

Mr. Martin,

Last Friday El Dorado LAFCO received the proposed amendment to Section 554.7 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This proposed regulation would require the voter to sign a perjury statement of the reverse side of the return envelope instead of on the ballot. Without commenting on the merits behind the proposed change, I urge CalPERS to consider seriously the issue of identity theft. Living in the world we do now where we are told to guard our personal information judiciously, having the signature on the outside of the envelope, in plain sight, would make it too easy for someone to steal it. In addition, this proposal might have the unintended consequence of lowering participation rates as members would hesitate to place their signature on the outside of the envelope for this very reason.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

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