

March 14, 2024

To: SACRS Trustees & SACRS Administrators/CEO's

From: Vivian Gray, SACRS Immediate Past President, Nominating Committee Chair SACRS Nominating Committee

Re: SACRS Board of Director Elections 2024-2025 - Elections Notice

SACRS BOD 2024-2025 election process began January 1, 2024. Please provide this election notice to your Board of Trustees and Voting Delegates.

DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
March 1, 2024	Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a
	Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating
	Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on
	March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is
	a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office.
	Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the
	floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.
March 25, 2024	The Nominating Committee will report a final ballot to each
	regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25
May 10, 2024	Nomination Committee to conduct elections during the SACRS
	Business Meeting at the Spring Conference
May 10, 2024	Board of Directors take office for 1 year

Per SACRS Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1. Board of Director and Section 2. Elections of Directors:

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of the officers of SACRS as described in Article VI, Section 1, the immediate Past President, and two (2) regular members

A. Immediate Past President. The immediate Past President, while he or she is a regular member of SACRS, shall also be a member of the Board. In the event the immediate Past President is unable to serve on the Board, the most recent Past President who qualifies shall serve as a member of the Board.
B. Two (2) Regular Members. Two (2) regular members shall also be members of the Board with full voting rights.

Section 2. Elections of Directors. Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office. Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.



The Nominating Committee will report its suggested slate, along with a list of the names of all members who had been nominated, to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25.

The Administrator of each regular member County Retirement System shall be responsible for communicating the Nominating Committee's suggested slate to each trustee and placing the election of SACRS Directors on his or her board agenda. The Administrator shall acknowledge the completion of these responsibilities with the Nominating Committee. Director elections shall take place during the first regular meeting of each calendar year. The election shall be conducted by an open roll call vote, and shall conform to Article V, Sections 6 and 7 of these Bylaws.

Newly elected Directors shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected, with the exception of the office of Treasurer. The incumbent Treasurer shall co-serve with the newly elected Treasurer through the completion of the current fiscal year.

The elections are being held at the SACRS Spring Conference May 7-10, 2024. Elections take place during the Annual Business meeting on Friday, May 10, 2024, in Santa Barabara at the Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort.

SACRS Nominating Committee Recommended Slate:

- President David MacDonald, Contra Costa CERA
- Vice President Adele Tagaloa, Orange CERS
- Treasurer Jordan Kaufman, Kern CERA
- Secretary Zandra Cholmondeley, Santa Barbara CERS
- Regular Member David Gilmore, San Diego CERA
- Regular Member Rhonda Biesemeier, Stanislaus CERA

Other Nominations Submitted:

- Daniel Vasquez, Marin CERA
- Alysia Bonner, Fresno CERA

Please prepare your voting delegate to have the ability to vote by the recommended ballot and by each position separately.

If you have any questions, please contact Vivian Gray at vgray@lacera.com.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this timely matter.

Sincerely,

Vivian Gray

Vivian Gray, Trustee, Los Angeles CERA and SACRS Nominating Committee Chair

CC: SACRS Board of Directors SACRS Nominating Committee Members Sulema H. Peterson, SACRS Executive Director

Attached: Nominee Submissions

President, David MacDonald, Contra Costa CERA



David J MacDonald, MD



January 19, 2024

SACRS Nominating Committee Vivian Gray, Chair

Dear Ms. Gray,

I would like to express my interest in running as President for the SACRS' Board of Directors for the 2024/2025 year.

I was first elected to the SACRS board in 2020 and currently serve as the SACRS President. I am also an elected trustee of the CCCERA Retirement Board (since 2016) and currently serve as the CCCERA Board Vice Chair. I appreciate the level of responsibility entrusted to me in looking after our members' retirement plans. I understand the incredible value of a defined benefit plan for my coworkers and our retirees.

I have a long history of dedicated service to my coworkers and union members, and I carry this spirit into my role as an elected trustee. My work with SACRS has meant further education and inspiration from the SACRS organization via its conferences and programs. SACRS has enhanced my abilities to serve as an effective CCCERA trustee.

I desire to continue my service on the SACRS board. My roles on the SACRS board have been incredibly valuable to me. My work in SACRS allows me to further promote, protect and build upon pension programs under CERL for county public employees statewide. We have good momentum with SACRS that will mean the further constructive evolution of our organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and respectfully,

