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You are hereby notified that an Election for the **Seventh (7th) Safety Member** for the Merced County Employees' Retirement Association Board will be held on March 30, 2021. An election will be conducted for this seat for the term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022. The following are important dates and activities for the election process:

DATE	ACTIVITY
January 29, 2021	Notice of Election Distributed to Safety Members
March 3, 2021	Deadline to Submit Nomination Papers*
March 4, 2021	Random Alpha Drawing for Candidate Order (9:00AM)
March 9, 2021	Distribution of Election Ballots
March 30, 2021	Final Date to Return Voted Ballot to Registrar of Voters
March 31, 2021	Canvassing (Counting) the Ballots

***NOTE:** Any safety 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. Access to the candidate filing portal and candidate filing appointments will be available beginning February 17, 2021 through March 3, 2021. The completed nomination paper must be returned to the Merced County Registrar of Voters Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2021.

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. March 3, 2021, 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 March 9, 2021 to all who are eligible safety members as of January 17, 2021.

For further information you may call the Registrar of Voters office at (209) 385-7541.