

# NOTICE OF ELECTION

## ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION ACTIVE PARTICIPANT LACERS REPRESENTATIVE

**ELECTION DAY: MAY 19, 2023**

Any active participant with an account balance in the Deferred Compensation Plan (“DCP”) and who is also an active member of the Los Angeles City Employees’ Retirement System (“LACERS”) is eligible to vote for a representative who is an active DCP participant and also an active member of LACERS to serve on the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration (“DCP Board”) in the election to be held on **Friday, May 19, 2023**.

Eligible participants will be mailed an official ballot, voting instructions, statement of qualifications, an identification envelope, and a postage-paid return envelope addressed to the Office of the City Clerk – Election Division (“Election Division”) starting on Monday, May 1, 2023. Ballots may be deposited in any United States postal mailbox in time to be received by the Election Division or deposited personally in the ballot box located at the Election Division during regular office hours **no earlier than May 12, 2023 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2023**. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Election Division no later than **Friday, May 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

Any eligible voter who has inadvertently damaged or spoiled an official ballot may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Election Division at [Clerk.ElectionAdmin@lacity.org](mailto:Clerk.ElectionAdmin@lacity.org) or calling (213) 978-0440. Any eligible voter who has lost or did not receive an official ballot may obtain a replacement ballot upon filing a signed Affidavit of Loss/Non-Receipt at the Election Division no later than **Friday, May 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

Newly eligible participants, having become eligible after **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**, who wish to vote must obtain a certificate verifying their eligibility to vote by contacting the DCP at [LA457@lacity.org](mailto:LA457@lacity.org) or by calling (213) 978-1644. Beginning **Friday, May 12, 2023 and no later than Friday, May 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**, participants may present the certificate to the Election Division to receive a ballot.

Ballots will be tallied and counted at the Election Division starting at **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023**. Each candidate, along with up to two (2) observers may observe the tally in-person or virtually via Zoom by emailing [Clerk.ElectionAdmin@lacity.org](mailto:Clerk.ElectionAdmin@lacity.org) no later than **Monday, May 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

The candidate who receives the highest number of votes cast will be declared the winner of the election.

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<b>OFFICIAL BALLOT</b>	
ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION ACTIVE PARTICIPANT LACERS REPRESENTATIVE For the term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026	
<b>VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY</b>	
<b>GUILLERMO MARTINEZ, JR.</b> Harbor Engineer	<input type="radio"/>
<b>MATTHEW BENHAM</b> Deputy City Attorney	<input type="radio"/>
<b>THEODORE L. IRVING</b> Principal City Planner	<input type="radio"/>
<b>PAUL E. ALBERGA</b> Internal Auditor	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in Candidate:	
INSTRUCTIONS: Using a pen, mark in the oval to the right of the candidate of your choice or write in the space provided, the name of any other eligible active DCP participant and also an active member of LACERS whose name does not appear on the ballot. <b>ALL IDENTIFYING MARKS OR ERASURES ARE FORBIDDEN AND MAY MAKE THE BALLOT VOID.</b>	
<b>THIS BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK - ELECTION DIVISION BY May 19, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M.</b>	
City of Los Angeles, Office of the City Clerk - Election Division 555 Ramirez St., Space 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012	
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**ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION  
ACTIVE PARTICIPANT LACERS REPRESENTATIVE**

One of the nine members of the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration is elected by active participants in the Deferred Compensation Plan who are also active members of the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) members. The enclosed ballot contains the names of the candidates nominated to fill one seat for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026. Below are the statements of qualifications as submitted by the candidates.

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

On the enclosed ballot, using a pen, mark in the oval to the right of the candidate of your choice or write in the space provided, the name of any other eligible participant in the Deferred Compensation Plan who is also an active member of LACERS whose name does not appear on the ballot. **ALL IDENTIFYING MARKS OR ERASURES ARE FORBIDDEN AND MAY MAKE THE BALLOT VOID.**

**ELECTIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. Your ballot and the information you provide on the Identification Envelope will be secured and kept confidential.**

The Identification Envelope must be completed and signed in order for your ballot to be counted. The Identification Envelope is used solely to ensure that an eligible voter has cast the ballot within. Before the tallying of the votes, ballots are removed from the Identification Envelope and intermingled to preserve confidentiality. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE IN ITS ENTIRETY MAY PREVENT YOUR BALLOT FROM BEING COUNTED.**

If you damage, spoil, lose or did not receive your ballot, you may obtain a replacement by emailing the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division at Clerk.ElectionAdmin@lacity.org and filing an affidavit of loss/non-receipt.

