# Global Public Equity Annual Program Review

As of Quarter Ending on June 30, 2024

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Unless otherwise noted, performance data is as of June 30, 2024





### **Program Overview**

Role

- Efficiently capture the equity risk premium to provide capital appreciation over the long-term, while also
  acting as a source of liquidity for Total Fund cashflow needs
- · Cap Weighted Segment provides exposure to economic growth and offers a reliable source of liquidity
- Factor Weighted Segment provides exposure to economic growth with reduced overall volatility and some diversification of equity risk. Effective 07/01/2024, the segment is 90% drawdown focused and 10% climate transition focused

**Key Metrics**<sup>1</sup>

- Total AUM: \$211B (76% Cap Weighted, 24% Factor Weighted)
- 74% of assets classified as passive, 26% of assets classified as active
- 92% of assets are internally-managed, 8% of assets externally-managed

Investment Beliefs

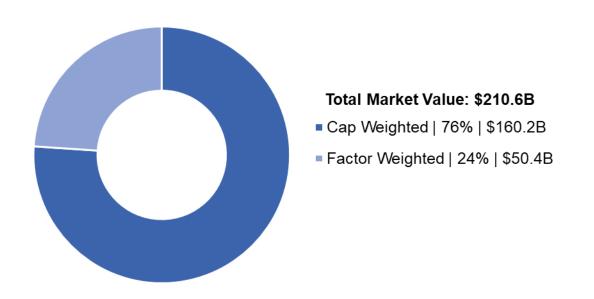
- A long investment horizon is a responsibility and an advantage. (IB 2)
- Long-term value creation requires effective management of three forms of capital: financial, physical, and human. (IB 4)
- CalPERS will take risk only where we have a strong belief we will be rewarded for it. (IB 7)
- Costs matter and need to be effectively managed. (IB 8)
- Strong processes and teamwork and deep resources are needed to achieve CalPERS goals and objectives. (IB 10)





### Strategy and Portfolio Positioning | SAA Segments

#### GPE Portfolio Positioning as of June 30, 2024



#### Total Fund Allocation (%) as of June 30, 2024

	% of Total Fund Actual	% of Total Fund Interim Target
Public Equity	41.9	40.4 (+/- 7)
Cap Weighted	31.8	30.4
Factor Weighted	10.0	10.0

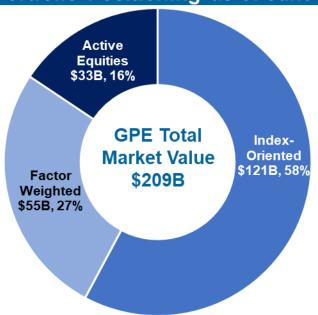
- GPE is the principal asset class providing growth exposure in the strategic asset allocation
- The program thoughtfully delivers multiple equity betas in a risk and cost aware manner
- GPE's goal is to provide equity beta exposure plus risk-managed systematic and opportunistic alpha
- 92% of the total portfolio is invested in cost-efficient, internally-managed strategies





### Strategy and Portfolio Positioning | Implementation

GPE Portfolio Positioning as of June 30, 2023







#### We believe that active management can and does deliver alpha over the long-term (5+ years) by exploiting market inefficiencies

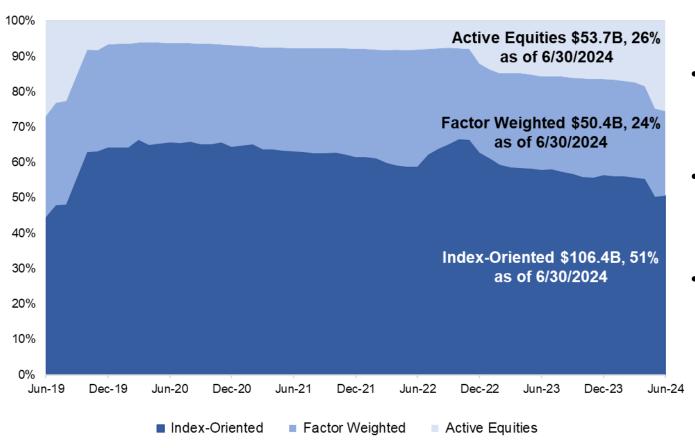
- GPE's program implementation goal is to outperform the global public equity policy benchmark over rolling 5-year periods, with target IR of 0.5
- GPE Active Equities outperformed its composite benchmark by 239 bps over the last 1-year and 123 bps over the last 5-years, delivering over \$700M of dollar value added (DVA) over the last 1-year and over \$1,000M of cumulative DVA over the last 5-years
- GPE will continue to prudently increase allocation to active strategies in search of alpha, while cognizant of the 50 bps policy tracking error limit





