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# DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN BOARD REPORT 08-25



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Date: June 6, 2008

To: Board of Deferred Compensation Administration

From: Staff

Subject: Board Elections

Recommendation:

That the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration receive and file the following information regarding upcoming elections for the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration.

Discussion:

The following is an update regarding upcoming elections for the LACERS and Pensions seats on the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration. On May 23, 2008, the Notices of Election were posted. The notices included information on the election date, eligibility to vote, and the names of the candidates running for the respective positions. This year's candidates are Kesavan Korand and Richard Kraus for the LACERS representative seat, and Paul Ricchiazzi and Kurt Stabel for the Pensions Representative seat.

Ballots were mailed on May 30, 2008 and must be returned to the City Clerk no later than June 13, 2008. Canvassing will take place on June 17, 2008 and candidates will have the ability to appoint two observers to ensure there is an accurate count of the ballots. The board will receive the official election results by June 27, 2008.

The following is an updated schedule of events, completed and pending, concerning the election:

Date	Event	Description	Status
March 7, 2008	Initial Mailing	Plan participants will receive a special mailing which will include several topics, one of them being announcement that elections will be held for LACERS/Pensions representatives	Completed
March 14, 2008	Department Notification	As required by the Board's adopted policy, official notification of the upcoming elections will be given to the City Clerk and the General Manager of the Personnel Department	Completed
March 18, 2008	Mailing List	Great West will be contacted to generated a mailing list of eligible voters	Completed
April 1, 2008	Election Letter	Eligible voters will receive a detailed letter informing them of the elections including the requirements for both voting and candidacy	Completed
April 18,2008	Petitions Made Available	Prospective candidates will be able to obtain their petitions from Plan staff between 8 AM and 5 PM	Completed
April 18, 2008	Official Mailing List	Great West will be contacted to generate an updated mailing list of all eligible voters	Completed
May 2, 2008	Petitions Due	All outstanding petitions will be due by 5 PM to Deferred Compensation Plan staff	Completed
May 23, 2008	Notice of Election	A Notice will be posted with the election date, sample ballot, rules concerning eligibility to vote, and additional voter information	Completed
May 30, 2008	Mail Ballots	Official Ballots will be mailed to all eligible participants	Completed
June 10, 2008	List of Observers	Candidates will give the City Clerk the names of their designated observers who will make sure the ballots are properly counted	
June 13, 2008	Election Day	All ballots will be due to the office of the City Clerk by 5 PM; An ineligible list (including but not limited to recently retired participants) will also be delivered to the City Clerk	
June 17, 2008	Canvassing	Ballots will be counted	
June 27, 2008	Election Results	No later than this date the City Clerk shall furnish the official results of the Election to the Board.	

**Election Policy** – Staff was contacted by Board member Richard Kraus requesting some discussion regarding several issues concerning the election process. Mr. Kraus is requesting that the feasibility of the following be referred to the Board's Plan Governance & Administrative Issues Committee:

- Earlier scheduling of elections to avoid conflicts with primaries and the LACERS Board election; allow for additional training time; and otherwise ease the transition from prior obligations or responsibilities;
- Change scheduling of ballot counting so as not to conflict with regular Board meeting dates;
- Clarify policies with respect to how candidates can access eligible voters in order to campaign for their positions;
- Clarification of union campaign support and relationship to State ethics requirements.

Staff would support referring consideration of these issues to the Plan Governance & Administrative Issues Committee.

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