



SONOMA COUNTY

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Summary Report

Agenda Date: 2/26/2019 **Agenda Item:** 33

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator

Staff Name and Phone Number: Christina Rivera 707-565-2048

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): N/A

Recommended Action:

Appoint Margaret A. Betchley (Peggy) to serve the remaining 2-year term of a vacancy in Independent Citizens Pension Committee with a term ending on September 11, 2019.

Executive Summary:

This item requests Board of Supervisors ("Board") approval to appoint Margaret A. Betchley (Peggy) to serve the remaining 2-year term of a vacancy in Independent Citizens Pension Committee ("Committee"). As of this writing the Committee has on vacancy resulting from previous member Ms. Lynn Woolsey submitting her resignation on November 2018, and who was originally appointed by the Board on 9/12/2017.

Discussion:

The Board has 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 alike. In April 2017, the Board created the new Committee to represent the best interests of the entire community in a non-partisan manner, and to help improve communication between the County and local 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 outlined the Committee's scope, which is focused on enhancing the County's pension reporting and improving accountability and transparency.

Consistent with the mission of the Committee and its status as an advisory body, the information communicated in its annual update shall be fair, constructive, and objective. Any and all pension reform strategies developed through the efforts of the Committee shall be advisory only to the Board of Supervisors. The Board would not be obligated to pursue any policy changes in response to the Committee's annual updates or recommendations.

Further, to the extent the Board of Supervisors authorizes the delivery of pension reform strategies developed through this effort, the implementation of such strategies will be subject to State law and the County's labor

relations policies and procedures. In this regard, the Committee will have no authority or involvement in the applicable labor relations process.

Recommended Appointment

Following the resignations of Ms. Jones and Woolsey staff posted the vacancies outside the Board of Supervisors chambers agenda bulletin, published solicitation of applications on the County's main website and the Independent Citizen's Advisory Committee website, distributed to candidates who submitted their application for initial appointment but were not selected at the time, and posted vacancies on the County's Boards, Commissions, Committees and Task Forces list to comply with the Maddy Act. Staff received interest from 8 individuals, which were reviewed by staff.

Ms. Betchley is being recommended for appointment as she possess 40 years of professional experience in a variety of aspects in the financial services industry. Ms. Betchley brings consultant knowledge of public employee pension systems such as CalPERS and CalSTRS, as well as senior risk management skills gained by leading corporate internal audit functions. Application is enclosed.

Prior Board Actions:

01-26-2019, Item #25: Appointment of Ronald Calloway

04-25 2017, Item #40: Board created new ongoing Citizens' Pension Advisory Committee

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 18-19 Adopted	FY19-20 Projected	FY 20-21 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

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Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)	Additions (number)	Deletions (number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

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

Application