



Voter Information Guide

Board of Retirement Election General Member

December 1, 2015

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.

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

CANDIDATE(S) FOR GENERAL MEMBER

NAME: VERE L. WILLIAMS

AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: Accounting/Incumbent

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, I would like to represent you. To prepare for this responsibility, I have completed Portfolio Concepts and Management at Wharton School and Principles of Pension Management at Pepperdine University. I will work with other board members to ensure that each member is treated fairly and impartially. During my tenure on the board I have fought hard for members.

With a Business Management AA, Accounting BA, Accounting/Information Management MBA, 31 years of tax preparation, 21 years Enrolled Agent, 24 years service 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'm endorsed by SBPEA Teamsters Local 1932.

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

NAME: JENNIE L. RANDOLPH, CPA

AGE: 52

OCCUPATION: Accountant III

As a Certified Public Accountant who chose a career in government and public service, it has been my privilege to protect and promote fiscal responsibility at the governmental level. Starting with my duties at the County of San Bernardino's Human Services Department, I have amassed a wealth of experience in governmental procurement, funding streams, integrative strategies, and departmental audits.

I developed my strong policy and governance skills over a 20-year career as a Controller, Supervising Accountant III, Professional Consultant, and (currently) an Accountant III with First 5 San Bernardino, a multi-million dollar public funder, I am an active member of the Government Finance Officers Association, CalCPA-Inland Empire Chapter, National Association of Professional Women, and Toastmasters International. My previous memberships include the National Contract Management Association, where I served as the Association's Treasurer.

It would be a privilege to represent the SBCERA membership on the SBCERA Retirement Board and use my auditing, policy development, and financial strategy skills to further SBCERA's commitment to the efficient and sound management of its members' retirement assets.

I have lived in Yucaipa with my husband for the last 11 years raising our three adult children.

NAME: MERIDA SARACHO

OCCUPATION: Clinic Supervisor

As a county Behavioral Health employee for the past 20 years, I know how hard members work to earn guaranteed retirement as part of our compensation. On a daily basis our pensions are under astounding political and public pressure. We are all concerned about retirement. Please give me the opportunity to fight to maintain our retirement with dignity as your General Member Trustee. My goal is to ensure that the Retirement Board closely monitors the investments of our hard earned money.

As a strong leader with my experience, I bring what is essential to this position: honesty, knowledge, objectivity, impartiality, and a voice to carry out my commitment to protect those hard earned benefits members deserve.

In addition to my work experience, I have a BS in Allied Health, and MS in Educational Psychology.

As your Trustee, my responsibility is to ensure that SBCERA investment decisions are made prudently while keeping a safeguard of resources to pay current and future pensions secured. I will monitor investments to ensure growth. My number one priority is to preserve and protect your present and future retirement. Therefore, I respectfully ask your vote to serve as your representative in captivity of General Member Trustee.

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, CA 92415.

Your voted ballot must be received by the Elections Office **no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.**

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.