



Agenda Item 6b

November 19, 2013

ITEM NAME: 2013 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-At-Large Election – Summary of Election

PROGRAM: Operations Support Services Division

ITEM TYPE: Information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff from the Operations Support Services Division, in conjunction with the Legal Office, Office of Public Affairs, Stakeholder Relations and the Information Technology Services Branch completed the 2013 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-At-Large Election for Position A and Position B, which resulted in the re-election of Mr. Joseph (JJ) Jelincic and Mr. Michael Bilbrey.

BACKGROUND

The CalPERS Board of Administration consists of 13 members; six of the members are elected by their represented membership. In accordance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL), Section 554.6(c), the candidate receiving the majority vote for each position shall be certified by the Secretary of State as being elected. In the event that no candidate for any position receives a majority of votes (i.e., 50% percent of votes cast plus one vote), a runoff election will be conducted involving the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes. Both candidates received a majority of votes therefore, no runoff was conducted.

ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of the 2013 Member-At-Large Board Election results:

- The primary election for Position A was decided by a majority vote and Mr. Jelincic was re-elected with 56.8% of the votes.
- The primary election for Position B was decided by a majority vote and Mr. Bilbrey was re-elected with 66.3% of the votes.
- The term of office for the two elected Board Members is January 16, 2014 through January 15, 2018.
- Voter turnout for the 2013 Member-At-Large primary election was 11.5%. In comparison the voting turnout for the 2011 Member-At-Large Special election was 15.6% and the 2009 Member-At-Large Election was 15.7%.

- Operations Support Services Division partnered with Office of Public Affairs and Stakeholder Relations to increase voter awareness and participation. Some of the outreach efforts included:
 - Hosted a candidate forum, streamed it live and placed on CalPERS website for future viewing
 - Spotlight Ads
 - Intranet Bulletins
 - Press Releases
 - Posters distributed externally
 - Posters distributed to stakeholder groups via email blast
 - Facebook and Twitter messages
 - Banner on Inside CalPERS
 - Poster tents distributed to Regional Offices
 - Table tents for CalPERS café and break rooms

- CalPERS had the highest percentage of voter participation (nearly 20 percent). Attachment A includes the top 20 participating employers as well as additional voter demographics.

- The total cost to conduct the 2013 Member-At-Large Election for Position A and Position B for Fiscal Years 2012-13 and 2013-14 was \$2,001,754. The detailed Cost Summary is shown in Attachment B. Since there was no run-off, CalPERS saved \$1,556,342.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This item is not a product of the Strategic Plan, but is part of the regular and ongoing workload of the Operations Support Services Division.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A – 2013 Election Voter Information
- Attachment B – Cost Summary

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