David J MacDonald, MD



SACRS Board of Directors Elections 2024-2025

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Name of Candidate	Name: David J. MacDonald, MD	
Candidate Contact	Mailing Address:	
Information		
(Please include – Phone	Email Address: dmacdcccera@gmail.com	
Number, Email Address		
and Mailing Address)	Phone:	
Name of Retirement	System Name: CCCERA	
System Candidate		
Currently Serves On		
List Your Current	o Chair	
Position on Retirement	o Alternate	
Board (Chair, Alternate,	 General Elected 	
Retiree, General	o Retiree	
Elected, Etc)	 Other - Vice Chair X (elected board member) 	
Applying for SACRS	○ President X	
Board of Directors	 Vice President 	
Position (select only	o Treasurer	
one)	○ Secretary	
	○ Regular Member	
Brief Bio	* SACRS Board of Directors, Member – 2020-2021 & 2021-2022	
	* SACRS Vice President – 2022-2023	
	* SACRS President – 2023-2024	
	* Vice Chair, CCCERA Board of Retirement	
	* Elected general member trustee of CCCERA since 2016	
	* President, Physicians', and Dentists of Contra Costa (PDOCC), since 2010 (Union	
	for health care providers working at Contra Costa County).	
	* 30 years serving on the PDOCC Executive Board, including many years as Vice	
	President and President.	
	* 33 years of service to Contra Costa County as a physician working in the	
	Department of Health Services. * Education/Pension Trustee Certificates:	
	- Bachelor of Science, Biology – UC Irvine	
	- Doctor of Medicine – UC Irvine	
	- UC Berkeley (SACRS) – Modern Investment Theory & Practice for Retirement	
	Systems	
	- Wharton Business School – Portfolio Concepts & Management	
	- IFEBP – CAPPP program, Trustees Master's Program	
	- CALAPRS Trustee Education – Principles of Pension Governance	
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Vice President, Adele Tagaloa, OCERS



Serving the Active and Retired Members of:

CITY OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

COUNTY OF ORANGE

ORANGE COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT

Orange County Children & Families Commission

ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CLOSED TO NEW MEMBERS)

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

ORANGE COUNTY IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LAW LIBRARY

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AGENCIES

UCI MEDICAL CENTER AND CAMPUS (CLOSED TO NEW MEMBERS) February 21, 2024

By Mail and Electronic Mail [vgray@lacera.com]

Ms. Vivian Gray SACRS Nominating Committee Chair SACRS 840 Richards Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: NOMINATION FOR SACRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2024-2025

Dear Ms. Gray:

As a regular member of SACRS, the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS) is entitled, under the SACRS Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, to submit nominations for the election of directors for the SACRS Board of Directors.

On February 21,2024, the OCERS Board of Retirement met and took action to nominate OCERS trustee, Adele Tagaloa, for the position of her choosing on the SACRS Board of Directors and directed me to submit this nomination to the SACRS Nominating Committee. Ms. Tagaloa intends to pursue the position of VICE PRESIDENT of the SACRS Board and will forward her submission form directly to SACRS.

Accordingly, please accept this letter as OCERS' nomination of OCERS Trustee, Adele Tagaloa, for election to the position of VICE PRESIDENT of the SACRS Board of Directors at the 2024-2025 SACRS Board of Directors Election to take place on May 10, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 558-6222 if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you.

Best regards,

Steve Delaney Chief Executive Officer

cc: Sulema H. Peterson, SACRS Administrator

Adele M. Tagaloa

2223 East Wellington Ave, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92804 |

atagaloa@ocers.org

February 25, 2024

Ms. Vivian Gray SACRS Immediate Past President, Nominating Committee Chair State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) 840 Richards Blvd Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Ms. Vivian Gray:

Please accept this letter of my intent to run for SACRS Board of Directors for the office of Vice President.

I believe I am qualified to serve as Vice President based on my thirteen years of leadership positions in my employee labor organization, serving 1.8 million registered voters by providing transparent, accurate and secure elections, over 16 years in the non-profit and private sector and most importantly, as a Trustee on the Orange County Employees Retirement System. Most recently, serving on SACRS Vice President and Chair of the Programming Committee for the year 2023-2024 collaborating to enhance high-quality education for our trustees, with affiliates, staff and other CERL counties ensuring pension security.

I hold a passion for democracy, organized labor, and education accessibility that encompasses everything in my career and life. Since I have been elected to the OCERS Board of Retirement, trustee education has been one of my main priorities. All thought the last two years has proven a challenge for in-person conferences and education, this did not deter me from attending as many different organization's education, on any platform that I could. With that experience, in my opinion, SACRS is the leading organization for public pension organizations.

While attending SACRS Fall Conference in 2021, the level of professionalism and outstanding leadership, solidified my desire to be more than an attendee at SACRS. I have found an organization that understands the challenge and importance of pensions, education and duty, for trustees in our CERL 37 Act Systems. I have shared to many about the fantastic speakers and the subjects that reach beyond pensions. This past year serving as your SACRS Secretary, has allowed me to represent trustees, for example:

- Based on feedback, submitting topics and speakers that would benefit trustees, investment staff, and affiliates
- Commitment to working on long-term goals for all our members

Using my leadership experience, it is my goal to continue to share all the benefits of SACRS to members and to continue to make SACRS the premier pension organization in a changing world.

