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ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION

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**"SPECIAL EDITION !"**

**CUT TO RETIRED FIREFIGHTER'S PENSION PLAN (COLA 3%) PROPOSED BY PERA BOARD (YOUR HELP IS NEEDED)**

On June 23, 2012 the PERA Board met and proposed cutting the Annual COLA from 3% to 2% for retired firefighters. Other Municipal retired public employees including police officers and Other retired City employees in the state of New Mexico will be Affected as well.

The plan proposed by the PERA Board will go to the 2013 New Mexico State Legislature and would erase the PERA pension fund's \$4.9 billion and growing unfunded liability by 2029. Retired Firefighters would get a 3% COLA in July, 2012, however, in July, 2013 the proposed cut to 2 % would go into effect.

At a recent meeting, the PERA Board voted 10-1 to approve the solvency plan recommended by the agency staff. "The Whole point is to get out of this solvency crunch and obtain an Adequate funding level soon as possible," said Wayne Probst, PERA executive director

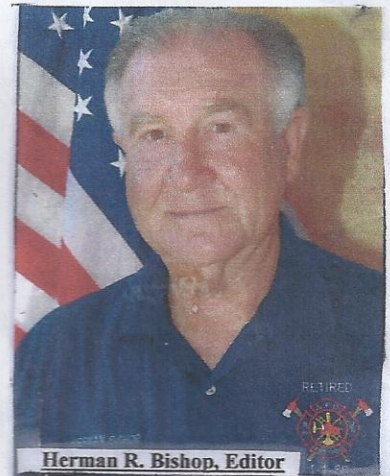
Like other pension plans nationwide, PERA has seen it's unfunded Liability increase in recent years, due largely to investment- driven Losses and workers retiring earlier and living longer.

Governor Susana Martinez would have have to sign off on changes to The PERA retirement benefits for them to become law if the proposed Changes are approved by the New Mexico State legislature.

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PERA BOARD ELECTION  
BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED BY AUGUST 17 TH AND ARE DUE BACK TO THE SANTA FE MAIN POST OFFICE BY 9-21-2012

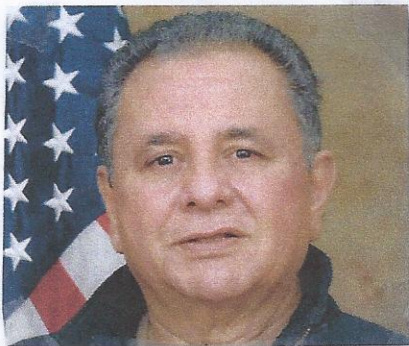
ANNUAL F.F. PICNIC  
AUGUST 18, 2010

The annul F.F. retiree Picnic/Reunion Will be held in downtown Bernalillo, New Mexico, at Rotary Park, on Saturday August 18 th @ 10:00 A.M. To 4:00 P.M. Prices are: \$5.00 for Adults and Children under 12, free. For directions call Eddie Torres @ 898-8948. Go to downtown Bernalillo, turn west on Calle Don Francisco ( about 1/2 mile).

**"VOTE !"**  
**GERALD GRIMM**  
**PERA BOARD**



ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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Sam Trujillo

#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By: Sam Trujillo

This special edition newsletter is being sent out for three reasons :

- 1 ... Reminder that our summer annual picnic will be held on August 18th from 10 AM to 4 PM at Rotary Park in Bernalillo New Mexico. Donations to offset the cost are Appreciated. Please attend and bring the family.
- 2 ... Our annual AFD Retiree's Association fund donation drive is taking place. We operate strictly on donations. Your donation is a tax deduction.
- 3 ... As you know, we were successful in getting Gerald Grimm on the ballot for the PERA Retiree Position. Now we need your help in getting Gerald elected. It is very important that you return your ballot as soon as you receive the PERA ballot which will be mailed to all PERA retirees in mid August. There is a deadline of September 20th so please return your ballot as soon as possible. We can not depend on getting Gerald elected with only Retired Fire Fighters so I am asking each of you to please contact any PERA Retiree that you may know to please vote for Gerald Grimm. This may include any State, County or Municipal Retiree that you may know. **The current 3% increase that we received this July may be the last cost of living increase that we may ever see again.** Gerald Grimm has the past experience to serve on the PERA Board and will look out for Retiree benefits especially the annual 3% C.O.L.A. which we may loose completely. PERA will surely make changes after the next Legislative session so lets do our part in protecting our C.O.L.A. . Gerald Grimm has been endorsed by Police and Fire Fighter organizations State wide so please do your part and contact any PERA Retiree and ask them to vote for Gerald. This may be the most important election that you vote on in 2012. If anyone has any questions, please contact me @ 899-1500.



