

Candidates' Statement of Qualifications

Candidate Statement of **EDWARD F. WALSH, Jr.**

My occupation is Principal Administrative Analyst, Department of Parking and Traffic

My qualifications are:

- Masters of Public Administration, University of San Francisco; BA University of Santa Clara
- Active member IFPTE Local 21.
- Endorsements: IFPTE Local 21, SEIU Local 790, TWU Local 250-A
- 25 years conducting fiscal, budget, and legislative analysis, including the cost/benefit of a pension and COLA improvement
- Led the movement over the last two years to get a pension and COLA improvement, uniting Labor, Retirees, and City employees.

WHAT I WILL DO IF ELECTED:

- Work vigorously and relentlessly to hire the Charter mandated in-house actuary. The Retirement Board has failed to act in four years. This has hurt our pension and COLA improvement efforts.
- Continue to support the effort to improve our pension and COLA.
- Improve communication with members. I will come to you when issues arise.

Pension and health benefits are threatened in this country and the stewards of same should be energetic leaders who can protect and promote our interests and unite our members. I believe I have demonstrated these qualities and can best represent your interests. I need your vote to make it happen. Email edfwalsh@sbcglobal.net with questions, suggestions, or comments.

Candidate Statement of **JOE DRISCOLL**

My occupation is Lieutenant San Francisco Fire Department

My qualifications are:

During my years as a Retirement Board Trustee, benefit promises have grown to over \$10 billion and assets to over \$13 billion. More importantly we grew from 38,000 to 51,000+ active and retired members. Surveys indicate SFERS is among the most securely funded pension plans with a funding ratio over 100%. I fulfill my fiduciary duties by:

- Developing asset allocation policies and investment opportunities to generate better investment returns to help fund increased benefits, pay the extra cost of living adjustments for retirees and help minimize contributions.
- Establishing a Business Plan to promote best practices. We prioritize tasks to improve member communications and education through retirement seminars, newsletters, SFERS website and enhanced information systems. There is more to do.
- Improving the \$1 billion employees' Deferred Compensation program, adding investment opportunities, lowering fees with excellent education and services for all members

I have used my investment experience and benefit knowledge to support all unions to achieve benefit increases.

My Qualifications/Education/Experience:

Masters Business Administration Golden Gate University

BA San Francisco State University

Chartered Financial Analyst

31 years with San Francisco Firefighters Local 798, 14 years as treasurer and vice-president

Call me at 722-8965 or email joedriscoll@sffdlocal798.org or joedriscoll@comcast.net

Thank you, Joe Driscoll.