mr. Alfred Rotella as a Trustee of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System Board of Retirement.

**Background:**

There are nine regular and two alternate Board of Retirement members on the Santa Barbara Employees' Retirement System (SBCERS) Board of Retirement (BOR). Four of those members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors per Government Code Section 31520.1. Section 31520.1 states that appointed members must be:

"...qualified electors of the county who are not connected with the county government in any capacity, except one may be a supervisor, and shall be appointed by the board of supervisors."

The BOR is responsible to both current and future retirees and the matters considered and voted upon by the SBCERS BOR are often complex and can have significant financial impacts on the County of Santa Barbara and its taxpayers. It was with this in mind that in February 2009, the Board of Supervisors established a process for identifying qualified appointees to the BOR and implemented an ad hoc subcommittee comprised of 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor, Janet Wolf and 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor, Joni Gray.

The process included:

- Identification of the key qualifications for BOR appointees;
- Submission of applications/resumes to the Clerk of the Board;
- Review and screening of applications and resumes from qualified applicants;
- Ad hoc committee interviews of the more highly-qualified candidates; and
- Ad hoc committee recommends candidate for appointment to the BOR to the Board of Supervisors.

Based on the above-described process, in approximately February 2009, the County began soliciting interest in appointments to the BOR. In addition to soliciting interest via the County's, the 2<sup>nd</sup> District's, and the 4<sup>th</sup> District's websites, letters were sent to BOR members appointed by the Board of Supervisors requesting referrals, and CEO/Human Resources advertised in local newspapers and sent a direct mail to local asset management companies soliciting interest in an appointment.

As a result of this process, the Clerk of the Board received nine resumes/applications from community members. The ad hoc committee reviewed the submissions of all candidates and identified several as the more highly-qualified. On May 18, 2009, the ad hoc committee interviewed the four top candidates. As a result of those interviews, the ad hoc committee is recommending that the Board of Supervisors appoint Mr. Alfred Rotella to serve as a trustee of Board of Retirement.

Mr. Rotella has over 36 years experience in the banking industry and has resided in Santa Barbara County for the past 23 years. The last 20 years of his banking career were in senior positions with Santa Barbara Bank and Trust. During his career, Mr. Rotella has overseen budgets of as much as \$30 million and over 500 employees. Mr. Rotella is highly motivated to share his finance expertise and excellent interpersonal skills as an appointee to the Board of Retirement. Mr. Rotella has indicated he has both the interest in and commitment to spend the time necessary to work effectively as a Board appointee to the BOR.

It is recommended that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors appoint Mr. Alfred Rotella to an three-year term as a trustee on the SBCERS Board of Retirement.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None.

**Attachments:**