### Strategy and Portfolio Positioning | Historical Allocation

#### **GPE Portfolio Positioning | 5-Year Historical Allocation**



- Re-established active risk taking in GPE in November 2022, following the 2019 Total Fund initiative to reduce active risk
- Deployed \$13B to active strategies in FY 2022-23, increasing the allocation to Active Equities from 8% to 16%
- Deployed \$14B to active strategies in FY 2023-24, increasing the allocation to Active Equities from 16% to 26%





# Portfolio Performance | Active Management

### **How Staff Decisions Can Add Value**



Manager & Strategy Selection



Portfolio Construction



Implementation Decisions



Securities Lending



### Portfolio Performance | Excess Return & Dollar Value Added (DVA)

**GPE Total Return** 

= Policy Benchmark Return +

**Excess Return** 

Things we must do +
Things we choose to do

Things we must do: Board Approved SAA

Things we choose to do: Staff Decisions to Pursue Active Management DVA<sup>1</sup>

5-years

9.83%

=

9.62%

+

0.21%

\$1,977M

5-Year Cumulative Value Added

3-years

5.24%

=

5.06%

+

0.18%

\$1,055M

3-Year Cumulative Value Added

1-year

17.54%

=

17.08%

+

0.46%

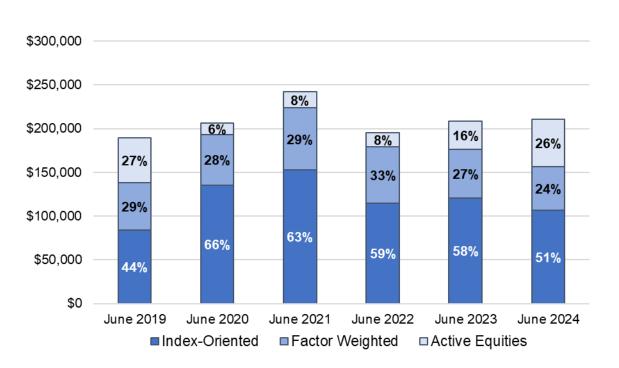
**\$832M**1-Year Value Added



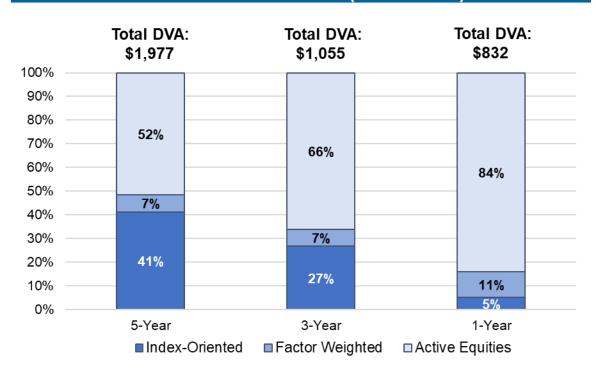


### Portfolio Performance | Dollar Value Added

#### **FYE Market Value (in millions)**



#### **GPE Portfolio DVA**<sup>1,2,3</sup> (in millions)



- Active Equities contributed 84% to GPE's 1-year combined DVA while its average allocation in the FY was only 18%
- Skilled internal portfolio implementation of "passive" strategies contributed 5% to GPE's 1-year combined DVA



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Percentages are calculated based on the combined DVA from Index-Oriented Equities, Factor-Weighted Equities, and Active Equities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The total GPE DVA also includes the cumulative effects of changes to active investment strategies over time, including things like reducing allocations to active strategies and redeploying those assets to other GPE strategies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The 5-year DVA for the Index-Oriented Strategy includes contributions from CLO investments, which were transferred to a standalone strategy in December 2020



### **Current Concerns**

- Global growth at risk of weakening as consumer strength and labor market soften
- Market volatility due to uncertainty about inflation, interest rates, and geopolitics
- Market pricing in a soft-landing base case and global recession as downside scenario
- High equity valuation largely based on robust corporate profitability, AI optimism, and Fed easing
- Market concentration, which may persist though duration is uncertain

