



SUSAN MALLET

I am seeking your vote for the position of Alternate Retired Member of the Board of Retirement of the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association. Many of you know me through my volunteer service on the board of the Retired Employees of San Diego County, Inc. (RESDC).

I retired, in November 2006, after twenty-four years of service with the San Diego County Probation Department. I am a proud alumna of San Diego State University having earned Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Psychology and Counseling. My career with the County of San Diego began at Kearny Mesa Juvenile Hall. Through opportunities to promote and transfer throughout the department's divisions, I gained invaluable experiences in personnel management and ethics, labor relations, budgeting, as well as administration. At the time of my retirement, I was the Deputy Chief of Juvenile Institutions and responsible for approximately one third of the Probation Department's employees.

As a new retiree, I was encouraged to join the retiree association, RESDC, and did so without knowing much about our San Diego County retirement system or how it's funded. Since 2009, I served on the RESDC Board as a director and as president for over five years. In that capacity, I attended most Board of Retirement meetings, speaking before that Board on issues related to retiree benefits and interests, and regularly reporting on Board meeting discussions and decisions in the monthly RESDC newsletter. As an active observer of Board of Retirement meetings, I began to learn about our retirement system's investments and strategies to balance investment risks with investment earnings. I understand our Board of Retirement has a number of responsibilities for the retirement system, with the primary responsibility to prudently manage the benefits and investments of the retirement fund for the members, active and retired, and their beneficiaries.

I hope you agree that my tenure on the RESDC Board, the recognized retiree organization representing the interests of San Diego County retirees, has prepared me to now serve as the Alternate Retired Member of our Board of Retirement.