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TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
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FROM: Sachi A. Hamai
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SUBJECT: MODIFICATION TO LACERA ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTING BALLOTS

On March 29, 2011, your Board adopted two resolutions establishing the procedures to elect the Eighth Members of the Board of Investments and the Board of Retirement, as well as the Alternate Retired Member of the Board of Retirement for the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA), for the terms beginning January 1, 2012. In accordance with the resolutions, the Executive Officer is required to notify the Board of Supervisors, the Boards of Investments and Retirement and all retired candidates of a modification to the election procedures or any additional procedures implemented to preserve a fair and equitable election process.

This is notification that a modification has been implemented to clarify the procedures for processing voted ballots and to ensure voter enfranchisement consistent with common election practices. This modification only applies to retired members, and does not affect general members.

After the mailing of ballots to retired members, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) received calls from retired members about where to obtain the election identification number required on the blue ballot return envelope. The required election identification number is located in each retired member's packet printed directly above the members' name and mailing address. LACERA also provides the RR/CC with a master list of retired member names and their corresponding election identification numbers. Therefore, if a member contacts the RR/CC, their election identification number can easily be provided.

According to the resolutions, the election identification number is required in order for the ballot to be "eligible for counting". However, some retired members may vote without contacting the RR/CC or including their number on their ballot. This modification provides that if a retired member mails in their ballot without the election identification number and their printed or signed name is legible, the RR/CC will add the required election identification number to the blue ballot return envelope and process the ballot for counting. This practice is consistent with standard election procedures and legal standards for voter enfranchisement that the RR/CC utilizes in conducting all public elections.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your staff may call Don Garcia at (213) 974-1578.

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c: Registrar Recorder/County Clerk
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