



Retirement Board 2016 Election



A message from the Chief Executive Officer

ACERA will be conducting an election to fill two elected safety positions on the Board of Retirement. In November, active and deferred ACERA safety members will receive a ballot in the mail to select a candidate for **Seventh Member to Represent the Safety Members**; and the candidate belonging to a statutory group not otherwise represented by the elected Seventh Member who receives the second highest votes will be elected as the **Alternate Seventh Member to Represent the Safety Members**.



As an ACERA member, this is your opportunity to vote for the member of the Board who represents you. ACERA's Board meets monthly through the year, making decisions that affect your retirement system. Enclosed you will find a campaign statement from each of the candidates. These statements are in addition to the material contained in the official ballot and may provide supplementary and different information. Please review this material carefully. Return your ballot by 12/14/16.

Chief Executive Officer
Dave Nelsen

Your Ballot Will Arrive By Mail

Voting will begin on Monday, November 7, 2016, when ACERA mails the ballots. You must return your ballot to the Registrar of Voters no later than Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. for your vote to be counted.

SIGN YOUR BALLOT!

For your vote to count, you MUST sign your name on the outside of the return envelope before returning your ballot to the Registrar of Voters. To protect your privacy, the return envelopes feature a privacy flap that covers your signature.

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Board of Retirement

Ophelia B. Basgal, *Chair*

Dale E. Amaral, *1st Vice Chair*

Tarrell V. Gamble, *2nd Vice Chair*

Annette Cain-Darnes

Keith Carson

Liz Koppenhaver

Elizabeth Rogers

David M. Safer, *Alternate Retiree*

Darryl L. Walker Sr., *Alternate Safety*

Donald R. White

George Wood



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Dale Eloy Tafoya

Probation Facility Manager

It would be a great honor to serve on this Board. Working to represent and benefit the people of this great organization would make me proud. In my twenty years with Alameda County Probation, I've had the privilege of working alongside safety members that include supervisors, Deputy Probation Officers and Juvenile Institutional Officers. I've been a supervisor for ten years and provide facility oversight of a probation facility.

As I enter my third decade of law enforcement, I've been increasingly attentive to the condition of our retirement system. That conviction has driven me to want to be on this Board. Through strong leadership and sound judgment, I seek to secure the long-term stability of our employment retirement benefits and to sustain a bright future for ACERA members by taking calculated action to maximize investment returns.

As retirement concerns are growing across the nation and health expenses soar, our hardworking safety members deserve—through dependable retirement cash flow—a stable and comfortable retirement for their families.

Our members also need to be updated on the latest retirement trends and patterns to confront their retirement plans. Through these strategic updates, you should have the confidence to execute your retirement plans with no regrets. You worked hard and you and your family deserve the benefits of it.

I will be mindful of my responsibility to educate our safety members and help guide ACERA to conduct its business in an ethical and efficient manner.

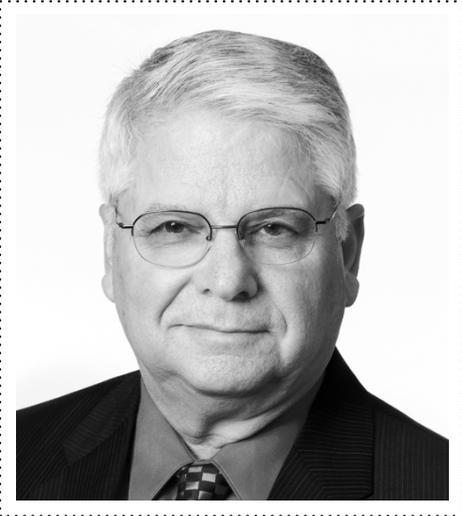


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Dale E. Amaral

Trustee

My name is Dale E. Amaral and I am a candidate for re-election as the Safety Classification Representative to the Alameda County Employee Retirement Association Board of Directors. I have been a Trustee on the Retirement Board since January 1, 2005. I have been Chairman of the Board for ACERA, I have the fiduciary responsibility for overseeing \$7.0 billion in ACERA assets as well as Alameda County Sheriff's Office \$405 million budget.



I am running for re-election to ensure that our retirement system remains solvent so that each and every retirement benefit that is due to a member will be delivered in a timely fashion. I pledge to work hard on your behalf to secure sound investment policies, improve member services, protect our health benefits, and support benefit improvements.

