



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: January 9, 2018
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 Appointments 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 appointments to the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System, as follows:

- a) Appoint Ted Sten to serve on the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System, to a three term ending December 31, 2020, effective immediately; and
- b) Appoint Trent Benedetti to serve on the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System to a three year term ending December 31, 2020, effective immediately.

Summary Text:

The County Executive Office was advised by the CEO of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System that two public member positions on the Retirement Board would be vacant as of December 31, 2017, those of Suzi Schomer and Al Rotella.

Suzi Schomer was appointed to the Retirement Board in October, 2016 to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2017. Al Rotella has indicated that he would not be seeking another term creating the second vacancy.

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.

This recruitment effort resulted in applications and/or letters of interest from eight individuals; Trent Benedetti, Ted Sten, Donald Benninghoven, Scott Estby, Michael Thompson, Craig Geyer, Charles Stauffer and Suzi Schomer.

On December 5, 2017, staff requested direction from the Board on the appointment process. In response, the Board established an ad hoc committee consisting of Supervisors Hartmann and Lavagnino. The subcommittee was asked to review applications, interview the most qualified applicants and return to the Board as appropriate with recommendations for appointment.

The subcommittee met and reviewed all applications in December 2017 and after selecting the five most qualified applicants, held interviews on January 3, 2018. Recommendations a) and b) reflect the candidates chosen by the subcommittee for appointment to three year terms ending December 31, 2020, Ted Sten and Trent Benedetti. Included as Attachment A are the applications of the five final candidates. These appointments are at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

The Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System consists of nine members and two alternates. The four public member positions are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and pursuant to Government Code Section 31520.1 shall be "... qualified electors of the County who are not connected with the County Government in any capacity, except one may be a supervisor."

Background:

The Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System consists 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.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the Retirement Board Office of the appointment.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Applications of Trent Benedetti, Ted Sten, Donald Benninghoven, Charles Stauffer and Suzi Schomer.

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