



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: SBCERS
Department No.: 810
For Agenda Of: 10/7/2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Gregory E. Levin, CPA, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Director(s) 568-2915
Contact Info: Thomas Bignell, Administrative Professional
568-2915

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Retirement Retired and Retired Alternate Election

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 election be held for Retired Member, Seat 8 or Retired Alternate Member, Seat 8A of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System ["SBCERS"] Board of Retirement, and direct the Clerk of the Board to cast unanimous ballots in favor of the sole nominated members in each category.

Background and Summary:

The SBCERS 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 ("eighth member" and "eighth alternate") will expire on December 31, 2014. An election process was initiated to fill the vacancies for the expiring term 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 7 through August 11, 2014. The Elections Supervisor has certified that only one candidate filed nomination papers in each category (see attached letter). The SBCERS staff have verified that the candidates' petitions are sufficient in accordance with the Trustee Elections Policy adopted by the SBCERS Board of Retirement.

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

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“...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 retired and retired alternate election originally scheduled for October 8, 2014, and seat the sole qualifying candidates as the eighth and eighth alternate members of the Board of Retirement effective January 2015.

For purposes of clarification, there is concurrent with the above-referenced election for Retired Member, Seat 8 and Retired Alternate Member, Seat 8A, an election to fill the one General Member seat (Seat 3) on the SBCERS Board of Retirement. The General Member election will be held, and is not intended to be impacted by the Recommended Action set forth above.

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 September 9, 2014, from Suzanne Jackson, Elections Supervisor, to Gregory E. Levin, CPA, 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
Zandra Cholmondeley, Retirement Board Trustee Candidate
John H. McMillin, Retirement Board Trustee Candidate