### **Investment Themes**

- Our long-term investment horizon gives us the ability to withstand short-term market volatility and prudently add active risk in pursuit of adding value above the policy benchmark
- Examine regional market efficiency disparities and prioritize active management in less efficient markets





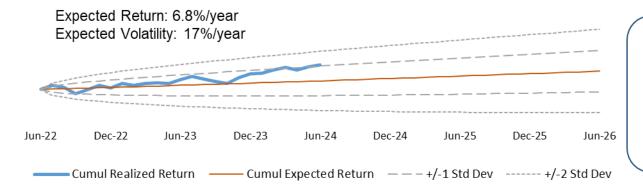
# Cap Weighted Segment

#### Strategy Allocation (in billions)





#### **Cumulative Return vs 2021 SAA Expectations**



Realized 10 Year Sharpe Ratio

0.5

Realized 5 Year Info Ratio

1.0

Forecasted Volatility

18.3%

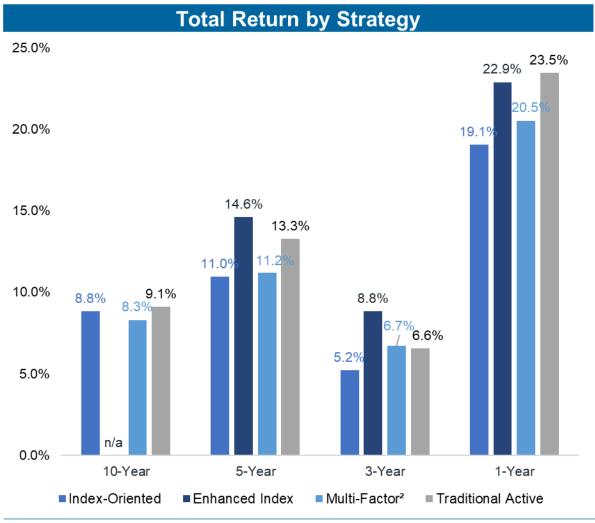
Forecasted Tracking Error

38 bps

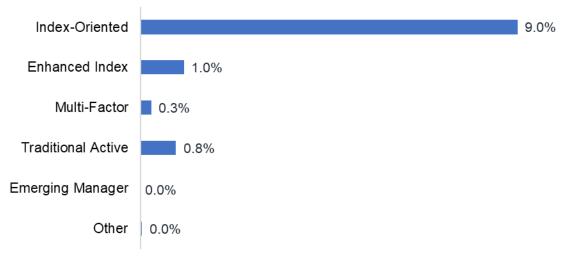




### Portfolio Performance | Cap Weighted Total Return by Strategy



#### Contribution to Cap Weighted 5 Year Total Return



0.0% 1.0% 2.0% 3.0% 4.0% 5.0% 6.0% 7.0% 8.0% 9.0% 10.0%

	Average Allocation	Return	Contribution to Return
Cap Weighted		11.2%	11.2%
Index-Oriented	84.6%	11.0%	9.0%
Enhanced Index	6.5%	14.6%	1.0%
Multi-Factor <sup>2</sup>	2.1%	11.2%	0.3%
Traditional Active	6.1%	13.3%	0.8%
Emerging Manager	0.4%		0.0%
Other <sup>1</sup>	0.3%		0.0%



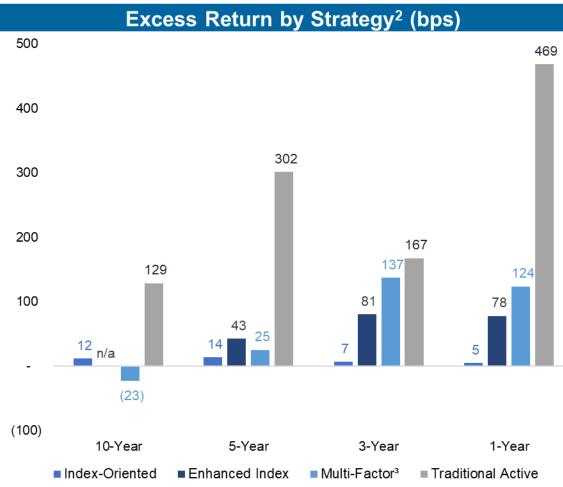
Note: All performance reported net of investment expenses and annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Other includes impact from allocations to defunded strategies.

