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To:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

From:

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

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Brandon Smith, Boards and Commissions Coordinator; Chris Callanen,

Assistant to the City Council; City Council; staff

Subject:

Fire/Police Pension Fund and Retiree Health Care Funds boards

Date: November 10, 2017

The purpose of this memo is to submit my nominations of individuals for appointment to serve as trustees to: (a) the Fire and Police Retiree Health Care Fund, and (b) the Fire and Police Pension Fund.

As you may know, these boards undertake long-term planning and make major investment decisions to support pensions and health care benefits of the City's retired public safety employees and their eligible family members. The composition of each board is governed by statute, and is not managed by City staff, consultants or attorneys.

What may not be recognized is the critical importance of these organizations to the fiscal position of the City. The adopted FY 2018 budget includes mandated payments to these organizations in excess of \$100 million. The self-guided management, financial planning, benefits management and decisions by these boards could significantly impact the respective financial position of these Funds and ultimately impact the City. Given this, the appointees to these boards play a crucial role in balancing benefits to retirees and the corresponding costs to the taxpayer.

Per statute, the Mayor, or his designee, serves on each fund board. In order to provide the oversight warranted to these important governing boards and organizations, I am designating the following individuals as my appointees:

Fire and Police Retiree Health Care Fund:

Mr. Tom Silliman

Fire and Police Pension Fund:

Mr. Reed Williams

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Tom Silliman is the former Market Vice President of Humana, and has had an extensive career with large-employer health care plans and cost management, in both public and private sectors. He recently joined the benefits enrollment and technology firm of Hodges-Mace. Reed Williams served with distinction as city councilman for District 8, between 2009 and 2013, following a long career as a petroleum industry executive. He later served on the Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Water System.

Further, I hereby nominate the following City Councilmembers to serve in the following capacities:

Retiree Health Care Fund

- * Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran
- * Councilman John Courage

Pension Fund

- * Councilman Cruz Shaw
- * Councilman Clayton Perry

Please include these nominations on the next available City Council meeting agenda for consideration.

Ron Nirenberg

Mayor

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