It would be an honor to serve on the SACRS Board of Directors as Vice President and truly appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adele Tagaloa

Adele Tagaloa Trustee, General Member-Elected Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS)



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Name of Candidate	Name: Adele Tagaloa
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address) Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected,	Mailing Address: 2223 East Wellington Ave, Suite 100 Santa Ana, CA 92701 Email Address: atagaloa@ocers.org Phone:
Etc) Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)	 Other President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Regular Member
Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	 Vice President, SACRS Programming Committee Chair, SACRS Elected General Member Trustee, OCERS, 2020 to present Over 14 years of service to the County of Orange Proudly serving 1.8 million registered voters at the Registrar of Voters Chair, OCERS Disability Committee 2020 to 2022 Vice Chair, OCERS Investment Committee 2023 OCERS Governance Committee member 2022 Union Steward, Orange County Employees Association (OCEA) 2012 to present Board of Directors, OCEA 2018 to present Public Pension Trustee Certificates: NCPERS - Accredited Fiduciary Program - Accredited Fiduciary designation 2024 Public Pension Investment Management Program - UC Berkeley CALAPRS Principles of Pension Governance and Principles for Trustees Completed 209 hours of education, 2023

Treasurer, Jordan Kaufman, Kern CERA



January 16, 2024

Vivian Gray, Nominating Committee Chairman State Association of County Retirement Systems

Re: Letter of interest to continue on the Board of Directors of SACRS in the position of Treasurer

Dear Vivian and members of the Nominating Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my interest in continuing on the SACRS Board of Directors in the position of Treasurer. I believe that I have the knowledge, experience and motivation to add value to the Board. I am in my third term as the elected Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector, and I am an 19 year member of the Kern County Employees Retirement Association (KCERA) as a general elected, alternate, and statutory trustee. I have a deep background in public fund investment and retirement plan administration and I am or have been the Treasurer of many organizations and associations.

As the elected Treasurer-Tax Collector, I manage the County's \$6.7 billion treasury pool, provide banking services to over 200 different county agencies and districts, and collect over \$1.6 billion in local property taxes. I am also the Plan Administrator for the County's 457(b) deferred compensation plan with over \$700 million in participant assets.

I am or have been the Treasurer of the following entities: County of Kern; California Association of County Treasurer's and Tax Collectors (CACTTC); United Way of Kern County; Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council; California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA); and Kern County Management Council.

I have dedicated my career to public service and I am proud to serve the residents of Kern County and the employees of the County of Kern and I feel that I can continue to bring value to SACRS Board of Directors. Thank you in advance for your consideration and feel free to call me if you have any questions at 661-204-1510.

Sincerely,

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Jordan Kaufman Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator

Attachment M:\Administration\SACRS\SACRS Board Letter of Interest.doc



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Name of Candidate	Name: Jordan Kaufman
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address) Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	Mailing Address: 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 2nd Floor Email Address: Bakersfield, CA 93301 jkaufman@kerncounty.com Phone: 661-204-1510 System Name: Kern CERA
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	 Chair Alternate General Elected Retiree Y Other <u>Statutory</u>
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)	 President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Regular Member
Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	I am the current SACRS Treasurer and am excited for the opportunity to continue in this role. I am in my third term as the elected Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector with fiduciary responsibility over the \$6.7 billion Treasury Investment Pool and the responsibility of annually collecting over \$1.6 billion in local property taxes. I am also the Plan Administrator for the \$700 million deferred compensation plan for County employees. Prior to being elected, I became the assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector in 2006. Prior to 2006, I spent over a decade in the County Administrative Office where I performed budget and policy analysis and was involved in the issuance of various types of municipal bonds for the County. I am the Treasurer and past Chairman of the United Way of Kern County, Trustee and past Chairman of the Kern County Employees Retirement Association (KCERA), Vice Chair of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA), Treasurer of the Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I live in Bakersfield with my beautiful wife Kristen and we have four children.

Secretary, Zandra Cholmondeley, Santa Barbara CERS

From:	Zandra Cholmondeley
То:	Vivian Gray; Sulema Peterson
Subject:	Letter of Intent to serve as Secretary, SACRS Board of Directors
Date:	Monday, February 26, 2024 1:19:41 PM

Dear Ms. Gray,

I hereby express my interest in serving as Secretary on the SACRS Board of Directors for the 2024-25 term of office.

I have been a regular attendee at SACRS conferences since 2009, when I joined the Board of Directors the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System as elected retiree trustee. I currently serve as Secretary (2023-24) and have previously served as Secretary on the SACRS Board of Directors in 2013-14. I have also served on the SACRS program committee over the past 11 years and have contributed to the lineup of speakers and panelists at SACRS conferences during this period.

I would be honored to continue to serve as Secretary on the SACRS Board of Directors.