As a Commander with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, I am currently assigned as the Commander of Management Services Division and provide law enforcement services for 140,000 citizens. I have a total of 50 years of law enforcement experience; 31 years with the City of Newark and 19 years with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. My tenure in law enforcement has provided me with a unique perspective and a distinct vision of your needs as a safety member. As a vested safety member, I have a personal commitment to remain YOUR representative.

In addition, I have served as a member of the Deputy Sheriff's Association contract negotiating team for three years helping to implement 3% at 50 for all safety members. I have over thirty years of investment experience in the purchasing and managing of commercial properties throughout the bay area. In October 2007, I was named Outstanding Manager of the Year for Public Protection by the Alameda County Managers Affiliation.

My endorsements are:

- Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff, Alameda County
- Nancy E. O'Malley, District Attorney, Alameda County
- The Alameda County Management Employee Association (ACMEA)
- Annette Cain-Darnes, Trustee, ACERA Retirement Board
- Liz Koppenhaver, Trustee, ACERA Retirement Board
- Elizabeth Rogers, Trustee, ACERA Retirement Board
- George Woods, Trustee, ACERA Retirement Board

Please support me with your vote and I will ensure that our retirement system will be strongly maintained, fully funded, and properly administered.

Thank you for your vote!

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Darryl Walker

Incumbent Alternate Safety Trustee

It has been an honor being elected four consecutive times to represent Safety members as the Inaugural Alternate Safety Trustee on the Alameda County Employees Retirement Association Board (ACERA).

The past nine years have been extremely dynamic for ACERA. Not only have we endured pension reform, but we have recovered losses from the economic downturn of 2007. I am proud to say that our fund currently stands at \$6.2 billion—up \$3.8 billion since 2008. Prior to the stock market downturn in 2008, ACERA invested primarily in stocks and bonds with minimal exposure to real estate. Since then, we have targeted 10% of our assets toward Private Equity and Alternative investments. We have also created a successful emerging managers program to include top quality women and minorities in our pool of fund managers.

As your ACERA representative, I have always been accessible. I take pride in answering questions from Safety members who have questions or concerns regarding their pension, and directing them to the staff member who will best assist them. I have become known as a staunch advocate for the rights and benefits of Safety members and retirees.

I have completed certificate programs in Institutional Investing and Pension Fund Management at Harvard University, University of California Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton School Of Business), and Stanford University. These educational experiences have been critical to me in carrying out my responsibilities as a trustee.

I have served as Vice President, on the Executive Board of the State Association of County Retirement Systems, which represents over \$100 billion in pension fund assets. My involvement in county retirement systems on the state level has enhanced my understanding of the issues surrounding public pension funds and enables me to keep my colleagues from Alameda County better informed on statewide issues, including legislative and judicial developments. I have earned the respect of trustees statewide who have twice elected me to the executive board, and I was honored to be able to give Alameda County representation on the SACRS board.

I appreciate the support received from my fellow Safety Members and look forward to continuing to serve you next term. I strongly encourage members to vote for me in the upcoming election and to contact me if they have any questions or concerns regarding ACERA.

Endorsement:

Donald White, Alameda County Treasurer, ACERA Trustee



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Dan Lister

Deputy Probation Officer III

I have been a sworn peace officer for Alameda County for the past 29 years. In that time I have worked with numerous clients, families, businesses, government agencies, leadership and coworkers, working to maintain current processes and systems and or work toward solutions to problems or issues. I have always been motivated to assure compliance in daily operations, by advocating for the disadvantaged and provide oversight of unfair or illegal practices by those charged with peace officer duties.



I am seeking election to the retirement board as the “Seventh member safety representative”. I am within 5 years of my own retirement, and I would like to better understand the board’s function and processes. I seek to increase my knowledge of the our retirement system, provide oversight, and in turn keep the active members informed of ongoing changes, issues and updates pertaining to our investments. Overall, ACERA and its retirement board members have performed well in keeping our retirement investments safe and sound and providing continued health benefits for retirees. My investment knowledge is limited, but I have been a member of a stock club for two years, and have a general knowledge of stocks, trading and investing.

I am married and have a son and daughter who attend local high school. I am a graduate of the former Cal State University in Hayward, with a BS in in Kinesiology.

I am a Christian who believes in honesty and integrity, and I treat others with respect as I to would expect to be treated.

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