



## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 4/22/2025

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** County Administrator's Office

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** M. Christina Rivera 707-565-2431

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Reappointment of Lieselotte (Lilo) Kangas to the Independent Citizens' Pension Committee for a two-year term beginning May 10th, 2025, through May 9th, 2027. (Countywide)

**Executive Summary:**

The Board of Supervisors are responsible for appointments to over 75 Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces. Vacancies and upcoming expiring appointments are posted on the County's list of Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces website:

[<https://sonoma-county.granicus.com/boards/w/808bd6e42edf8e0f>](https://sonoma-county.granicus.com/boards/w/808bd6e42edf8e0f).

Rule 50 of the Board Rules of Procedures states that the Clerk of the Board shall convene staff to review prospective countywide appointments and make appointment recommendations to the Board. The current item recommends re-appointment of Lieselotte (Lilo) Kangas to the Independent Citizens' Pension Committee.

**Discussion:**

Approve the re-appointment of Lieselotte (Lilo) Kangas to the Independent Citizens' Pension Committee for a two-year term. Lilo Kangas has served on the Committee since May 9, 2023, and expressed interest in continuing to serve. The Board adopted pension reform as one of its key priorities, with a goal of ensuring a fair, equitable, and sustainable pension system for taxpayers and employees. In April 2017, the Board created the new 7-member Committee to represent the best interests of the entire community in a non-partisan manner, and to help improve communication between the County and residents on pension issues. The scope of the Committee is intended to improve accountability and transparency of the County's pension reporting and provide a way for the County to engage citizens in the process of developing and refining its pension reform strategies. The Board approved Resolution #17-0177 on April 25, 2017, outlining the Committee's scope and charter.

Lieselotte "Lilo" Kangas was an insurance and financial services professional for over thirty years in Sonoma County. Self-employed for most of her career, she was a broker to multiple carriers providing financial services including life, health, and long-term care insurance; retirement plans and annuities; as well as life settlements to community members. A graduate of both the Santa Rosa Junior College and later Sonoma State University she is passionate about serving her community by applying her knowledge and experience to this role.

There are currently two vacancies on the committee. Community members who are interested in applying for a vacant seat and serving on this committee are encouraged to apply. Refer to the Committee's website for

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more information:

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-administrators-office/projects/pension-reform/committees/independent-citizens-pension-committee>>?

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Prior Board Actions:**

12/3/2024: Approved the re-appointment of Bill Robotka, John Hadzess, and Peter Vranich to an additional 2-year term on the Committee ending on December 6, 2026.

8/22/2023: Approved the re-appointment of Anthony Withington to an additional 2-year term on the Committee ending on September 12, 2025.

5/9/2023: Approved the appointment of Lilo Kangas to a 2-year term on the Committee ending on May 9, 2025.

12/6/2022: Approved the re-appointments of John Hadzess and Bill Robotka, and the initial appointment of Peter Vranich, to a 2-year term on the Committee ending December 6, 2024.

9/21/2021: Approved the re-appointment of Anthony Withington to an additional 2-year term on the Committee ending on September 11, 2023.

12/8/2020: Approved the appointment of Bill Robotka to a 2-year term on the Committee ending on December 9, 2022.

11/17/2020: Approved the re-appointment of John Hadzess and Martin Jones to an additional 2-year term on the Committee ending on September 11, 2022.

3/24/2020: Approved the revised Committee charter.

01/14/2020: Approved the re-appointment of Anthony Withington and Peggy Betchley to an additional 2-year term on the Committee ending on September 11, 2021.

09/12/2017: Appointed seven individuals to serve on the newly created Independent Citizens Pension Committee.

04/25/2017: Adopted Resolution #17-0177 to establish an ongoing Independent Citizens Pension Committee and approved its charter.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

N/A

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

N/A