



San Bernardino County Employees'
Retirement Association

Voter Information Guide

Board of Retirement Election General Member

December 7, 2021

The Board of Retirement Election has been ordered by the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) Board of Retirement for the General Members of the SBCERA Board. 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 GENERAL MEMBER

ERIC RALEY

Director

A California native, I've watched the cost of living— food, gas, housing— continue to rise. A co-worker said, "Eric, I don't know the difference between an actuarial table and a multiplication table; I just want to know that I'll be secure in my retirement." We all deserve to live, work, and retire comfortably. This position is not paid; I'm running because I have the skills to make your retirement better.

My background includes financial planning, organizational leadership, and performance measurement, a Master of Business Administration degree, Executive Credential from the C.S.A.C. Institute for Excellence, and Humanitarian Award for personally responding to the Inland Regional Center terrorist attack on December 2nd. I'm a member of the Employee Benefits Advisory Committee, as well as having negotiated with Unions and been Director of Budgeting and Fiscal Services.

I'm part of the solution to make sure your income in retirement matches or exceeds your expenses. I'll focus on improving communication so that when the time comes, you are confident about where you are financially. People need guidance about this turning point in their lives; customer service should be a top priority at SBCERA.

I'll be your advocate and humbly ask for your vote.

#Raley4SBCERA

VERE L. WILLIAMS

Accountant

Age: 64

Fellow SBCERA members, public employees' pensions are incorrectly blamed when the County experiences financial difficulties. The truth: average monthly pension is a modest \$3,790. I am seeking re-election to continue fighting to ensure SBCERA's resources are utilized to provide the hard-earned Defined Benefits promised and ensure SBCERA makes prudent investment choices. For FY21, we had returns of 33% and over \$13,000,000,000 assets.

I developed strong working relationship with Board members to ensure the promised benefits are delivered fairly and impartially and assets are managed judiciously thereby preserving them for future retirees. I would like to continue representing you as I fight to ensure SBCERA's decisions consider all stakeholders' viability. I fought hard for members' rights while providing management the appropriate tools for success.

For this responsibility, I have completed Portfolio Concepts and Management, Wharton School; Principles of Pension Management, Pepperdine; Advanced Principles of Pension Management for Trustees, UCLA; and Modern Investment Theory & Practice for Retirement Systems, UC Berkeley. MBA Accounting/Information Management, 35 years tax preparation, 30 years ARMC finance department, 25 years Enrolled Agent along with service in local, regional and national organizations, provides the teamworking background for planning strategically for the future.

Respectfully, I ask for your support/vote.

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. 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 7, 2021.**

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.

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