



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: SBCERS
Department No.: 810
For Agenda Of: 9/6/2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
Lila E. Deeds
FROM: Department Lila E. Deeds, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Director(s) 568-2941
Contact Info: Thomas Bignell, Administrative Professional
568-2915
SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Retirement Elections

County Counsel Concurrence N/A

As to form:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence N/A

As to form:

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors order that no elections be held for General, Retired and Alternate Retired Members of the Board of Retirement, and direct the clerk to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the sole nominated members in their respective category.

Background and Summary:

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. Two of the Member seats and one of the Alternate Member seats ("third, eighth and alternate eighth member") will expire on December 31, 2011. An election process was initiated to fill the vacancies for the expiring terms in accordance with Government Code Section 31523. The County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor was engaged to conduct the election, and a filing period for nominating petitions was held July 5 through August 5, 2011. The Elections Supervisor has certified that only one candidate filed nomination papers per vacancy (see attached letter). The Retirement office has verified that the candidates' petitions are sufficient in accordance with the Trustee Elections Policy adopted by the Board of Retirement.

Government Code Section 31523, which provides for the filling of vacancies on the Board of Retirement, states in part as follows:

“...if an election to fill a vacancy for the second, third, seventh or eighth member has been called and only one member has been duly nominated in accordance with the rules established for the holding of such election, the board of supervisors shall order that no election be held and shall direct the clerk to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of such nominated member.”

The recommended action is mandated by this statute, and will cancel the election originally scheduled for September 2 through September 23, 2011, and seat the sole qualifying candidates as the third, eighth and alternate eighth members of the Board of Retirement effective January 2012.

Special Instructions:

Please send copies of the minute order to:
Suzanne Jackson, Elections Supervisor
Thomas Bignell, Clerk of the Board of Retirement

Attachments:

Letter dated August 17, 2011, from Suzanne Jackson, Elections Supervisor, to Lila Deeds, Interim CEO, SBCERS

Authored by:

Thomas Bignell, Administrative Professional, SBCERS

cc:

Joseph Holland, County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor and Registrar of Voters
Suzanne Jackson, Elections Supervisor
Members, Board of Retirement
Dawn E. Cieslik, Retirement Board Trustee Candidate
Zandra Cholmondeley, Retirement Board Trustee Candidate
John McMillin, Retirement Board Alternate Trustee Candidate

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JOSEPH E. HOLLAND
COUNTY CLERK, RECORDER AND ASSESSOR

August 17, 2011

Lila Deeds
Interim CEO
Santa Barbara County
Employees' Retirement System
3916 State Street, Suite 210
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Ms. Deeds,

The candidate filing period closed at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2011 for the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System Election scheduled for September 23, 2011. Only one candidate filed nomination papers for each of the three available offices; therefore, there will be no contest for any of these offices.

Dawn Cieslik filed nomination papers for the General Member seat. Zandra Cholmondeley filed nomination papers for the Retired Member seat and John McMillin filed nomination papers for the Retired Alternate seat.

It is the responsibility of the SBCERS office to determine whether these candidates qualify based on eligibility and qualifying nomination signatures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Suzanne Jackson".

Suzanne Jackson
Elections Supervisor
Santa Barbara County
Clerk, Recorder and Assessor
Elections Division