



Voter Information Guide

Board of Retirement Election General Member

December 4, 2018

This Board of Retirement Election has been ordered by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors for the General Members of the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association. At the request of the Board, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters is conducting this election by mail ballot.

Your mail ballot packet includes the following:

- **Official Ballot**
- **Candidate Statements**
- **Voting and Return Instructions**
- **Official Return Envelope**

A complete list of candidates appears on your ballot. The candidate statements that appear in this guide provide each candidate an opportunity to speak to voters regarding their background, education, qualifications, and platform. Including a statement in this guide is at the option of the candidates and those who choose to do so are required to purchase the space.

Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters
777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415
(909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-8683

CANDIDATE(S) FOR GENERAL MEMBER

NAME: THOMAS C. RAMIREZ

AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Economic Development Analyst

As county employees we work hard to earn a guaranteed retirement as part of our compensation for years of serving the public. If elected, ensuring our money is available for our retirement would be my number one priority.

I have 29 years of experience working for the county in the field of Economic, Housing and Community Development creating a better quality of life for our citizens. My experience here has shown me not to make long-term projections based on short-term trends/fads. In addition, I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Real Estate from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona with extensive training in economics providing me the tools to properly evaluate investment opportunities. I will utilize my knowledge and experience to ensure the amount we as employees contribute to the retirement fund is fair and reasonable.

Ensuring the growth and stability of the retirement fund is the first and foremost job of the Board of Retirement. I feel my experience and education would be an asset to the Board of Retirement by increasing its capacity thereby strengthening the ability of the board to perform its duties of being good stewards of our money.

I appreciate your consideration of being your representative on the Board of Retirement, Sincerely,
Thomas C. Ramirez

NAME: VERE WILLIAMS

AGE: 61

OCCUPATION: Accountant / Information Management

Fellow SBCERA members, public employees' pensions are wrongfully accused of causing the financial difficulties of the County. The truth is the average pension is a modest \$36,446. I am seeking re-election to continue to fight to ensure SBCERA's resources are utilized to provide the hard earned Defined Benefits promised. When decisions are made to ensure SBCERA makes prudent investment choices, I would like to represent you. To prepare for this responsibility, I have completed Portfolio Concepts and Management at Wharton School, Principles of Pension Management at Pepperdine University and Advanced Principles of Pension Management for Trustees at UCLA. I will work with the board to ensure that each member is treated fairly and impartially. During my tenure on the board I have fought hard for members' rights.

With an Accounting/Information Management MBA, Accounting BA, Business Management AA, 33 years tax preparation, 23 years Enrolled Agent, 26 years in the finance department at ARMC along with service in several local, regional and national organizations, I have the background to be a part of the team planning strategically for the future: maximizing investment returns and minimizing the financial impact on taxpayers.

I respectfully ask for your support and vote for the Retirement Board.

NAME: PATTY DAVIS

OCCUPATION: Finance Manager, County of San Bernardino

In life, few things are guaranteed. This is why our pensions is one of the most valuable benefits of being a SBCERA member. When we retire, our pension will provide consistent, guaranteed income for ourselves, our beneficiaries and loved ones. How many of your retirement investments can make the same claim?

Over the past 17 years working at San Bernardino County on the finance side of the house, I have balanced budgets and recommended cost savings strategies to maximize returns. I coached and mentored colleagues to better understand their retirement benefits and to take an active role in attaining financial stability.

Now I wish to serve you in an official capacity on the SBCERA Board of Retirement and to advocate on your behalf.

Working for a better tomorrow!

VOTING AND RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

1. To vote, fill in the oval to the left of the candidate of your choice on your ballot.

You may write the name of a qualified write-in candidate and fill in the oval to the left of the candidate of your choice on your ballot.

Please note that any mark inside the oval constitutes a vote for the candidate.

2. Remove the stub on your ballot.
3. Place your voted ballot in the enclosed *Official Return Envelope* and seal the envelope. No other envelope may be used to return the ballot.

Do not place more than one ballot in the *Official Return Envelope*; doing so will void all ballots in the envelope.

4. Return your voted ballot to the Elections Office by:
 - a. Mail via United States Postal Service; or
 - b. Inter-Office Mail (0770); or
 - c. Personal delivery to the Elections Office located at 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino.

Your voted ballot must be received by the Elections Office **no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.**

5. If you make an error, tear or deface the ballot, or damage or lose your *Official Return Envelope*, contact the Elections Office at (909) 387-8300 for a replacement.