



## COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

### SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 8/22/2023

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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 re-appointment of Anthony Withington to the Independent Citizens Pension Committee for a term of two years beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. (Countywide)

**Executive Summary:**

Approve the re-appointment of Anthony Withington to the Independent Citizens Pension Committee for a term of two years beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Independent Citizens Pension Committee has two current vacancies as of this request.

**Discussion:**

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>.

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 the re-appointment of Anthony Withington to the Independent Citizens Pension Committee.

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 7-member Committee to represent the best interested 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's effort is to improve accountability and transparency in County pension reporting. The Committee provides a way for the County to engage citizens in the process of developing and refining.

Anthony Withington has been a long-standing volunteer in service to Sonoma County Regional Parks, having been a member of the parks Measure M Citizens Oversight committee and the Sonoma County Parks Foundation.

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**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Prior Board Actions:**

9/21/2021: Approve the re-appointment of Anthony Withington to an additional 2-year term on the Independent Citizens Pension Committee ending on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

11/17/2020: Approve the re-appointment of John Hazess and Martin Jones to an additional 2-year term on the Independent Citizens Pension Committee ending on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

01/14/2020: Approve the re-appointment of Anthony Withington and Betchley to an additional 2-year term on the Independent Citizens Pension Committee ending on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

09/12/2017: Appoint seven individuals to service as the Independent Citizens Pension Committee.

04/25/2017: Approve the charter for the 2016/2016 Pension Ad Hoc Advisory Committee; adopted a Resolution to establish an ongoing Independent Citizens Pension Committee and approve its charter; and directed the Pension Ad Hoc and staff to initiate an open application process.

02/21/2017: Directed the Pension Ad Hoc and staff to explore options for establishing an ongoing pension advisory Committee.

11/15/2016: Appointed Supervisors Shirlee Zane and David Rabbitt to serve as co-chairs of the new Pension Ad Hoc Committee.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

Committee members receive a \$75 stipend for attending each Independent Citizens Pension Committee meeting.

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

N/A

**Attachments:**

Anthony Withinton's application for reappointment to the Committee

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

N/A