

Pension Sustainability Overview

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Pension Survey 2019

- The League wants to continue to be THE voice of pension issues for local governments.
- The League plans to craft updated survey materials and re-survey its members beginning in March 2019.
- The last survey conducted yielded close to 200 responses. We hope to increase that number to 350 to better reflect the issues cities face statewide.
- This information is **vital** in helping staff generate material used for our advocacy efforts.



Legal Landscape

Key Pension Issues for Local Government:

- *Cal. Fire Local 2881 v. CalPERS* (2016)
 - Seeks to clarify the application of vested rights doctrine to not-yet-earned (prospective) benefits (Airtime) of current employees
 - Court may decide to address the decision narrowly or broadly. A broad decision would mean that benefits not yet earned may be reduced and could create an opportunity for pension reform.
 - Decision was appealed and taken to the Supreme Court – Awaiting a decision
 - The League Filed an Amicus Brief
 - Oral arguments were held December 5, 2018. Court will issue opinion 90 days from arguments.

Board Turnover = New Opportunity

CalPERS elects retiree Henry Jones as the president of the Board of Administration

- Served on Board for 11 years
- First retiree elected as President in 25 years.



New Board Member, Jason Perez wins election, unseating former Board President Priva Mathur

- Sergeant City of Corona Police Dept.



New Board Member, Adria Jenkins-Jones

- Director, CalHR



Board Turnover cont.

New Board Member, Fiona Ma

- California State Treasurer



New Board Member, Mona Pasquil Rogers

- Member, State Personnel Board



Final Thoughts

Education: Seek education opportunities through the League, continue to educate your area managers, council members etc. on the issues. (This includes attending monthly CalPERS Board meetings).

Collaboration: Continue to work with stakeholders to find common ground on legislative policies to stabilize the pension system.

Communication: Groundswell approach needed. What do these numbers mean for jobs, raises, services for your community? Encourage your locals to engage their State Reps.

- Open a dialogue with the public, your councils, locals... Keep all stakeholders engaged and educated.