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Retired Public Employees Association of California
Chapter 064 ■ Newport Beach, California

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PRESIDENT'S Message

Summer is here and things are heating up between CalPERS and RPEA.

The May/June 2018 RPEA news magazine introduced thirteen CalPERS Board of Administration members. What wasn't mentioned is the ongoing rift between CalPERS Board President Priya Mathur and Board member Margaret Brown—who RPEA supported. Brown supports investments that make money regardless of political correctness, while President Mathur supports divesting funds from revenue-generating investments due to the political climate. Speaking of "climate," did you know that Mathur traveled to Italy to meet the Pope to discuss "climate change" at CalPERS' expense? Hmmm.

To cut to the chase: Jason Perez (who is a RPEA member in good standing and has been endorsed by the RPEA Board) is asking our members to persuade those who belong to CalPERS to vote for Jason Perez in a September election to replace Priya Mathur. Unfortunately, RPEA members cannot vote, but Jason Perez needs our support.

"We cannot allow CalPERS to go broke and cut retirements," Perez states. "Promises made need to be kept. We have to change things now, before it's too late." Jason has a plan to get CalPERS back on track. To learn more about Jason Perez visit: www.jasonperezforcalpers.com

Economic Challenges

Another issue your RPEA Chapter Board is working on is the future of our chapter. Like most statewide Chapters, we are suffering economically due to increased operating costs, such as increased printing and mailing costs, and increased costs of membership lunch meetings.

Since October 2017, our Chapter balance has been consistently decreasing and at the end of December 2018 it's estimated we will have a balance of \$1,000, or less. Our current balance ending July 2018 is \$4,329.57. Quarterly expenses are approximately \$1,200. However, December 2018 is projected to be between \$1,200 to \$1,500 due to increased Holiday attendance and providing some Holiday cheer. To cut expenses, I recently mailed out post cards to notify members of our June meeting.

We currently have 380 members in our Chapter. However, our Chapter only receives 19% of our dues (\$11.40 per member) from RPEA, for a total of \$4,332.

Kathleen Collins (our Area Director) and I have written a resolution asking to increase our dues by 25%. This motion was approved by the RPEA Resolution Committee, and will be presented to RPEA during our General Assembly in September. A two-thirds vote of Delegates present at the General Assembly is required for our Resolution to pass.

If the Resolution is not adopted, we will write an "emergency resolution" signed by twenty members attending the General Assembly in favor of raising our RPEA Membership dues to \$90.00 a year which is only \$2.50 increase a month from the current \$60.00 a year. We can also explore making a "special assessment" for our Chapter per our By-Laws. This will require a vote from our membership at our next meeting on December 8, 2018. Please contact me by September 8th with your thoughts.

Let me remind you that RPEA Officers are volunteers and are not paid to perform our duties. If you would like to volunteer to help our Chapter, or provide suggestions, please contact me at danheredia58@yahoo.com or call me at (951) 403-4885.



Dan Heredia
Chapter
President

RPEA Mourns Loss of President George Linn

All of us at RPEA are sad to announce the passing of President George Linn, who quietly fought an 18-month battle against cancer. George worked tirelessly on your behalf—even while undergoing an excruciating treatment regimen—to ensure a fair, comfortable retirement for all of us.



George Linn

George loved this organization and very much wanted to preside over the upcoming General Assembly meeting this Fall. His legacy includes two very productive terms as the President of RPEA.

As you know, I filled in for George during the times in his treatment that he was incapacitated, and handled administrative matters and other issues. At this time, there are no plans for a public memorial service.

Best regards,

Al Darby

Fall Brunch Meeting September 8th

Enjoy fellowship with your former colleagues, and meet some new friends in your golden years, **by attending our Fall meeting.** Stay abreast of important developments within the RPEA. Knowledge is power! Sign up today!



**Saturday
September 8, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

**THE CHICKEN COOP
414 Old Newport Blvd.
Newport Beach**

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Pat Jones at (949) 548 8987 by September 5, 2018. Clearly state your name and number in your party.

Volunteers Needed for General Assembly



We are in need of Volunteers for our General Assembly at The City of Orange Doubletree Hotel September 9-12, 2018. Please contact danheredia58@yahoo.com or call me at (951) 403-4885 if interested. Parking and meals will be provided.

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ELECTION 2018

Meet Jason Perez, Candidate for CalPERS President

Jason Perez is running for President of CalPERS, and has a plan to get the agency on track. Perez, a police officer with the City of Corona, is concerned because the pension fund is only 73 percent funded. He believes that CalPERS can get back on solid financial footing by enhancing its investment returns and renegotiating investment fees paid to Wall Street firms. Tell your CalPERS friends to vote for Jason Perez!



JUST ADDED!!

Benefits Expert Eric Calderon to Speak at Fall Brunch Meeting

Learn more about all the benefits for which you qualify as a member of RPEA, by attending our September Brunch Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Eric Calderon, District Manager for Association Member Benefits and Insurance Agency (AMBA).

RPEA partners with AMBA to provide comprehensive and exceptional member benefits for you. These benefits complement your health insurance plans before and after retirement. When you join RPRA, you become eligible for discounts on a wide variety of insurance - vision, dental, hearing aids, travel discounts, medical emergency air services and much more. This meeting will be an opportunity for you to become informed about what benefits and services are available to you. See reverse side for meeting details.

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