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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION California Public Employees' Retirement System

# NOTICE OF ELECTION

2017 Member-at-Large Election March 27, 2017 **BOARD ELECTION OFFICE** 

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Eligible active and retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) will have an opportunity this year to elect two representatives for the CalPERS Board of Administration. The term of the incumbents, Joseph (JJ) Jelincic and Michael Bilbrey, will expire on January 15, 2018. The new term of office will begin January 16, 2018, and run through January 15, 2022. Joseph (JJ) Jelincic and Michael Bilbrey have both declared their intention to be a candidate for re-election. The Political Reform Act (at Government Code section 81000 et seq.) requires candidates (as that term is used in the Political Reform Act) for the position of elective CalPERS Board member to file campaign statements of contributions and expenditures with the Secretary of State, among other things. Forms required under the Political Reform Act will be distributed to nominees as part of the nomination forms package, but nominees are strongly encouraged to contact the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for a full understanding of their legal obligations under the Political Reform Act. For more information, contact the FPPC in Sacramento at (916) 322-5660 or toll-free at (866) 275-3772. See also **www.fppc.ca.gov**. Persons interested in obtaining the CalPERS Board election regulations should contact the Board Election Office at the telephone numbers listed at the top of the page.

# **PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING A CANDIDATE**

**Eligibility**—An eligible active CalPERS member may be nominated if the active member is currently employed by a CalPERS covered agency on the date of this Notice of Election (Notice). An eligible retired CalPERS member may be nominated if the retired member's effective date of retirement is on or before the date of this Notice, and the candidate will be a resident of the State of California during his or her term of office.

Nomination—Each candidate must submit a Nomination Petition form, either for Position A (currently held by Joseph (JJ) Jelincic), or a for Position B (currently held by Michael Bilbrey), which is endorsed by at least 250 active or retired members of CalPERS (excluding survivors and beneficiaries). Only one Nomination Petition for Position A or Position B may be submitted by a candidate. Only Nomination Petition forms which are supplied by CalPERS or copies of that form will be acceptable. Nomination Petition forms are available through the Board Election Office at the above CalPERS office address or phone number, and on the CalPERS web site at www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection. All Nomination Petition forms containing original signatures (no photocopied, faxed, or otherwise reproduced petitions) must be received at the above CalPERS office address in Sacramento no later than the May 18, 2017, 5:00 p.m. deadline. Candidates are encouraged to return completed Nomination Petition forms prior to the May 18, 2017 deadline.

In the event an incumbent who declares intention to run for re-election in this Notice does **not** submit a Nomination Petition form by the May 18, 2017, 5:00 p.m. deadline, the nomination period for that position would be extended as provided by law to May 30, 2017. Notification of this nomination period extension shall be made on the Board Election phone numbers listed above, and the CalPERS website at <u>www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection</u>. If the nomination period for a position is extended, all Nomination Petition forms for that position containing original signatures must be received at the above CalPERS office address in Sacramento no later than May 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Nomination Petition Requirements**

- 1. The Nomination Petition form will include the following information about the nominee:
- a. Nominee's full name; the **last name** will be used to **verify** membership against the CalPERS database;
- Last four digits of the Social Security Number which will be used to verify membership against the CalPERS database;
- c. Agency employed by or retired from;
- d. Nominee's street address, telephone number, and e-mail;
- e. Signature of Nominee consenting to nomination.
- The Nomination Petition form must contain original signatures, endorsed by at least two hundred and fifty (250) eligible active or retired CalPERS members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) which includes:
- a. Clearly typed/printed name of each member; the last name will be used to verify membership against the CaIPERS database;
- b. Clearly printed **last four digits of the Social Security Number** which will be used to **verify** membership against the CalPERS database; and,
- c. Signature of each member endorsing the Nominee.

**Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation and Candidate Statement Forms**—The Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation and Candidate Statement forms will be provided to the nominee with the Nomination Petition form when requested by phone or correspondence through the Board Election Office, or the forms are available on the CalPERS web site at **www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection**. The nominee will be notified by phone as to whether or not the eligibility and Nomination Petition requirements have been met.

Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation Form—Each nominee must certify on a form provided by CalPERS that they accept the nomination upon CalPERS determination that the nominee is a qualified candidate, and consents to serve if elected by a majority vote. Nominees must return the original Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation Form, which must be received at the above CalPERS office address in Sacramento no later than the May 18, 2017, 5:00 p.m. deadline. A candidate who decides to withdraw candidacy after submitting their certified Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation Form must notify the CalPERS Board Election Coordinator by phone and follow-up in writing within ten (10) working days following the nomination acceptance deadline date in order to have their name removed from the ballot and Candidate Statement Booklet.

**Candidate Statement**—Each nominee may submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words. A nominee may submit a candidate statement by mail to the above CalPERS office address in Sacramento or electronically through the CalPERS website. If you are interested in submitting your candidate statement electronically please visit the CalPERS website at <u>www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection</u> for additional information. The candidate statement must be received no later than the May 18, 2017, 5:00 p.m. deadline.

**Candidate Statement Addendum**—Following the distribution of all the draft candidate statements for all the candidates of the contest for Position A and Position B, a candidate may submit an addendum of no more than 300 words. The 300 word addendum is in addition to the initial 300 word candidate statement. The addendum must be received either at the above CalPERS office address in Sacramento or electronically through the CalPERS website at <u>www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection</u>, no later than 10 calendar days following the distribution of the draft candidate statements to candidates. Thereafter, all the draft candidate statements plus addenda will be provided to all the candidates in their respective contest. The final candidate statements plus addenda will be distributed with the ballot. Candidates will have the opportunity to record their candidate statements and addenda in August 2017.

## **VOTER ELIGIBILITY**

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

## **ELECTION SCHEDULE**

DEADLINE	ACTION
March 27, 2017	Notice of Election mailed directly to retired members home address and electronically sent to employers for distribution to active members.
May 18, 2017	Deadline for CalPERS receipt of Nomination Petition forms for Position A and Position B nominees by 5:00 p.m.
	Deadline for CalPERS receipt of the Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation and Candidate Statement forms. Thereafter, addenda to the candidate statements, if any, must be filed within 10 calendar days following the distribution of the draft candidate statements to all candidates.
June 5, 2017	Deadline for CalPERS receipt of the Candidate Statement Addendum form.
June 6, 2017	Random drawing for the order of candidate names to appear on the ballot for Position A and Position B.
September 1, 2017	Ballots mailed directly to eligible active and retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries). Eligible voters will have the opportunity to submit their vote either online, by telephone, or by a paper ballot.
September 2017	CalPERS Candidate Forum will be held in September 2017. More information will be provided once a date has been determined.
September 8, 2017	Eligible active and retired members not receiving a ballot by this date should contact the customer service line for a replacement ballot at, 1-888-492-4763.
October 2, 2017	Voted online and telephone ballots must be submitted in accordance with the instructions provided in the ballot package.
	Voted paper ballots must be received in the postage paid envelope, or another comparable envelope by this date in order to be counted.
	Paper, online, and telephone ballots will be tabulated. The candidate receiving the majority vote will be certified by the Secretary of State, as having been elected.
November 10, 2017	If a runoff election is needed, then runoff ballots will be mailed directly to eligible active and retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries).
	Eligible voters will have the opportunity to submit their vote either online, by telephone, or by a paper ballot.
November 17, 2017	Eligible active and retired members not receiving a ballot by this date should contact the customer service line for a replacement ballot at, 1-888-492-4763.
December 11, 2017	Voted runoff ballots must be received on or before this date and are subject to the same procedures described above for October 2, 2017.
	Paper, online, and telephone runoff ballots will be tabulated. The candidate receiving a majority vote will be certified by the Secretary of State, as having been elected.
January 16, 2018	The newly elected Board Members will be seated on the CalPERS Board of Administration in accordance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law, Government Code section 20095. The new term of office begins January 16, 2018 and ends January 15, 2022.

For questions or general information regarding the 2017 Member-at-Large election, contact the Board Election office through the automated phone system at the phone numbers on the reverse side or write to the Board Election office at the mailing address on the reverse side.