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Subject: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE E.B.R.P.D DEFERRED COMPENSATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Attachments: [MESSAGES FROM RETIREES TO THE RAS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH THE TRANSITION TO EMPOWER.docx](#)

Dear Connie,

Due to Brown Act concerns I am sending this e-mail message to you. Please forward it to all the member of the Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee.

As you are probably aware, I sent my request for information message to the District after 9 days had gone by without my receiving a response from the Committee to my request for this information in my capacity as the Retirees Association representative to the District Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee. For your reference I have reprinted that request for information message in italics at the bottom of this e-mail.

Although I am disappointed not to have received a response, I can sympathize with your reluctance to share that information with the Committee and the Board of Directors.

I do have another request for information which hopefully will not be as difficult for you to fulfill:

I am told that you have informed the Board that "there is mostly positive feedback" from plan participants

concerning the transfer of the Deferred Compensation plan provider from Mission Square to Empower. I find this a bit odd. I have already sent to you and to the Board the messages the Retirees Association received from retirees and plan participants about their problems with the transition, but I will attach to this e-mail a copy of those messages for your reference. There were other letters and statements to the Board from Paul Rankin, a former District C.F.O., and Susan Gonzales, a former District H.R. Manager. The Retirees Association has not gotten a single message that contained positive feedback about this transfer. The vote to send to the Board the letter from Retirees Association president Steve Quick and me at a Retirees Association zoom meeting was unanimous.

I am requesting the Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee to share with me what the basis was for your statement to the Board of Directors about this "mostly positive feedback"? Please send me copies of any messages you might have received from any plan participants praising or opposing this transfer. If the committee has been sent any comments positive or negative from A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 2428 or the Police Association regarding the transfer please send me those too.

Thank you.

Peter Volin, Retirees Association representative on the East Bay Regional Park District Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee

Dear Yolande,

Please consider this to be an official request for information from the East Bay Regional Park District under the applicable procedures for such matters.

The information I am requesting pertains to the East Bay Regional Park District's Deferred Compensation plan and the recent transition of plan provider from Mission Square to Empower.

Item 1: The District has stated that "The move to Empower is entirely to benefit the employee and plan participants. The saving is approximately \$200,000.00 a year based on the move to the new funds; plan participants will be able to earn money due to paying less in fees". I am requesting a detailed analysis on how the District arrived at the estimate that plan participants would save \$200,000.00 a year based on the move to the new funds.

Item 2: I would like to know the number of plan participants who have either retired or terminated their employment with the District who had investments in the deferred compensation plan as of December 31, 2023. I would also like to know how much money all of these former District employees had invested in the District's Deferred Compensation plan as of December 31, 2023. Please note that at this time the plan was still

administered by Mission Square. I would also like to know the number of plan participants who have either retired or terminated their employment with the District who had investments in the deferred compensation plan as of March 31, 2023. I would also like to know how much money all of these former District employees had invested in the District's Deferred Compensation plan as of March 31, 2023. Please note that at this time the plan was still administered by Empower.

If there is any need for clarification or if any questions arise I may be reached at pvolin@pacbell.net or (510) 525-4102.