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# Summer 2012 *La VOZ* retiree edition

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## Make Your Vote Count

**M**unicipal non-county and Retiree PERA members will be voting in this year's Board elections. PERA members employed by municipal county employers will not be participating in this year's election.

Municipal non-county members will be choosing between the current Municipal Board Member Patricia French, and two additional candidates Bill Thalman and Lloyd Valentine. Retiree members will be choosing between Gerald Grimm, Ronnie O. Garcia, and Daniel J. Mayfield. Paula Fisher is running unopposed for the vacant State seat with PERA's Board. As a result, State members will sit out this election.



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Profiles of the candidates for Retiree members are provided in this issue of *La Voz*. Ballots will be mailed by August 17th and are due back to the Santa Fe Main Post Office by September 21st. Any ballots received after this date will not be counted.

If Labor Day has come and gone and you still have not received your ballot, please call Jane Clifford at (505) 476-9305 in the PERA Santa Fe office. We will check our list of ballots that have been returned by the post office. If your name appears on the list of returned ballots, PERA can mail a new ballot to you. If you have moved, please notify PERA in writing by mail or e-mail at [pera-memberservices@state.nm.us](mailto:pera-memberservices@state.nm.us) of your new address by July 27th.

PERA has been fortunate to have concerned, responsible and responsive Board members. You can help keep that trend going by thinking about the best candidate and voting.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Board of the Public Employees Retirement Association is to preserve, protect, and administer the Trust to meet its current and future obligations and provide quality services to association members.*

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## PERA BOARD ELECTION

**PLEASE VOTE FOR GERALD GRIMM TO THE PERA BOARD. HE WILL REPRESENT RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS AND WILL ENSURE THAT ANNUAL COLA'S ARE PROTECTED AND THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ARE HEARD AND PROTECTED.**

### ANNUAL FUND RAISER

**MANY OF YOU HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO OUR ANNUAL FUND DRIVE. PLEASE HELP BY SENDING YOUR DONATIONS TODAY YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR ASSOCIATION STRONG.**

**“MANY THANKS !”**



**RE - ELECT**

# **GERALD GRIMM**

**PERA BOARD RETIREE MEMBER**

## **Ballot Position #1**

"I dedicated my career to improving our retirement benefits and maintaining fund solvency. Now I find myself fighting even harder to block attempts to cut or eliminate our benefits. With your support, I'll continue to lobby and fight to protect and preserve our retirement benefits and security **WHICH WE HAVE EARNED.**

I would be honored to earn your **vote and support.**

Thank you for your trust and continued support",

***Gerald Grimm***



### **Background -- Financial Experience -- Education**

- PERA Board Chairperson and Municipal Member
- BA – Business Administration; Finance/Management, US Adjutants General Institute
- Department Director (Fire Chief) City of Albuquerque, 22 yrs
- Director of Public Safety and Fire Chief, Texas City, Texas, 17 yrs
- RPENM Legislative Committee
- President, IAFF Local 244
- President, NM Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Registered Lobbyist, Advantage Consultants
- Veteran, U.S. Army, Sergeant

## **JOIN ME & JUST SAY NO TO BENEFIT CUTS**

## **I WILL BE YOUR VOICE - YOUR VOTE**

Paid For By IAFF Albuquerque Local 244 and AFDRFFA