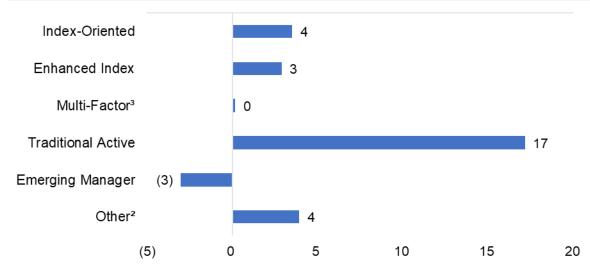
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Multi-Factor strategy transitioned from Alternative Beta in 2019.



### Portfolio Performance | Cap Weighted Excess Return by Strategy



#### Contribution to Cap Weighted 5Y Excess Return<sup>1</sup> (bps)



	Avg Weight	Return	BM Return	Excess (bps)	Contribution to Excess
Cap Weighted		11.2%	11.0%	25	25
Index-Oriented	84.6%	11.0%	10.8%	14	4
Enhanced Index	6.5%	14.6%	14.2%	43	3
Multi-Factor³	2.1%	11.2%	11.0%	25	0
Traditional Active	6.1%	13.3%	10.3%	302	17
Emerging Manager	0.4%				(3)
Other <sup>2</sup>	0.3%				4



Note: All performance reported net of investment expenses and annualized. Public Equity benchmarks are net of taxes.

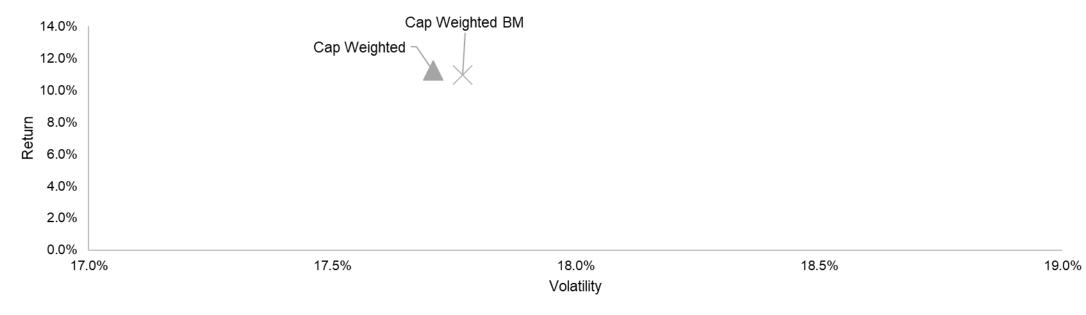
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Strategy contribution to excess excludes the impact of income from securities lending, which is reflected in "Other."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other includes impact from allocations to defunded strategies, income from securities lending, and allocation management. Excess returns shown include income from securities lending.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Multi-Factor strategy transitioned from Alternative Beta in 2019.



### 5 Year Cap Weighted Risk-Return



▲ Cap Weighted × Cap Weighted BM

	Return	Volatility	Sharp Ratio	Tracking Error (bps)	Information Ratio
Cap Weighted	11.2%	17.7%	0.51	24	1.01
Index-Oriented	11.0%	17.6%	0.50	10	1.43
Enhanced Index	14.6%	18.5%	0.67	69	0.61
Multi-Factor¹	11.2%	17.1%	0.53	190	0.13
Traditional Active	13.3%	17.2%	0.65	280	1.08



Note: All performance reported net of investment expenses and annualized. Public Equity benchmarks are net of taxes.

Risk measures are calculated using monthly returns.

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### Cap Weighted Risk Summary

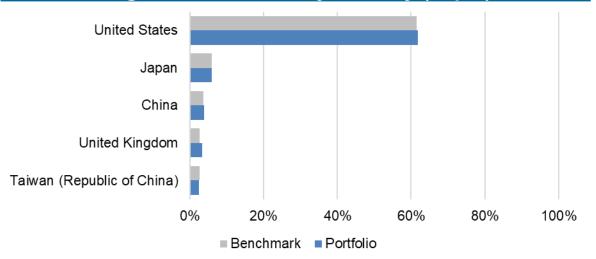
#### **Segment Risk Statistics (Forecasted)**

Forecasted Volatility	18.3%
Benchmark Volatility	18.4%
Tracking Error	0.38%
Portfolio Beta (to Bmk)	1.0

