Important: Candidates may, but are not required to, submit a candidate statement. Candidate Statements may be submitted in person, by mail (certified mail is recommended) to the address listed below or electronically through the CalPERS Board Election webpage. The Candidate Statements must be received by the Board Election Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2019:

California Public Employees' Retirement System
ATTENTION: CalPERS Board Election Coordinator
Lincoln Plaza West - 400 Q Street, Room W2580
P.O. Box 942702
Sacramento, CA 94229-2702

Candidate Statements

Each candidate for an elective Board Member position may provide a statement including the candidate’s name, the word “Incumbent” when the candidate is the incumbent in the position for which the election is being held, job classification, employer (or employer at retirement), years of CalPERS-covered service, and a general statement of no more than 300 words (see Candidate Statement Format Criteria). The statement must be truthful and shall contain no obscene, vulgar, profane, libelous, or defamatory assertions or information. The statement shall not include any remarks or questions that are inherently misleading, including rhetorical remarks.

Once filed, statements may not be changed or withdrawn except as provided in Section 554.6 (e), (f) of the Board Election regulations. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to make Candidate Statements or the authors thereof free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any statements offered for printing or distributed to voters. Information contained in the statement is the responsibility of the candidate and the California Public Employees’ Retirement System accepts no responsibility for the validity of the statement or the contents thereof.

In accordance with Section 554.6 (d), it is urged, but not required, that the Candidate Statement provide answers to some or all of the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a CalPERS Board member?
2. What are your qualifications to hold the position of CalPERS Board member?
3. What are the issues of greatest importance to CalPERS?
4. What actions would you take to address the issues of greatest importance to CalPERS?
5. What would you do to enhance the organization?
In addition to the 300 word Candidate Statement, each candidate will be provided the opportunity to submit a 300 word Addendum to the original candidate statement. (For more information on the Candidate Statement, see Candidate Statement Format Criteria). The criteria for this Addendum can be found in Section 554.6 (c) Candidate Statements. The Addendum shall be sent to the candidates as stipulated in Section 554.6 (c). You will have the opportunity to video record your Candidate Statement and Addenda in or around August 2019.

An arbitration may be requested within five working days following the distribution of both the candidate statement and addendum by submitting a written request to the CalPERS Board Election Office. If an arbitration is requested, all parties involved must split the cost of the arbitration. If the arbitration is withdrawn, all involved parties must split the cost accrued to the point of withdrawal.

**Instructions**

Candidate Statements and any addenda should be prepared in a word processing program, and candidates should keep in mind the statement will also serve as a video script for video taping purposes. It is recommended the statement be written for both a reading and viewing audience. Check the statement to ensure it meets the standards above and meets the format shown in the Candidate Statement Format Criteria. To submit your Candidate Statement electronically, please follow the instructions provided at www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection.

Your final Candidate Statement and addendum will be included in the CalPERS Board of Administration Candidate Statement Booklet for this election and mailed to eligible voters in accordance with the election schedule provided in the Notice of Election.