



Finance and Administration Committee Agenda Item 7a

February 14, 2017

Item Name: 2017 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-at-Large Election – Notice of Election

Program: Board of Administration Election

Item Type: Action

Recommendation

Staff recommends the CalPERS Board of Administration approve the Notice of Election for the 2017 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-at-Large Election.

Executive Summary

Staff are preparing to conduct an election for two Member-at-Large seats on the CalPERS Board of Administration established by the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL), Government Code sections 20090 (g)(1). The current term expires on January 15, 2018. Eligible active and retired members can vote and participate as candidates in this election.

The incumbents, Mr. Joseph (JJ) Jelincic (Position A) and Mr. Michael Bilbrey (Position B), have both declared their intention to be a candidate for re-election.

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.

Background

The CalPERS Board of Administration consists of 13 members; six of the members are elected by their represented membership. The Board composition is mandated by law and cannot be changed unless approved by a majority of the registered voters in the State. After the Notice of Election has been approved by the CalPERS Board of Administration, staff will begin the election process on March 27, 2017.

A potential candidate must submit a Nomination Petition for the Member-at-Large Position A or Position B, to become a candidate for election. Only one nomination petition for Position A or Position B may be submitted by a candidate.

Each candidate must be elected by a majority vote. If there is not a majority vote winner in the first election, then a runoff election must be held between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the election.

Analysis

The proposed Notice of Election (Attachment 1) is attached for your approval.

The Nomination Petition Packages will be available through the Board Election Office at 400 Q Street, Room W2580, or at www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection when the Notice of Election is distributed on March 27, 2017. Completed nomination petitions must be received by CalPERS no later than May 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Staff will also work with the Office of Public Affairs to videotape the candidate statements for posting on the CalPERS website. In addition, all candidates will be invited to participate in a Candidate Forum in September 2017. More information will be provided when a date has been selected. The forum will be streamed live and posted on the CalPERS website for those unable to watch or attend.

Budget and Fiscal Impacts

The preliminary estimated cost to conduct the election is approximately \$2,608,661, funds are included in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Fiscal Year budgets.

Benefits and Risks

The benefits include:

- Approval will ensure CalPERS is in compliance with the PERL for Member Board Elections.

The risks include:

- If the Notice of Election is not approved by the Board of Administration, CalPERS will not be in compliance with the PERL for Member Board Elections.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Notice of Election – 2017 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-at-Large Election

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