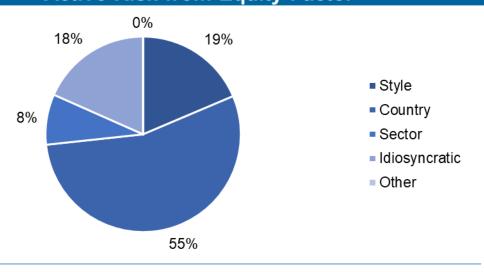
### Risk Decomposition (Forecasted)

	Portfolio Risk Contribution	% Risk	Active Risk Contribution	% Risk
Total Segment Risk	18.3%	100.0%	0.38%	100.0%
Equity	17.4%	94.7%	0.37%	95.7%
Foreign Exchange	1.0%	5.3%	0.02%	4.2%
Rates	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.2%
Spreads	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%

#### **Segment Allocation by Country (Top 5)**



### **Active Risk from Equity Factor**



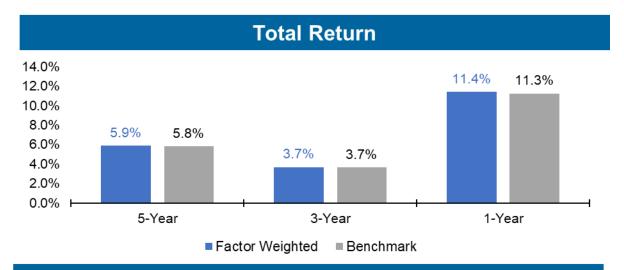




# Factor Weighted Segment

#### Strategy Allocation (in billions)





#### **Cumulative Return vs 2021 SAA Expectations**



#### **Key Metrics**

Realized 10 Year Sharpe Ratio

0.3

Realized 5 Year Info Ratio

0.5

Forecasted Volatility

14.2%

Forecasted Tracking Error

6 bps





# 5 Year Factor Weighted Risk-Return



	Return	Volatility	Sharp Ratio	Tracking Error (bps)	Information Ratio
Factor Weighted	5.9%	13.3%	0.28	12	0.49



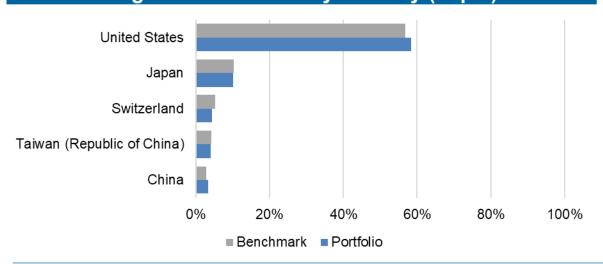


### Factor Weighted Risk Summary

#### **Segment Risk Statistics (Forecasted)**

Forecasted Volatility	14.2%
Benchmark Volatility	14.2%
Tracking Error	0.06%
Portfolio Beta (to Bmk)	1.0

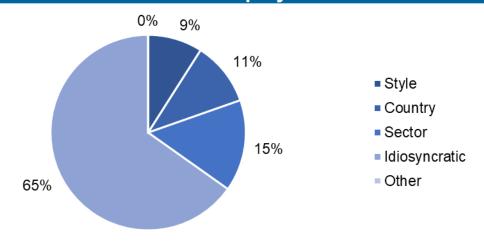
#### **Segment Allocation by Country (Top 5)**



#### Risk Decomposition (Forecasted)

	Portfolio Risk Contribution	% Risk	Active Risk Contribution	% Risk
Total Segment Risk	14.2%	100.0%	0.06%	100.0%
Equity	13.5%	95.3%	0.05%	77.4%
Foreign Exchange	0.7%	4.7%	0.01%	22.6%
Rates	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%
Spreads	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%

#### **Active Risk from Equity Factor**







# Business Updates and Key Initiatives | Evaluation

### **What Worked**



- Deployed \$14B to active strategies in a risk-aware manner in Q4 of FY 2023-24
- Implemented \$32B in Total Fund rebalancing and mid-cycle Strategic Asset Allocation adjustments
- Piloted and formalized the new Manager Universe Continuous Search (MUCS) process
- Delivered strong total and relative returns for the 1-, 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods
- Progressed effective stewardship by taking leadership role in protecting shareowner rights and holding corporate board directors accountable
- Collaborated with Sustainable Investments to customize Climate Transition Index to improve portfolio resilience and capture potential climate-related alpha opportunities