Yours sincerely, Zandra Cholmondeley, Elected Retiree Trustee, Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System

Sent from my iPad



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Name of Candidate	Name: Zandra Cholmondeley	
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address) Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	Mailing Address: Email Address: Phone: System Name: Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System	
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	 Chair Alternate General Elected Retiree Other 	
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)	 President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Regular Member 	
Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	Zandra Cholmondeley was elected to represent County retirees as a trustee on the governing board of the Santa Barbara County Retirement System (SBCERS) in November 2008. She joined the SBCERS Board in January 2009 and starting in January 2010, served two terms as Chair of the Board. She currently serves as Secretary on the SACRS Board (2023-24) and previously served as Secretary of this board from 2014-15. She has also served three terms as the President of the Retired Employees of Santa Barbara County (RESBC). Zandra retired in July 2008. As Principal Analyst for Santa Barbara County she was charged with overseeing the development of the County's annual budget and performed numerous special projects for the County Executive Officer	
	(CEO). Her budget responsibilities included working with County departments to ensure the accuracy of projections and overall preparation of the budget document. Special projects experience included implementing fiscal policy for the County Executive Office.	

Regular Member, David Gilmore, San Diego CERA

January 24, 2024

Ms. Vivian Gray Chair Nominating Committee State Association of County Retirement Systems

Dear Ms. Gray,

This letter is to state my intention to run for re-election. Attached please find my application for the State Association of County Retirement Systems Board of Directors.

I have been working with retirement education since first joining the county of San Diego almost 27 years ago. Working this past year with the SACRS team has been very educational and has provided a sense of accomplishment. The team is a caring group of individuals that are truly looking to provide a great experience for pension system trustees to learn and grow in their roles as board members.

My goal is to keep supporting the SACRS training mission. I respectfully request and thank you in advance for the consideration of the Nominating Committee in supporting my candidacy for election to the SACRS Board of Directors.

Respectfully David

SDCERA Trustee



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	David Gilmore
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address) Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected,	Mailing Address: Email Address: D.Gilmore@sdcera.org Phone: System Name: San Diego County Employees Retirement Association & Chair • Alternate • General Elected • Retiree
Etc)	• Other
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)	 President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Regular Member
Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	I am serving SDCERA for my second term. Currently, I am the Board Chair. I have two more years in this board term. I am a 27 year employee of San Diego County. Currently, I am the Training Division manager for the Sheriff's Department. I have a BBA in Accounting and an MPA in Public Administration. I have served on the SACRS Board for the past year and enjoyed participating in the development of training opportunities for pension trustees from around the state of California. I appreciate your support.

Regular Member, Rhona Biesemeier, Stanislaus CERA

Rhonda Biesemeier



February 22, 2024

Ms. Vivian Gray SACRS Nominating Committee Chair

Ms. Sulema Peterson SACRS Executive Director

Dear Ms. Gray and Ms. Peterson,

My name is Rhonda Biesemeier and I am interested in serving as a member of the SACRS Board of Directors. I am a strong proponent of furthering and protecting retiree's defined benefit plans.

I have always been impressed by the quality of education I receive through SACRS, both at conferences and through the UC Berkeley Program. The SACRS organization is impressively well- run, providing top-notch presenters to improve member's understanding of investments and other aspects of pension management. The networking opportunities you provide enhance the educational experience.

I would like to stress that once I commit to a position, I am involved and dedicated to assuring that a certain level of excellence is maintained. I recognize that SACRS maintains such a level and I'd like to be a part of its future.

I appreciate that you are willing to consider me for a position on the Board of SACRS.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Biesemeier

SACRS

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Name of Candidate	Name:	
	Rhonda Biesemeier	
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address) Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	Mailing Address: Email Address: Phone: System Name: Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association (StanCERA)	
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	 Chair Alternate General Elected X Retiree Other 	
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)	 President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Regular Member 	
Brief Bio in Paragraph Format (CV format and screenshot photos will not be accepted)	 I was elected as the Retiree Alternate Representative to the StanCERA Board of Retirement in July 2017, and was re-elected for a second term in 2020. In 2023, I was elected as the Retiree Representative and currently serve as a Trustee in that capacity. Since joining the Board in 2017, I have attended numerous SACRS conferences and the SACRS/UC Berkeley Program. I am committed to retirees as evidenced by volunteer positions I have held since retiring in 2008. They include President and board member of the Retired Employees of Stanislaus County (RESCO) 2008 – present and Delegate to the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) 2009 - 2023. Additionally, my current experience as an Equal Rights Commissioner for Stanislaus County would be beneficial in continuing the goals of inclusiveness to which SACRS aspires. I was raised in Modesto, California. I have two accomplished young adult children, two dogs & a cat. My favorite things include spending time with my children and my many friends, meeting new people, participating in community events, traveling, and photography. 	