



San Bernardino County Employees'
Retirement Association

Voter Information Guide

Board of Retirement Election Retired Member

December 6, 2022

The Board of Retirement Election has been ordered by the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) Board of Retirement for the Retired Member of the SBCERA Board. At the request of the Board, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters is conducting this election by mail ballot.

Your mail ballot packet includes the following:

- **Official Ballot**
- **Candidate Statements**
- **Voting and Return Instructions**
- **Official Return Envelope**

A complete list of candidates appears on your ballot. The candidate statements that appear in this guide provide each candidate an opportunity to speak to voters regarding their background, education, qualifications, and platform. Including a statement in this guide is at the option of the candidates and those who choose to do so are required to purchase the space.

San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters
777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415
(909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-8683

CANDIDATE(S) FOR RETIRED MEMBER

DANA CARTER
Retired Probation Officer

Age: 61

Fellow retirees, my name is Dana Carter. I started my employment with San Bernardino County in 1994 and retired with 23 years of service. I ended my career as a Probation Officer II having worked side by side with fellow safety officers. I spent my entire career in San Bernardino County Probation working with incredible men and women with focus on keeping our communities safe.

I am very concerned about our pensions. There have been hundreds of millions in losses reported. The pension had negative returns and still paid over \$140K in bonuses. There have been cost of living increases awarded to executives running the pension while we retirees only get 2%.

My fellow retirees, we have practically no one representing us. Many of us struggle to make ends meet. Average people like us need representation. I promise to practice independent judgement and to be more than a seat warmer.

As a single mother, I raised 3 beautiful men and am now the grandmother of 4. I know first-hand what retirees go through as I go through the same challenges. I will represent you on the Retirement Board and humbly ask for your vote.

Please visit www.SaveOurPension.com to learn more.

DAWN STAFFORD
Incumbent

I have been on the Retirement Board for seventeen years, representing retirees for four terms. At times I have served as Chair of the Board and every committee. The longest continuously serving trustee, I have gained a wealth of institutional knowledge and supplemented it with sessions at Wharton, Stanford, and UC Berkeley. I obtained legislation to expand the voting rights of our alternate retiree trustee. I advocated more transparency, especially in the area of trustee travel. I worked to promote hiring and ensure retention of our staff, individuals who are building us a superior organization.

Before retiring, I was a Deputy County Counsel for 35 years. My clients included SBCERA. Since retiring, I have been active in RESBC, writing articles for Prime Time and attending many meetings and lunches.

The current investment environment is challenging. Public pension funds lost an average of 7.9% in the fiscal year ending last June. SBCERA lost only .06%, much better than most. Besides the difficulty of achieving good returns, our pensions are often unfairly blamed for other government financial woes. If reelected, I promise to use my experience to help SBCERA weather the storm and to be a strong voice for retirees.

CANDIDATE(S) FOR RETIRED MEMBER (Continued)

FRANK ROMERO

I am a retired San Bernardino County Fire Mechanic. I was a Firetruck Mechanic of 39 ½ years, Serving over 34 years with the County of San Bernardino. I retired in November of 2020. I am looking forward to serving the San Bernardino County, Retirees and future Retirees in there quest to maintain a bright, strong financial future of retirement.

VOTING AND RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

1. To vote, fill in the oval to the left of the candidate of your choice on your ballot.

You may write the name of a qualified write-in candidate and fill in the oval to the left of the candidate of your choice on your ballot.

Please note that any mark inside the oval constitutes a vote for the candidate.

2. Remove the stub on your ballot.
3. Place your voted ballot in the enclosed *Official Return Envelope* and seal the envelope. No other envelope may be used to return the ballot.

Do not place more than one ballot in the *Official Return Envelope*; doing so will void all ballots in the envelope.

4. Return your voted ballot to the Registrar of Voters office by:
 - a. Mail via United States Postal Service; or
 - b. Personal delivery to the Registrar of Voters office located at 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino.

Your voted ballot must be received by the Registrar of Voters office **no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.**

5. If you make an error, tear or deface the ballot, or damage or lose your *Official Return Envelope*, contact the Registrar of Voters office at (909) 387-8300 for a replacement.