



# Voter Information Guide

## Board of Retirement Election Retired Member

**December 3, 2019**

This Board of Retirement Election has been ordered by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors for the Retired Members of the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association. At the request of the Board, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the San Bernardino County 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 Registrar of Voters**  
777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415  
(909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-8683

## CANDIDATE(S) FOR RETIRED MEMBER

**BRET HENRY**

I was the Alternate Safety Trustee on the SBCERA Board, from 2003 to 2015, at which time I retired from SB County. I completed numerous trustee training programs. I served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1981-1990 in the Intelligence field, and was an aerial gunner on U. S. Marine CH-53 helicopters. I was in public service for well over 30 years, responding when called. My experience makes me uniquely qualified for the position. I decided to run for this position because of the continued attacks on our pensions, from many sides. I'm educated, experienced, and a fighter that sits on the same side of the table as you. If given the opportunity, I am ready to hit the ground running, and contribute all my energy.

**DAWN STAFFORD**  
Incumbent

Age: 69

I have been on the Retirement Board for fourteen years, representing retirees for three terms. At times I have served as Chair of the Board and every committee. The longest continuously serving trustee, I have gained a wealth of institutional knowledge and supplemented it with sessions at Wharton, Stanford, and UC Berkeley. I obtained legislation to expand the voting rights of our alternate retiree trustee. I advocated more transparency, especially in the area of trustee travel. I worked to promote hiring and insure retention of the Retirement Board staff, individuals who are building us a superior organization.

Before retiring, I was a Deputy County Counsel for 35 years. My clients included SBCERA. Since retiring, I have been active in RESBC, writing articles for Prime Time, attending many board meetings, general meetings and lunches. I have greatly enjoyed working with and representing the retirees. You constantly impress me with your enthusiasm and keen interest!

The investment environment is challenging and public funds are not making high returns. Our pensions are often unfairly blamed for government financial woes. If reelected, I promise to use my experience to help SBCERA weather the storm and to be a strong voice for retirees.

## CANDIDATE(S) FOR ALTERNATE RETIRED MEMBER

**HARRY HOWARD HATCH**  
Retired Sheriff's Detective

Age: 73

I'm running for Alternate Retirement Trustee of our Retirement Board. I was the Alternate for six years. I served as the Safety Trustee for 14 years before retirement.

As a representative for 20 years, I tried to be our voice on the board. I would like to continue to be our voice. In the last three years, I have stayed involved with the board and as a public member and voiced opinions on the changes that have occurred.

I have always believed in service; we need this type of representative in this economic time. I would like to continue to work for our system and our retirement security. I will follow the law and watch the costs.

Our retirement system is under attack again by the state political system that does not understand that this system works. They want to use our money for other political reasons. We cannot allow this.

We as a board need to make sure that the system is protected from these attacks. To do that the Board needs to step out and voice our position, not just react to the attacks. Let me represent us.

Remember to vote, it's your retirement.

**JEAN-RENE BASLE**  
Attorney

I see our pension system threatened by governmental decisions and court actions. I seek the position of Alternate Retirement Member Trustee to battle these threats and influence the outcomes of future critical decisions involving our pension funds. My background in the legal profession and in County government will help me achieve these outcomes and effectively serve the retired members of SBCERA.

My career in County government began in 1989 as a Deputy County Counsel representing and litigating cases for Child Protective Services. As my career advanced, I advised the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Office, the Transportation Authority, Human Resources, and the County Defined Contribution Committee. My 28-year County career culminated in being appointed to the position of County Counsel, to which I proudly served before retiring in 2018.

If elected, I will be diligent in keeping retired members informed of SBCERA business, be conscientious in exercising my fiduciary obligations to protect and enhance our retirement funds, and be vigilant in protecting our pensions from any efforts to diminish them.

I look forward to the privilege of serving the retired members of SBCERA as your Alternate Retirement 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 Registrar of Voters office by:

- a. Mail via United States Postal Service; or

- b. Inter-Office Mail (0770); or

- c. Personal delivery to the Registrar of Voters office located at 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino.

Your voted ballot must be received by the Registrar of Voters office **no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.**

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