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You are hereby notified that an Election for the **Eighth (8th) Retired Member and the Eighth (8th) Alternate Retired Member** for the Merced County Retirement Board will be held on October 6, 2020. An election will be conducted for this seat for the term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023. The following are important dates and activities for the election process:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
July 31, 2020	Notice of Election Distributed to Retired Members
September 9, 2020	Deadline to Submit Nomination Papers*
September 10, 2020	Random Alpha Drawing for Candidate Order (9:00AM)
September 15, 2020	Distribution of Election Ballots
October 6, 2020	Final Date to Return Voted Ballot to Registrar of Voters
October 7, 2020	Canvassing (Counting) the Ballots

**\*NOTE:** Any retired member who desires to run for election to the Retirement Board must request a nomination paper utilizing the Merced County Registrar of Voters Office Candidate Filing Portal [www.countyofmerced.com/CandidateFilingPortal](http://www.countyofmerced.com/CandidateFilingPortal). Access to the candidate filing portal and candidate filing appointments will be available beginning August 19, 2020 through September 9, 2020. The completed nomination paper must be returned to the Merced County Registrar of Voters Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2020.

The Merced County Registrar of Voters Office is located at 2222 M Street, Merced. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are required.

Each candidate who completes the nomination paperwork will be given the opportunity to submit a Candidate Statement of Qualifications. This statement is due no later than 5:00 p.m. September 9, 2020, is limited to 150 words, and must be submitted by the candidate on a jump drive or by e-mail. Each statement must be in block form and standard 12 point type.

Each eligible voter will receive an official ballot to vote by mail. Ballots will be mailed September 15, 2020 to all who are eligible retired members as of July 19, 2020.

For further information or to schedule a candidate filing appointment, you may call the Registrar of Voters office at (209) 385-7541.