**HOW TO CAST YOUR BALLOT**

Place the completed Identification Envelope with the ballot enclosed into the Business Reply Envelope and deposit it in any U.S. Mail Box in time to be delivered to the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2023**; OR starting **Friday, May 12, 2023**, personally bring the Identification Envelope with the ballot enclosed in the Business Reply Envelope to the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division, 555 Ramirez Street, Space 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ballots received in any other way will not be counted. **The deadline for receiving ballots is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2023. Any ballots received after the deadline will not be counted.**

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE**

**THE FOLLOWING OPTIONAL STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE ARE PRESENTED BY THE CANDIDATES. THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE STATEMENTS HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED BY THE BOARD OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION OR THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK - ELECTION DIVISION. NO ENDORSEMENT IS INTENDED. THE STATEMENTS ARE PRINTED AS SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATES. NO EDITS OR CORRECTIONS WERE MADE.**

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**Guillermo Martinez, Jr.**  
Harbor Engineer

I am currently a Harbor Engineer at the Port of Los Angeles (Los Angeles Harbor Department) from 2004 to present. Previously, I worked at the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) from 2001 to 2004. I ask for your vote as your Board of Deferred Compensation Administration Active Participant LACERS Representative. I pledge to protect our deferred compensation investments and safeguard our retirements. I believe my 22 years of experience as a City Employee and Engineer has given me the skills and knowledge to ensure we maximize investment returns and provide investment options that will benefit all members. I pledge to always put the members first and to represent all City Employees. I look forward to your support and serving your best interests.

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**Matthew Benham**  
Deputy City Attorney

Hello, my name is Matthew Benham and I am asking for your vote to represent LACERS members on the Deferred Compensation Plan board. I work for the City Attorney's Office as a prosecutor, focusing on DUI and hit and run cases. I think this elected position is important because as employees we don't have a choice what retirement savings plan to use, so we have to make sure that the one we get from the City is well-run and meets our needs. I have experience working in finance for a major investment bank before I went to law school, so I can work with financial concepts and help make sure we are getting a good deal. At UCLA Law School I earned a specialization certificate in business law, and in undergrad at Berkeley I studied business and economics. The City's deferred compensation plan is a vital part of employee retirement planning, and I am committed to finding ways to make it easy for every City employee to participate and benefit. I believe that my finance and legal background have prepared me for this position, and I would be honored to receive your vote.

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**Theodore L. Irving**  
Principal City Planner

I am seeking your vote to be a representative on the Board of the Deferred Compensation Plan. I'm committed to bringing my experiences and values to the table to better serve you. Below is little of what I bring:

Presently, manages a division that serves and works with the City Council, City Planning Commission, several Area Planning Commissions, several Design Review Boards, and Historic Preservation Boards. The division also works closely with other City departments and with the several Neighborhood Councils, as well as members of the public

Supervises a staff that prepares recommendation reports and makes presentations to decision making bodies. Staff also provides customer service to members of the public and others seeking services from the department.

Previously, I've worked conducting research on technical and legal matters, conducting public hearings, preparing and issuing decision on land use matters. Worked with neighborhood groups, community organizations and legal professionals. Represented my office on appellant matters.

Presently, I serve on the executive board of a non-profit organization and have served on several committee of the past 15 years. I have served on the executive boards and committees for a couple of homeowner's associations, and have served in a leadership role in fraternal organizations

I have worked with federal, state and local regulations. I've worked to implement Citywide and department wide policies, programs and directives. I'm a graduate of several certified board leadership training programs.

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**Paul E. Alberga**  
Internal Auditor

Education:

BA in Business Economics & Masters of Business Administration (UC Riverside)

Experience:

16 years of financial analysis and government auditing experience (State, Local, and Judicial)

Professional Associations:

Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) – Los Angeles Chapter - Chair of Professional Development

Engineers & Architects Association (EAA) Union Member

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 11 Affiliated Member

Professional Profile:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/paulalbergamba/>

I am running for a seat on the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration because my skills and experience would bring fresh, disciplined, and innovative perspectives to a consistently overlooked and underappreciated employee savings program.

I believe that the DCP Program has the potential not only to provide tax benefits and retirement security, but also the ability to transform employee lifestyles, legacies, and greatly enhance our sense of pride and commitment to City service. I am passionate about continuous learning, consistent saving, and personal investing. I want to empower all of my City colleagues with the means and flexibility to secure their own prosperous future; whatever you choose that to be!

Through my platform of transparency, program enhancement, and personal choice over investments, I would work hard for you to ensure that the DCP program is administered prudently while operating in ways that put **your best interests first!**

Thank you for your consideration, and I would appreciate your support.