



Voter Information Guide

Board of Retirement Election Safety Member

December 1, 2015

This Board of Retirement Election has been ordered by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors for the Safety 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.

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

CANDIDATE(S) FOR SAFETY MEMBER

NAME: BRENTON BAUM

AGE: 32

OCCUPATION: Engineer/Paramedic

Last election I ran for office in hopes of succeeding the incumbent trustee when the proper time came. I have continued this effort over the past couple years and have worked hard to prepare myself for this position. This retirement board serves a vital function for us members, and it is important that we choose trustees who properly represent our needs. Ultimately, our livelihoods in our retirement years depend on the decisions which we make now. I believe that I am the best choice to serve these interests. If I did not honestly believe this then I would not present myself as a candidate to you.

I have been with San Bernardino County Fire for over ten years and have a strong knowledge of this county's culture and its employee's needs. I currently serve the community of Lake Arrowhead and have worked in many other parts of this county. This past June I completed my Bachelor Degree in Organizational Leadership. I hold myself to a high ethical standard and will continue to do so if elected.

I would like to humbly ask for your support and vote for the retirement board safety member trustee.

NAME: JARED NEWCOMER

OCCUPATION: Engineer/Paramedic

For the past 12 years I have had the pleasure of serving the citizens of this county as a firefighter and a paramedic with the San Bernardino County Fire Department. It would be my honor to extend that dedicated service to the members of SBCERA. As an active observer of the retirement board meetings, I see first-hand the importance of strong communication skills, understanding the purpose of the retirement system, and belief in the fiduciary duty to its members. I believe I possess these key elements that are vital to the position. In addition to my duty as a public servant, I have a passion for financial well-being and investing for the future. This desire led me to obtain a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of La Verne. As your retirement representative, I will strive to ensure strength in representation for members and their families through clear communication and education to help support one of the largest financial decisions a member will experience. I believe my sense of duty, understanding of finance and investing, and strong communication skills make me your clear choice for this position. I hope to be your next retirement representative, thank you.

NAME: ANTHONY J. DECECIO

OCCUPATION: Incumbent SBCERA Safety Board Member

I am currently the elected Safety Member on the Board of Trustees for the San Bernardino County Employees Retirement Association. As member of the Board, I have attended and been engaged in meetings of the Board including my appointment to the Administrative Committee. During the past year I have attended training sponsored by the State Retirement System and the Counties Retirement Systems dealing with the fiduciary responsibilities of trustees as well as workshops on investing.

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent employees and retirees as we work diligently to ensure that our pensions will be available for our retirements, as promised. During the past year, the fund's market value has increased and I take pride in knowing my decisions have helped lead to these gains. As a Deputy Sheriff I understand the physical demands public safety (Fire and Sherriff) perform which unfortunately sometimes cause disabilities preventing them from returning to duty.

I wish to continue to be an advocate for our pension rights and would appreciate your support in voting for me as your Safety Representative.

s/ Tony DeCecio

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.