

NOTICE OF ELECTION

BOARD OF RETIREMENT GENERAL AND SAFETY MEMBER ELECTIONS

1. The TERM OF OFFICE is 3 years, commencing January 1, **2024** and terminating December 31, **2026**.
2. Regular meetings are held on the FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS of each month at 8:30 a.m., Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association, Board Room, 7772 North Palm Avenue, Fresno.
3. QUALIFICATIONS:
 - a) GENERAL MEMBER (Seat 3) - Candidate must be an **Active** General Member (not a Safety Member or Retired Member) of the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association.
 - b) SAFETY MEMBER (Seat 7) - Candidate must be an **Active** Safety Member (not a General Member or Retired Member) of the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association.

4. PROCEDURES:

- a) Nomination – PETITION FOR NOMINATION can be obtained from the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association, 7772 N Palm Avenue, Fresno or the FCERA website at www.fresnocountyretirement.org.

The petition shall include nominee name, certification of willingness to serve, and signature of fifteen (15) Active, Deferred or Inactive **General** Members, if declaring for the **General** Member position or fifteen (15) Active, Deferred or Inactive **Safety** Members, if declaring for the **Safety** Member position. Please note that one individual may not sponsor more than one individual for each vacant position.

The nominee may submit a STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND PLATFORM not to exceed two hundred (200) words, which will be part of the ballot packet. The statement should be in an electronic format submitted on a USB Flash drive memory stick. The memory stick will be returned upon request. The statement will be printed exactly as submitted, subject to the word limit and is due at the same time as the Nomination/Declaration of Candidacy.

- b) Thursday
September 1, 2023 – First day to file NOMINATION and STATEMENT.
- c) Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
September 22, 2023 – Last day to file NOMINATION and STATEMENT.
- d) Monday
October 23, 2023 – Ballot packet will be mailed to each eligible voter at his or her place of residence as on file with the Retirement Office.
- e) Thursday
November 16, 2023 – Date of election.

Each eligible voting member of FCERA returning his or her voted official ballot to the County Registrar of Voters must return the voted official ballot in the voted official ballot's like-kind, Official Return Envelope provided to the eligible voting member by the County Registrar of Voters. Voted official ballots may be returned by the eligible voting member to the County Registrar of Voters only by United States Postal Service, overnight delivery by a commercial carrier, such as FedEx or United Parcel Service, also known as UPS (each a "Commercial Carrier"), or the eligible voting member returning his or her voted official ballot by hand delivery to a County staff member who is attending the front counter within the County Registrar of Voter's office, in each case, not later than 5:00 PM on the date of the election.

A United States Postal Service postmark date on the Official Return Envelope containing the voted official ballot, or a date that the Official Return Envelope containing the voted official ballot was given to a Commercial Carrier, shall not be considered. A returned voted official ballot that is not in the voted official ballot's like-kind, Official Return Envelope, or multiple voted official ballots that are in a single Official Return Envelope, shall be rejected. If during counting of returned voted official ballots, the County Registrar of Voters or his or her designee discovers any returned voted official ballot that is not among like-kind returned voted official ballots, such returned voted official ballot shall be deemed to have been returned in an envelope other than its like-kind, Official Return Envelope, and such returned voted official ballot shall be rejected. The County Registrar of Voters shall not accept delivery of any returned voted official ballots through any means other than those specified, above, in this Section VII.B. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing sentence, the County Registrar of Voters shall not accept delivery of any returned voted official ballots through any of the following means: (i) any County means of internal communication among County departments, including, but not limited to, County messenger, commonly known as "stop mail" or County inter-office mail or delivery (however, any County means of internal communication among County departments are not considered herein as, and shall not be treated herein as, the use of Commercial Carriers); (ii) any County Registrar of Voters drop box otherwise used by the County Registrar of Voters for any elections other than an election of the Board of Retirement; and/or (iii) the delivery to the County Registrar of Voters in any manner of multiple voted official ballots.

f) Friday, 8:00 a.m.

November 17, 2023 - Election Manager shall count the ballots and shall certify the results within 14 calendar days, unless challenged.