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2024 ELECTION FOR EMPLOYEE-MEMBER OF THE BOARD ADMINSTRATION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (LACERS) FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2029

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

All qualified active members of the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) will be eligible to vote in the 2024 election for the Employee-Member of the LACERS Board of Administration. The winner of this election will begin serving on July 1, 2024, for a five-year term ending June 30, 2029.

BOARD MEMBER DUTIES – The Board exercises the Prudent Expert Standard (depending on the subject matter) in the discharge of its duties. It has sole and exclusive fiduciary responsibility to administer LACERS and its assets for the primary benefit of its members; has the authority to set and adopt investment policies for over \$22 billion in fund assets; and has the duty to establish actuarial assumptions and adopt rules and regulations necessary to administer the System. Training and educational opportunities are available to help Board Members understand their duties and how to perform them.

As part of a seven-member Board, Board Members may be assigned to committees. Preparation for Regular and Committee meetings requires an individual to commit hours of advance reading for discussion items and disability cases. The LACERS Board of Administration Regular Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. Most meetings, including Special and Committee meetings, may last from one to four hours.

<u>ELECTION PROCESS</u> – For any active LACERS member interested in becoming a candidate, Nominating Petition Packages will be available in-person only at the LACERS Office, 977 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012, beginning on Friday, January 19, 2024, until Friday, February 2, 2024, during regular office hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Candidates may email <u>Lacers.Board@lacers.org</u> to pick-up and file Nominating Petitions. Appointments are not required, but are recommended. The Nominating Petitions must be signed by at least 100 active LACERS members (not to exceed 200 signatures), and returned to the LACERS Office no later than 5:00 p.m., on Friday, February 2, 2024, in order to qualify for the election ballot. Candidates who will be dropping off a packet between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. must email <u>Lacers.Board@lacers.org</u>, by 9:00 a.m., at least one day prior, in order to coordinate staffing for after hours.

Interested candidates have the option to submit a typewritten statement of qualifications (not to exceed 250 words in length) to be enclosed with the official ballot and voting instructions, which may include information on education, work experience, years of service, and other qualifications relevant to the position of Employee-Member of the Board. Candidates may also include a three-word Occupational Ballot Designation on the Statement of Qualifications Form, which will appear on the ballot under the candidate's name to describe the candidate's current principal profession, vocation or occupation; or the candidate's prior principal profession, vocation, or occupation during calendar year 2023. Any candidate who does not submit a statement of qualifications or Occupational Ballot Designation by the Nominating Petition filing deadline on Friday, February 2, 2024, will be considered to have declined to file a statement, and the appropriate sections for the statement of qualifications or Occupational Ballot Designation will be left blank. A public drawing of letters to determine the random alphabetical order of appearance of the candidates' last names-on the ballot will be conducted at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at the Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Election Division), 555 Ramirez Street, Space 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The public may request access to observe the randomized drawing via livestream by emailing Clerk. ElectionAdmin@lacity.org.

An official ballot containing the names of all qualified candidates, voting instructions, and candidate statement of qualifications will be mailed to the home address of each eligible voter on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Voted ballots must be received by the Election Division no later than 5:00 p.m., on Friday, April 12, 2024. The Election Division will tally the votes on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m., in the presence of candidates and up to two observers designated by each respective candidate, if so requested. The candidate who receives at least 50% plus one of all votes cast will be elected as the position of Employee-Member of the Board. If no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, a runoff election will be conducted on May 20, 2024, for the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

If a runoff election is necessary, a ballot containing the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be mailed to each active LACERS member on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Ballots must be received by the Election Division no later than 5:00 p.m., on Monday, May 20, 2024. The Election Division will tally the votes on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, in the presence of candidates and up to two observers designated by each respective candidate, if so requested. The candidate who receives a plurality of all votes cast shall be declared elected to the position of Employee-Member of the Board ending June 30, 2029.

QUESTIONS - Inquiries regarding this election may be directed to the Election Division Office at (213) 978-0444 or by email at Clerk.ElectionAdmin@lacity.org or by contacting the LACERS Board Office at (213) 855-9348.