



FRESNO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Donald C. Kendig, CPA, Retirement Administrator

FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF RETIREMENT

ALL-MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

Dear Member:

The Board of Retirement consists of nine members and one alternate. This election includes vacancies for two **General** Members (see Term of Office below) and one **Safety** Member.

The Board of Retirement manages the investments of the retirement fund, which is worth approximately **\$4.1** billion. In addition, the Board administers the regular and disability benefits programs.

This is a very important position, and we urge you to take the time to learn about the candidate and to vote accordingly.

Sincerely,

Donald C Kendig CPA
Retirement Administrator

Notice is hereby given that an all-mail ballot election will be held on **November 16, 2017** for two **General** Members and one **Safety** Member of the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association.

Voted Ballots must be RECEIVED in the Elections office by **5:00 PM** on **November 16, 2017** to be counted.

The votes will be canvassed in the Elections Office, 2221 Kern Street, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on **November 17, 2017**.

NOTE: CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ARE PRINTED EXACTLY AS SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATE.

1. The TERM OF OFFICE is 3 years, commencing January 1, **2018** and terminating December 31, **2020** for one General Member (Seat 3) and the Safety Member (Seat 7). Due to a mid-term vacancy, the second General Member position (Seat 2) is for a partial term commencing November 20, **2017** and terminating December 31, **2018**.
2. Regular meetings are held on the FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS of each month at 8:30 a.m., Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association, Board Room, 1111 H Street, Fresno.
3. QUALIFICATIONS:
 - a) **GENERAL MEMBER** - Candidate must BE AN **ACTIVE** GENERAL MEMBER (not a Safety or Retired member) of the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association.
 - b) **SAFETY MEMBER** - Candidate must BE AN **ACTIVE** SAFETY MEMBER (not a General or Retired member) of the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association.
4. PROCEDURES:
 - a) Nomination – NOMINATION/DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY form can be obtained from the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association, 1111 H Street, Fresno or the internet website at www.fcera.org.

The petition shall include nominee name, department or district, certification of willingness to serve, and signatures of fifteen (15) Active, Deferred or Inactive **General** Members, if declaring for the **General** Member position or signatures of fifteen (15) Active, Deferred or Inactive **Safety** Members, if declaring for the **Safety** Member position. Please note that one individual may not sponsor more than one individual for each vacant position.

The nominee may submit a STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND PLATFORM not to exceed two hundred (200) words, which will be part of the ballot packet. The statement should be in an electronic format and can be e-mailed to eavalos@co.fresno.ca.us or submitted on a disk. The statement will be printed exactly as submitted, subject to the word limit and is due at the same time as the Nomination/Declaration of Candidacy form.

- b) Thursday
September 7, 2017 – First day to file NOMINATION form and STATEMENT.
- c) Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
September 27, 2017 – Last day to file NOMINATION form and STATEMENT.
- d) Thursday
October 23, 2017 – Ballot packet will be mailed to each eligible voter at his or her place of residence as on file with the Retirement Office.
- e) Thursday
November 16, 2017 – Date of election.

Ballots are to be returned to the Elections Department either by U.S. Postal Service, County messenger mail or in person by 5:00 p.m. Eligible members residing in foreign countries may contact the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters at (559) 600-3246 for alternate means of voting.

- f) Friday, 9:00 a.m.
November 17, 2017 - Election Manager shall count the ballots and certify the results.