#### **Areas for Refinement**



- Continue to enhance portfolio construction and holistic portfolio management capabilities, including the development of new portfolio analytics and market dashboard
- Integrate research function to inform portfolio positioning and decision-making
- Continue to develop and enhance active strategies monitoring process
- Continue to improve alignment of interests
- Improve data and technology capabilities
- Evolve Climate Transition Index implementation and monitoring to improve portfolio resilience and capture climate-related alpha potential opportunities





### Key Initiatives | Fiscal Year 2024-25

#### Continue to Enhance the Active Risk Framework and Portfolio Construction to:



Further diversify sources of alpha potential (active equity strategies)



Efficiently capture the equity risk premium

### Support the Data and Technology Modernization Initiative



Engage in the evaluation and implementation of the multi-year Capital Markets and Total Fund Platform Project

### **Progress the Sustainable Investments 2030 Strategy**



Implement the Climate Transition Index to improve portfolio resilience and capture climate-related alpha potential



Define framework for identifying and selecting active climate transition strategies for potential alpha opportunities





### Integration of Governance and Sustainability

**Proxy Voting** 

Vote all public company proxies in a manner consistent with CalPERS' Governance & Sustainability Principles and CalPERS Investment Beliefs

Engagement

Actively engage portfolio companies on compensation, corporate board diversity, climate change, human capital management, other governance and sustainability considerations to promote long-term value creation

**Partnerships** 

Use external and internal partnerships to actively engage global asset owners and managers, companies, data providers, regulators, and standards-setting bodies

Research

Research, develop, and integrate best practices and proxy voting enhancements, while evolving Governance & Sustainability Principles





### Stewardship | 2023-2024 Proxy Voting and Corporate Engagement



>9,700 Meetings Voted & >93,000 Ballot Items



**Opposed 354 Directors for Climate Oversight Concerns** 



Opposed 40% of Say-on-Pay Proposals (U.S)



416 Engagements



Climate Action 100+ Lead 20 Companies



Opposed 796 Directors for Board Composition / Diversity Concerns





# Stewardship | 2023-24 Key Proxy Votes

Company	Proposal Description	
Boeing (BA)	Withheld vote from board leadership for oversight concerns surrounding quality, safety, and compensation  • Director "support" range (67% - 90%)	
Chipotle Mexican Grill (CMG)	Voted "for" Human Capital Management (HCM) shareowner proposals:  Regarding Third-Party Audit on Worker Safety (30% support) Report on Harassment and Discrimination (17% support)	
Exxon Mobil (XOM)	Withheld vote from the entire board (12 nominees) for significant governance concern at the company  • Director "support" ranged 87% - 99% (Lead Independent Director received lowest level of support)	
Norfolk Southern (NSC)	Proxy Contest – Supported management nominees (3 board seats won by dissident slate)  Voted "against" Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation (proposal did not pass with only 13% support)	
Tesla (TSLA)	Voted "against" the ratification of Elon Musk's 2018 Stock Option Award (77% support)	
Wells Fargo (WFC)	Voted "for" shareowner proposal surrounding Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining (30% support)	





# Stewardship | Climate Action 100+ Initiative

### Climate Action 100+ Update

- CalPERS leading engagement at 20 of the 170 companies, plus leadership responsibilities
- > 90% of companies have aligned reporting with Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosure
- > 75% of companies have a 2050 net zero target or ambition
- Over 600 signatories

### Climate Action 100+ Engagement Goals

Requesting that boards and senior management of companies:

- Implement a strong governance framework that clearly articulates the board's accountability and oversight of climate change risk
- Actively reduce GHG emissions across the value chain
- Provide enhanced corporate disclosures on targets and implement transition plans





# Stewardship | Proxy Voting: Climate Risk Oversight

#### 2023

- Expanded universe of companies reviewed to 350 from 165
- Universe accounts for > 80% of total portfolio Scope 1 & 2 emissions and > 50% of Scope 3 emissions
- Result: CalPERS opposed 335 directors at 109 companies
- CalPERS staff engaging the 109 companies

#### 2024

- Updated the company evaluation process to include medium-term climate goals
- Result: CalPERS opposed 354 directors at 100 companies
- CalPERS will seek to engage with all companies where we oppose directors





### Stewardship | Key Issues and Priorities for FY 2024-25

#### Climate/Sustainability

- Climate Action 100+
- Enhance Director Accountability at CalPERS Top Emitters
- Support climate shareowner proposals consistent with CalPERS Governance and Sustainability Principles:
- · Climate Risk, Net Zero Target Setting, Climate Transition, GHG Emissions, Pollution Related

