

DISTRIBUTION OF RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS ELECTION



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MEMBER NAME: _____ **SSN:** _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

I hereby elect to withdraw \$ _____ of the retirement funds.*

A mandatory 20% will be withheld for Federal income tax. Please contact SCERA if you wish to withhold more so that we can send you the necessary tax form.

I request that _____ % be withheld for California State income tax (California residents only).

I hereby elect a direct rollover of \$ _____ of the retirement funds to the qualified retirement plan below.*

I understand it is my responsibility to determine the tax-qualified status of a plan receiving the direct rollover.

Name of Qualified Plan: _____ **Account No:** _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

*If the entire account balance is to be withdrawn or rolled over, you may write "account balance" in the space provided. Combined amounts must equal the total amount in your SCERA account. In addition, the amount to be directly rolled over must be more than the specified minimum amount of \$500.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I meet the employment requirements required to process this withdrawal/rollover as explained on page 2. In addition, I understand the pertinent information on page 2 of this form and in the enclosed document M201 "Special Tax Notice Regarding Plan Payments and Federal Income Tax".

Member Signature Date Signed Spouse/Domestic Partner Signature Date Signed
(required for withdrawals/rollovers)

Address¹ City¹ State¹ Zip¹

Email Phone No.

¹If this information differs from what SCERA has on file, your signature on this form authorizes SCERA to update our records with this address.

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| <u>RETIREMENT TO COMPLETE</u> | | | | |
| Last day in pay status: _____ | | Account Transaction Date Range: _____ to _____ | | |
| Prepared By _____ | Approved By _____ | Payroll Input By _____ | Verified By _____ | Gross Amount _____ |

The following provisions apply for each status listed.

Reciprocity

- Your funds must remain on deposit with SCERA and **cannot be withdrawn** unless or until you terminate membership with the reciprocal system and withdraw your funds from that system.

Deferred Non-Vested

- An election to allow contributions to remain on deposit may be revoked by the member at any time, prior to retirement, if you meet the *Withdrawal / Rollover Employment Requirements* below.

Withdrawal / Rollover Employment Requirements

An election to withdraw/rollover your contributions is not allowed for Deferred Non-Vested members if you are:

- employed in any capacity with a SCERA-covered agency; or
- an employed member of a California state funded retirement system; or
- an employed member of a reciprocal system who is eligible to develop reciprocity.

Deferred Vested

- An election to allow contributions to remain on deposit may be revoked by the member at any time, prior to retirement.

The following provisions apply for lump sum withdrawal or rollover of your retirement funds:

- If you withdraw or rollover your funds, you will not be eligible for any future retirement benefit for the period of service refunded unless you re-enter SCERA membership and redeposit the withdrawn funds plus interest.
- Refunds of less than \$200 will not be subject to withholding.
- Refunds of taxable contributions and interest in an amount over \$200 (not rolled over into a traditional IRA or qualified retirement plan) will be subject to a mandatory 20% Federal tax that SCERA will withhold before issuing a refund. In addition, if you are younger than 59 ½ years old the refund may be subject to a 10% Federal excise tax and a 2.5% State excise tax for the year the funds are withdrawn.
- Any retirement contributions already taxed are not subject to withholding.
- Rollovers to Roth IRAs move pre-tax monies to an after-tax account that may result in tax consequences you should discuss with your financial or tax advisor.
- **To be eligible for a disability retirement, you must be a member of SCERA with funds on deposit in the system.** If termination is being considered for health reasons, please contact SCERA for counseling.
- If you withdraw your SCERA funds and were, or become, a law enforcement member or firefighter with a California public agency, you may have the option to redeposit with SCERA.