



Board Report 23-22

Date: June 20, 2023

To: Board of Deferred Compensation Administration (Board)

From: Staff

Subject: 2023 Board Election Results – Active Participant Los Angeles City Employees’ Retirement System (LACERS) Representative Board Seat

Board of Deferred Compensation Administration

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LAFPP Representative, Vacant

Recommendation:

That the Board receive and file the certified results of the 2023 Regular Election for the Active Participant LACERS Representative Board seat.

Discussion:

The term for the Active Participant LACERS Representative Board seat expires on June 30, 2023. As such, a Regular Election was held on May 19, 2023 in accordance with the Board’s Election Policies & Procedures.

The certified election results from the Office of the City Clerk – Election Division are provided in **Attachment A**. In accordance with the Board’s Election Policies and Procedures, the candidate receiving the most votes of all votes cast shall be declared the winner.

A. Election Results

The election results are as follows:

- Active Participant LACERS Representative: Matthew Benham was elected with approximately 34.02% of the votes cast.

The term for this Board seat will begin July 1, 2023 and end on June 30, 2026. Staff will schedule an orientation with the new Board member before the meeting on July 20, 2023.

B. Election Participation

The following chart provides a summary comparison of the number of qualifying candidates, votes cast, and voter participation rates in the 2017, 2020, and 2023 Board elections for the Active Participant LACERS Representative Board seat:

Year	Qualifying Candidates	# Ballots Mailed	# Votes Cast	Voter Participation Rate
2017	3	14,587	1,432	9.82%
2020	9*	12,046	1,600	9.69%
2023	4	16,142	967	5.99%

**The 2020 election did not require nominating petition signatures as a qualification to be placed on the ballot due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing protocols.*

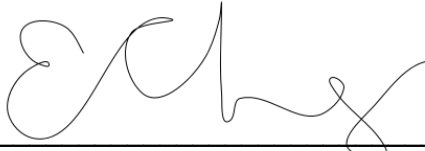
The voter participation rate for the Active Participant LACERS Representative election fell from 2020 to 2023 by **3.70%** percent. Staff speculates that voter participation may have been impacted by the concurrent election for Active Employee LACERS Board, which occurred a month prior on April 14, 2023. For the next regular election, staff will review additional measures for outreach and advertisement to encourage voter participation. It should be additionally noted that the next time both the elections for the Active Employee LACERS Board and DCP Active Participant LACERS Representative elections would occur in the same year would be 2038 (as the LACERS Board member terms are five years and DCP Board member terms are three years).

Submitted by:



Mindy Lam, Benefits Analyst

Approved by:



Esther Chang, Senior Personnel Analyst II

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

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PETTY F. SANTOS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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May 30, 2023

Members of the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration
200 North Spring Street, Room 867
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Board Members:

Transmitted herewith are the certified results of votes cast in the Election for the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration Active Participant LACERS Representative held on May 19, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Javier Fontanilla or Victoria Gsell of the Election Division at (213) 978-0440. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Signed with ClerkSign

May 26, 2023 8:31AM



For Holly L. Wolcott
City Clerk

Attachments

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, hereby certify to the Members of the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration that I have canvassed the returns for the Election for the Board of Deferred Compensation Active Participant LACERS Representative held on May 19, 2023 and certify the attached canvass of returns to be a true, correct and complete canvass of the returns of said election.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 30th day of May 2023.

Sincerely,

Signed with ClerkSign



May 26, 2023 8:31AM

FOR HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
City Clerk

Attachment

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK - ELECTION DIVISION**

**ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION
ACTIVE PARTICIPANT LACERS REPRESENTATIVE**

Election Date - MAY 19, 2023

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL TALLY RESULTS

CANDIDATE	VOTES CAST	PERCENT
GUILLERMO MARTINEZ, JR.	190	19.65%
MATTHEW BENHAM	329	34.02%
THEODORE L. IRVING	113	11.69%
PAUL E. ALBERGA	327	33.82%
NO VOTES	1	0.10%
OVER VOTES	3	0.31%
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES	4	0.41%
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	967	

TOTAL BALLOTS MAILED	16,142
TOTAL BUSINESS REPLY MAIL (BRM) ENVELOPES RETURNED	991
TOTAL CHALLENGED	24
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	967
VOTER TURNOUT	5.99%

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May 26, 2023 8:31AM

For Jinny Pak, Division Manager
Election Division

05/26/2023
Date

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK - ELECTION DIVISION
Election for the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration
Active Participant LACERS Representative
May 19, 2023**

SUMMARY OF CHALLENGES

<u>TYPES OF CHALLENGES UPON VERIFICATION/TALLY</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Ballot in Business Reply Envelope without Identification Envelope	2
Identification Envelope without any information	17
Name and SSN not on roster	2
Retired	2
Transferred to DWP	1
TOTAL	24