



Voter Information Guide

Board of Retirement Election General Member

December 6, 2016

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: LOUIS FIORINO

OCCUPATION: Child Support Officer

I am seeking re-election to the Board of Retirement. Your trust and support has been humbling and inspiring.

As the Vice Chairman of S.B.C.E.R.A., protecting our current assets and improving our investment return is my number one priority. Over the last 5 years our investments have returned over \$1.96 billion to the S.B.C.E.R.A. retirement fund.

It is important to have a representative that has the experience, knowledge, and leadership to make prudent decisions that will preserve the existing retirement benefit for current and future members. I have completed the Advanced Trustee Training courses on Governance, Pension Management and Investments, Alternative and Emerging Market Investments at Stanford, Wharton Business School, UCLA and U.C. Berkley. My 23 years licensed with FINRA, formerly the National Association of Securities Dealers, provides me with the necessary skills, understanding, and expertise to meet the challenges we face.

I take my responsibilities very seriously. I am asking for your support and your vote to continue to represent you on the Retirement Board.

NAME: THOMAS C. RAMIREZ

AGE: 52

OCCUPATION: ECD Analyst/EDA

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 the money we earned is available for our retirement would be my number one priority.

I have worked for the County for 27 years in the Economic and Community Development Department (ECD)/Economic Development Agency (EDA). 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 employees contribute to the retirement fund is reasonable and not just based on a once in a lifetime set of circumstances.

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 strengthen the ability of the Board of Retirement to perform its duties of being good administrators of our money.

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

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 6, 2016.**

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.