



NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR AN ALTERNATE SAFETY MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Notice is hereby provided to Safety members (Fire Suppression personnel) of the Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association (VCERA) that an election will be held for an Alternate Safety Member Representative to serve a term on the Board of Retirement that begins on the date of certification of the election results and ends on December 31, 2026.

Election Dates & Deadlines

Nomination packets
available from
Elections:

**January 2, 2024
8:00 a.m.**

Nomination packets
to be returned to
Elections by:

**January 16, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

Official ballots mailed
to eligible
Safety members:

March 28, 2024

Election Day
Last day to return
voted ballots to
Elections:

**April 29, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

Voted ballots to be
counted in Elections:

May 2, 2024

Oversight of VCERA is vested in the Board of Retirement, which consists of the County Treasurer, four appointees of the Board of Supervisors, two members elected by General members, one member elected by Safety members, and one member elected by retired members. The Board also includes one alternate Safety member, one alternate retired member, and one alternate appointee of the Board of Supervisors.

NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

Safety members interested in being candidates for the vacant position may obtain nomination documents from the County Elections Division. Nomination documents will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m. on January 2, 2024 and must be returned to the Elections Division by 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024. Documents received after the deadline will not be accepted. Documents also may be obtained by emailing the Elections office at Campaign.Finance@ventura.org.

To qualify as a candidate, a Safety member must be a part of the Fire Suppression group, which also includes Airport Operations Officers and Harbor Patrol Officers who have been granted Safety membership, per Government Code Section 31470.4. The candidate's nomination petition must be signed by not less than 20 nor more than 30 Safety members. At the time the nomination petition is filed, a statement of qualifications consisting of not more than 200 words may be filed by the candidate. Statements of qualification will be distributed along with all other ballot materials.

BALLOT DISTRIBUTION

The official ballot for the election, voting instructions and candidate qualification statements will be sent by U.S. mail to eligible Safety members on March 28, 2024. Ballots will be mailed to voters at their address on file with VCERA.

Voters will be given until 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2024 to complete and return their ballots (i.e., in person, placed in the drop box in front of the Hall of Administration, or by U.S. mail) to the Elections Division, located at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1200.

OFFICIAL CANVASS

On May 2, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m., voted ballots will be counted in the Elections Division. The Certificate of Election Results will be received by the Board of Supervisors on May 21, 2024.

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