#### Governance

- · Board Composition and Diversity
- Enhance Disclosures of Director Characteristics
- California Funds Initiative (expanding diversity engagements to international markets)
- Executive Compensation (Say-on-Pay)
- · Contest Director Elections
- Support governance shareowner proposals consistent with CalPERS Governance and Sustainability Principles:
- Supermajority Vote, Special Meeting Request, Independent Board Chair

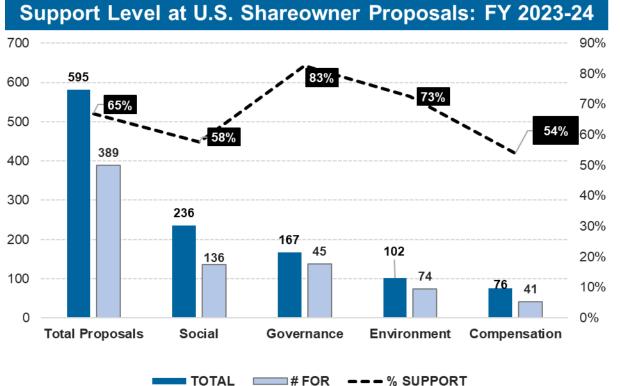
#### **Human Capital Management**

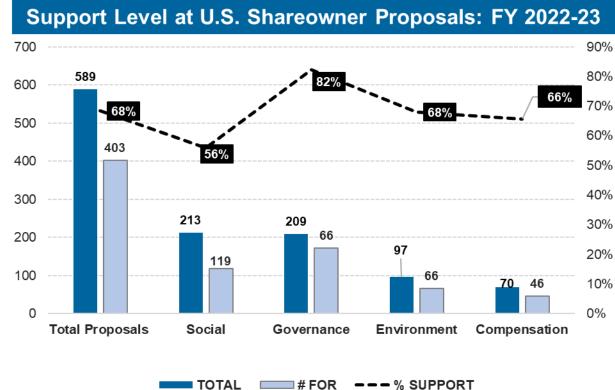
- Support social-related/HCM related shareowner proposals consistent with CalPERS Governance and Sustainability Principles:
- Freedom of Association, Labor Rights, Human Rights, Racial Equity Audits





# Stewardship | U.S Shareowner Proposals

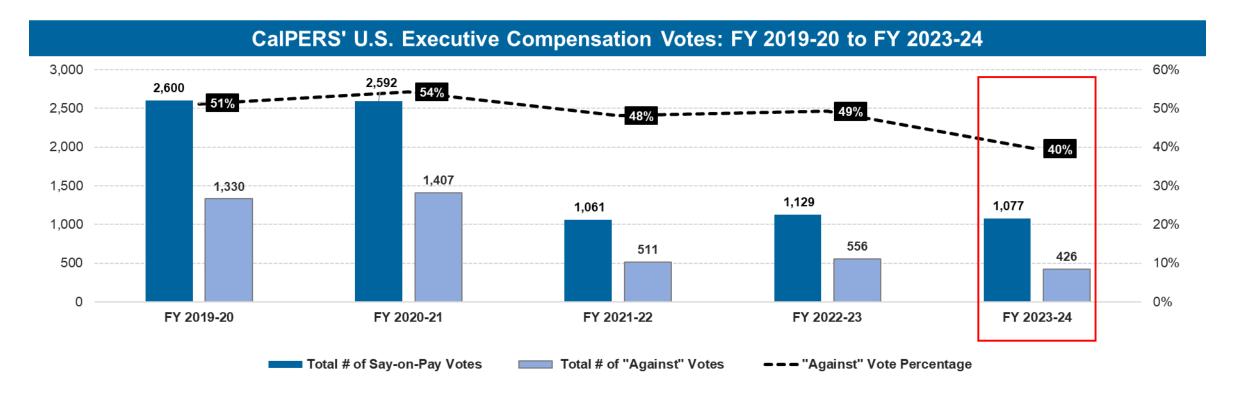








# Stewardship | U.S. Executive Compensation Votes



- In addition to voting against 40% of say-on-pay proposals in FY 23-24, CalPERS voted "against" 931 compensation committee members
- Average say-on-pay support level at S&P 500 companies was 90% in 2024 vs. 88% in 2023

