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- Topic: CalPERS Candidates' Forum.
Invited: Candidates for the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Member-At-Large 2009 Board election, CalPERS members, interested public and the press.
Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2009.
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Doors will open at 6:10 pm. Forum will begin and end promptly.
Admission: Free, no reservation required.
Location: Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95825 (Across from the Pavilions shopping center. The Dante Club will maintain an open bar outside the event room.
Sponsors: PERSWatch.net and the Sacramento Bee.
Moderator: League of Women Voters of Sacramento County.

Member-At-Large Board ballots will be mailed to each eligible member's home address beginning September 4, 2009 and must be received by October 2, 2009.

This Forum is offered to give eligible CalPERS members and the interested public an opportunity to see, meet, and question the candidates, resulting in a more informed vote in the upcoming election. All candidates have been invited.

Those attending will have an opportunity to submit written questions on cards distributed and collected by League volunteers so that the moderator can group and ask questions, as time permits. After a ten minute intermission, each candidate will be given an opportunity to respond to questions from the Sacramento Bee. Each candidate will have two minutes for an opening statement and one minute for a closing statement.

This is an historic event, since it may be the first such Forum, even though CalPERS has operated for more than 75 years, provides health benefits to nearly 1.3 million members, pension benefits to more than 1.6 million and administers a trust fund of more than \$190 billion. The impact of decisions by Board members is felt locally, state-wide, nationally and internationally.

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Out of respect for those with asthma, please refrain from wearing scented products to the event.