

**KERN COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (KCERA)  
NOTICE OF ELECTION****Dated: July 5, 2024****Aimee X. Espinoza - Auditor-Controller-County Clerk**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election for the second member (general), seventh member (safety), and alternate seventh member (safety) of the Board of Retirement of the Kern County Employees' Retirement Association (KCERA) will be held on September 17, 2024. The terms of office of the second, seventh and alternate seventh seats will end on December 31, 2024.

One member of the Board is to be elected by general members of the KCERA, and one member and one alternate member of the Board are to be elected by safety members of the KCERA. Any active general member who is not employed in the office of the KCERA or any deferred member of the KCERA is eligible to run for the position of the second member of the Board. If only one eligible member for the second member seat has properly filed nomination papers, no election will be held and the member who filed for the second member seat will be declared elected and appointed in-lieu of election. All active and deferred safety members are eligible to run for the seventh member (safety) and alternate seventh member (safety) positions. A candidate for the seventh or alternate seventh member of the Board must be a safety member from the following: 1) the Fire Department, 2) the Kern County Sheriff's Department, 3) the Office of the District Attorney (Investigators only), or 4) the Probation Department. Safety members from the Probation Department will be placed on the ballot only if there is no eligible safety member candidate from the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, or Office of the District Attorney. (See Cal. Gov. Code sections 31469.4 and 31520.1). All safety members are eligible to vote for the seventh and alternate seventh members of the Board. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be the elected seventh member. The alternate seventh member of the Board will be that candidate who is not represented by the same group as the elected seventh member and who receives more votes than any other eligible safety candidate. If only one safety member files nomination papers, no election will be held for the seventh member position, and that member will be declared elected and appointed in lieu of election. If the seventh member is appointed in lieu of election, an election will be held for the alternate seventh member position if an eligible candidate timely files as a Write-in Candidate.

Declarations of Candidacy for candidates desiring to file may be obtained from the Elections Division, Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, commencing July 15, 2024, the 64<sup>th</sup> day before the election, and shall be filed with the Elections Division no later than 5:00 p.m., August 6, 2024, the 42<sup>nd</sup> day before the election. Candidates are required to obtain not less than 15, nor more than 20 signatures of members qualified to vote in the election.

Candidates are permitted to file a Candidate's Statement of no more than 200 words, to be mailed with the ballots. Filing of the statement is permissive and shall be filed on a form provided by the Elections Division. The Candidate's Statement is due at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy.

The election will be conducted by mail. Ballots and ballot return envelopes will be mailed no later than September 2, 2024, to all members of the KCERA eligible to vote. Voted ballots must be received at the Elections Division no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2024, to be counted in the election. The vote will be canvassed in the Elections Division, Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, commencing at 8:00 a.m. on September 20, 2024.

Further information regarding nominations and/or election procedures may be obtained by contacting the Elections Division at (661) 868-3590. Information regarding the election, including election results, will be posted on the KCERA website at [www.kcera.org](http://www.kcera.org).

This notice is given pursuant to authority to conduct the KCERA Election assigned to the Elections Official by the KCERA.

