

Alameda County Retired Employees

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Dear Alameda County Retiree,

We invite you to become a member of the Alameda County Retired Employees organization. ACRE is the oldest organization of retired Alameda County employees, established in 1926. We have been a chapter of Local 616 of SEIU since 1973, and now of Local 1021 since March of 2007.

As a member, you will receive ACRE Newsletters that will keep you informed about issues and decisions made at the Alameda County Employees Retirement Association (ACERA), meetings that affect your retirement well-being, such as changes that take place with your ACERA health, dental and vision benefits; your pension cost-of-living adjustments (COLA); your death benefit; the investment fund status that provides your monthly retirement checks and the SRBR fund status that provides your benefits.

ACRE representatives attend all the ACERA Committee and Board meetings. We speak out at these meetings and have become effective advocates on behalf of retirees. We report the issues and decisions made at these meetings in our newsletters. ACRE representatives also attend other statewide organizations that work on behalf of retirees such as the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA), the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS), and the Congress of California Seniors. These meetings are also reported in the ACRE Newsletters.

We have several key issues with ACERA and the County Board of Supervisors in the last several years, including the retirees' role in the County health plan, ACERA reimbursement to Alameda County for the health plan subsidy, and the impact of accounting rule changes (GASB regulation 45). ACRE is an active advocate for retirees' interests in these discussions, and ACRE representatives have attended meetings with members of the Board of Supervisors to discuss these issues.

ACRE is unique among retiree organizations because ACRE has political clout. It is not just a social organization. We work with the CRCEA legislative committee and with the SEIU State Council on bills to improve retirees' benefits. We also work within other groups that protect public pension benefits, like CHCRS (Californians for Health Care and Retirement Security). The CHCRS coalition fought to prevent the Richman initiative from reaching the ballot in 2005, and worked with members of the OPEB Commission in 2007 to ensure pro-worker and pro-retiree recommendations from that group.

ACRE is working to resume its travel program: bus outings and excursions for its members. Over the last several years, destinations have included the Getty Museum, Hearst Castle and Yosemite Park. ACRE's annual Holiday luncheon brings together friends from the working past.

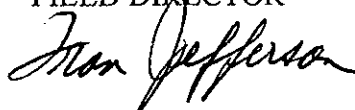
Please consider joining ACRE. It is a good investment for just \$3 per month, which can be deducted from your retirement check. ACRE is open to all Alameda County retirees from all departments, agencies and bargaining units. Prior membership in Locals 616/535/250/1021 is not a requirement.

With respect,

Peter H Albert
PRESIDENT



Frances Jefferson
FIELD DIRECTOR



Membership Application

I want to become a member of **Alameda County Retired Employees**, a chapter of Local 1021 of the Service Employees International Union. I understand that dues of \$3 per month will be deducted from my retirement warrant.

Name _____

Last 4 SSN XXX XX- _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Retirement Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Payroll Deduction Request

To: Alameda County Employees Retirement Association

This notice is to initiate my membership in the **Alameda County Retired Employees** Chapter of Service Employees International Union Local 1021. I authorize the deduction of dues from my monthly retirement warrant.

Signature _____

Date _____