

Board of Administration Circular Letter

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All CalPERS Employers

Subject: 2017 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-at-Large Election

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform you of the upcoming 2017 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-at-Large Election.

We are requesting your assistance in conducting the upcoming Member-at-Large Board Election to fill two representative positions on the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration. The term of office of the incumbents, Joseph (JJ) Jelincic and Michael Bilbrey, will expire on January 15, 2018. The new term of office for the newly elected Board members will begin January 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2022.

CalPERS members active as of July 1, 2017, are eligible to vote in this Board election. Retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) whose effective date of retirement is on or before July 1, 2017, are also eligible to vote in this Board election.

Notice of Election for Posting and Circulation

Attached is an electronic copy of the *Notice of Election* (Notice). The Notice outlines the election schedule and procedures for becoming a candidate. Those who are interested in becoming a candidate in the election must submit a Nomination Petition to CalPERS by 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2017. Please post and circulate this Notice to eligible active CalPERS members in your agency. Circulation of this Notice is best accomplished by the following methods:

- 1) Circulation through your normal information routing system.
- 2) Posting on employee bulletin boards.
- 3) Distributing to employee organizations.

The Notice may also be accessed online at www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection.

Important Information Concerning the 2017 Member-at-Large Election

- The position currently held by Board member Joseph (JJ) Jelincic is designated as Position A, and the position currently held by Board member Michael Bilbrey is designated as Position B.
- A potential candidate must submit a Nomination Petition for either Position A or Position B, but not both, to become a candidate for this election.
- Members will vote separately for a candidate in Position A and for a candidate in Position B.
- A candidate must win an election by a majority vote in order to be elected. If the first
 election does not produce a majority vote winner, then a runoff election will be
 conducted involving the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the
 particular election for Position A and Position B.
- Any protest of an election will be decided by a neutral Protest Panel.
- Election procedures are prescribed in Government Code section 20090, and in CalPERS election regulations found in Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Article 2, section 554 through section 554.11.

Current Member Address Information

It is important for your agency to notify CalPERS members who have recently moved to update their address information. Active members should inform their human resources department of any change of address by May 2017 in order to ensure a ballot package is received at their home address in September 2017.

We appreciate your cooperation in this important election. If you have questions, please call the CalPERS Board Election Office at (916) 795-3952, local, or (800) 794-2297, toll free.

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