

2025 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-at-Large Election

Position B Candidates

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Candidate Statement

Sam Hasan Akkad

Years of CalPERS Covered Service: 34.59

Employer at Retirement: Department of Transportation **Job Classification at Retirement:** Senior Bridge Engineer

I am a proud retiree from California State Service, having dedicated 34 years to the California Department of Transportation. For the last 25 years of my career, I served as a state contract manager, ensuring that taxpayer dollars were used efficiently and responsibly. I hold a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in finance, which has equipped me with the skills to understand and oversee complex financial systems—skills that are crucial to protecting our pension fund.

I have a long history of public service and advocacy. I served as President of the Sacramento Section of the Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG) union, and currently continue that work as a Director for the section.

I'm running for the CalPERS Board of Directors to be a strong, honest voice for state employees—both active and retired—on the critical matters of retirement security, benefits, and prudent investment of our pension funds. I believe in transparency, sustainability, and safeguarding the benefits we have all worked so hard to earn.

I bring integrity, loyalty, and a deep sense of community to this role. I believe in giving back to the system that supported my career, and I will be a steadfast advocate for your interests at CalPERS. Together, we can protect and strengthen the future of our retirement system for generations to come.

I respectfully ask for your vote and your support.

Best Regards,

Sam Hasan Akkad, MBA, PE

Addendum

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No addendum submitted.