



NOTICE OF ELECTION

Safety Member Representative and Alternate Safety Member Representative on the Board of Retirement

Notice is hereby provided to all Safety members of the Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association (VCERA) that an election will be held for a Safety Member representative and Alternate Safety Member representative to serve terms on the Board of Retirement commencing January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029.

Election Dates & Deadlines

Nomination packets
available from
VCERA by
appointment:
July 13, 2026

Nomination packets
to be returned to
VCERA:
**August 5, 2026
5:00 p.m.**

Official ballots
mailed to eligible
General members:
August 31, 2026

Last day to return
ballots to Elections
in person or by mail:
**September 29, 2026
5:00pm**

Ballots to be
counted by the
Elections Office:
September 30, 2026

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 a candidate for the position may obtain nomination documents from VCERA by appointment only; request by phone at (805) 339-4261 by email at info@vcera.gov. Nomination documents will be available on July 13, 2026 and must be returned to the VCERA office by 5:00 p.m. on August 5, 2026. Documents received after the deadline will not be accepted.

For a Safety member to qualify as a candidate, his or her 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 candidate statement of qualifications consisting of 200 words or less may be filed by the candidate. 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 statements of qualifications will be sent by U.S. mail to eligible Safety members on August 31, 2026. Ballots will be mailed to voters at their address on file with VCERA.

Voters have until 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2026 to complete and return their ballots (in person or by U.S. mail) to the Elections Division, located at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1200. (Mail must be received by the deadline, regardless of postmark.)

Official Canvass

On September 30, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m., voted ballots will be counted in the Elections Office. The Certificate of Election Results will be received by VCERA by 5:00 p.m.



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VENTURA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT BOARD ELECTION CALENDAR

SAFETY AND ALTERNATE SAFETY MEMBERS * TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2027 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029

July 6 th	Election Announcements to be emailed from VCERA to Safety members, and distributed to County departments via brown mail if needed.
July 13 th	VCERA to generate a list of all Safety members who are eligible to run and vote in the election.
July 13 th	Nomination Packets will be available from VCERA. An appointment is required to obtain a packet, and can be made by contacting VCERA by phone at (805) 339-4261 or by email at info@vcera.gov .
August 5 th	Nomination Packets must be returned to VCERA by 5:00 p.m.
August 6 th	VCERA will conduct a random alphabet drawing at 9:00 a.m. to determine order of placement of names on ballot, then email results to Elections, along with voter instructions and mailing lists.
August 31 st	Official ballot packets, with Instructions for Voting and Candidate Statements, to be distributed by U.S. mail to all eligible Safety members.
September 29 th	Election Day. Voted ballots must be returned to Elections Office by 5:00 p.m., including mailed ballots.
September 30 th	The Elections Office will begin tallying votes by 10:00 a.m., and will subsequently certify results and notify VCERA by 5:00 p.m.
October 2 nd	VCERA to submit certified election results to the Board of Supervisors to agendaize for receive and file. The Elections Office will retain election materials for six months, then return them to VCERA.
January 25 th	Oath of Office to be administered at the January 25, 2027 Board of Retirement meeting.

* Note: The Safety Member shall be the candidate who receives the highest number of votes. The Alternate Safety Member shall be the candidate, if any, from law enforcement or fire suppression who receives the highest number of votes of the candidates in the group that is not represented by the Safety Member. Law enforcement personnel include Welfare Fraud Investigators and Probation Officers, and fire suppression personnel include Airport Operations Officers and Harbor Patrol Officers who have been granted safety membership.