



## 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 a special election will be held for an Alternate Safety Member Representative to serve a term on the Board of Retirement commencing upon certification of the election, ending December 31, 2026.

#### Election Dates & Deadlines

Nomination packets  
available from  
Elections:  
**December 2, 2024**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Nomination packets  
to be returned to  
Elections by email:  
**December 9, 2024**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Official ballots  
mailed to eligible  
Safety members:  
**January 13, 2025**

Last day to return  
voted ballots to  
Elections:  
**February 3, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Ballots to be  
counted by the  
Elections Office:  
**February 5, 2025**

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 December 2, 2024 and must be returned to the Elections Division by 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 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](mailto: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 January 13, 2025. Ballots will be mailed to voters at their address on file with VCERA.

**Voters will be given until 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2025 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.**

#### Official Canvass

On February 5, 2025, 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 by February 25, 2025.