

ELECT SHARON HENDRICKS FOR CALSTRS BOARD

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FAQS FOR CALSTRS BOARD ELECTION

Who is eligible to vote?

Eligible voters in the election are persons who were members of the Defined Benefit Program and/or participants of the Cash Balance Benefit Program employed by a community college district during the 2010-11 school year, between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011.

When will I receive my ballot?

Mailed ballots arrive at CalSTRS members' homes on October 1st.

What will the mailing look like from CalSTRS?

The envelope with the official election ballot enclosed should look similar to this:

How long do we have to vote and when is the last day I can send my ballot in?

You will be able to vote between October 1st and November 30th. Voted ballots must be postmarked or received by CalSTRS on or before November 30th to be counted.

Is mailing the ballot back to CalSTRS the only way to vote?

When you receive your paper ballot in the mail, you will give three options for how to vote in this election. You can mail your paper ballot in, phone in your vote, or vote on-line. Instruction on these various voting options will be enclosed in your mailing.

What do I do if I lost or didn't receive my ballot?

For questions and generation information regarding this election, contact the Election Coordinator, Tom Barrett, at electioncoordinator@CalSTRS.com or 800-228-5453. ■

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Sharon Hendricks is the CFT, CCCI, FACCC and CPFA endorsed candidate for the Community College representative on the CalSTRS Board. "We are facing unprecedented attacks on teachers and public pensions while also witnessing great economic instability. These are challenging times for our country, our state and our role as educators in the public sector. Politicians are using the attacks on our pensions as a tool to undermine unions and weaken the middle class. As the elected Community College representative to the CalSTRS Board, I will fight for the secure retirement for all part-time and full-time community college faculty. I will also keep you informed and solicit your ideas about challenges facing CalSTRS and its members."

Carl Friedlander, President of the Community College Council, states "Sharon Hendricks will be a thoughtful, forceful, and persuasive voice on the CalSTRS Board. She understands both the fiscal and political challenges our retirement system faces and she will engage in the kind of regular, two-way communication with faculty that the current situation demands."

Sharon has been working to ensure the retirement security of community college faculty at the state level, serving on the CFT and FACCC Retirement Committees as well as at the local level, speaking to local chapters' and unions' faculty groups regarding CalSTRS issues and the attacks on teachers and public pensions. If you have questions for Sharon or want information about her campaign, please feel free to contact her.