

Vote for Your RELAC-Endorsed Candidates

LACERA BOARD ELECTIONS! August 2023

For Board of Investments: Debbie Martin

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the LACERA Board of Investments. As a retired chief deputy director with 35 years of service to the County of Los Angeles, I would like to continue to serve and represent my fellow retirees. My qualifications, proven skills, and leadership experience have prepared me for this elected position in many ways.

In 1986, I embarked on an extraordinary career with the County, working for six departments, including the Auditor-Controller, where I attained my certified public accountant license and a master's degree in public administration. I also served in the departments of Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC), Parks and Recreation, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Chief Executive Office, and Public Social Services.

During my tenure at TTC, I had oversight authority of investment policy, ensuring investment transactions followed established guidelines. I retain an overall understanding of investments, large budgets and financial markets. As a fiduciary, I have an ethical and legal duty to safeguard our pension plans and uphold the decisions prudent to the best interest of retirees and beneficiaries.

I respectfully ask for your vote to the LACERA Board of Investments.



For Board of Retirement: Les Robbins

For the past 25 years I have had the honor and privilege of representing Los Angeles County employees, both active and retired, as a member of the LACERA Board of Retirement and Board of Investments. I first served as an elected member of both boards, then as an appointed member of the Board of Retirement and then as an elected member of the Board of Retirement.

Being a trustee on either of our boards is a huge responsibility to the more than 170,000 members of LACERA, both active and retired. I am very proud of my record during my tenure at LACERA, which also makes me the most senior member, in terms of years of service, of either of the LACERA boards.

If reelected to the Board of Retirement, I pledge to continue representing all of you in a prudent and responsible manner, never forgetting what LACERA is, what LACERA does. The LACERA mission is to produce, protect, and provide for the promised benefits, and that is exactly what I have done and what I will continue to do if reelected. I humbly ask for your support once again.



For Alternate, Board of Retirement: J.P. Harris

I am again asking for your support and your vote to elect me to a third term as your alternate retiree member on the LACERA Board of Retirement. I also strongly urge you to support the other RELAC-backed candidates: Les Robbins for the 8th Member of the BOR and Debbie Martin for the 8th member on the Board of Investments.

All retirees are very fortunate to have three RELAC Board members filling the retiree seats on LACERA's two boards. That is because only RELAC exclusively attends to the interests of all retirees of Los Angeles County, union and non-union alike.

All three of us have also received the endorsement of the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs and the Professional Peace Officers Association. This is significant because those two organizations represent the rank and file, and supervisors, of the largest single County department. They recognize the importance of having qualified, motivated individuals on LACERA's boards.

Over the past three years, many things have changed, but one significant thing has not: LACERA's promise to produce, protect and provide the promised benefits on behalf of its members. As a fiduciary, I am solely focused on ensuring your continued financial security that your county pension provides.

Do not be complacent. You will be receiving your ballot in the mail during August. Do not put off voting. Vote as soon as you receive your ballot and return it to the Registrar-Recorder immediately.

In my 35 years with the Sheriff's Department, I learned the old adage that if you stay ready, you don't need to get ready. Les, Debbie and I are ready to serve and will be honored to have your support.

