

What is PAC and Why is it Necessary? By Dr. Ralph Villani, Area IX Director

PAC stands for CalRTA's "Political Action Committee." The PAC Committee is composed of no fewer than five members, including the CalRTA President, the President-Elect, the Treasurer, and two CalRTA Area Directors. Committee members must be current members of CalRTA and contributors to the CalRTA PAC in an annual amount to be determined by the Committee.

CalRTA-Pac makes no contributions to candidates or campaigns for local, state or federal offices. Rather, CalRTA-PAC will use its funds received from member contributions for supporting or opposing ballot measures which relates to any facet of public education, including such issues as administration, wages, retirement, PENSIONS, and similar matters.

A Ballot Measure is any constitutional amendment or other provision that a legislative body submits to a popular vote at an election by initiative, referendum, or recall procedure, whether or not it qualified for the ballot.

Currently, CalRTA-PAC is opposing a "Proposed" ballot measure: "The New Public Employee Benefits Reform Act". This proposal is seeking signatures to place this proposal on either the June or November ballot. If this measure goes on the ballot and passes, it would significantly reduce public pensions for new public employees. It would also have some effect on current retirees since it addresses some increases in current pensions.

Please do not support this "proposal." Also, please make as generous a contributions to CalRTA-PAC as possible, even though you may have made contributions in the past.. Send your contribution by check ONLY in the blue envelopes provided to you by your Division President, OR mail the contribution to: CalRTA-PAC, c/o J. Richard Eichmman, CPA, 1127 11th Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814. Please make checks payable to CalRTA-PAC. State laws require that these funds be collected by a third party.

CalRTA must have a large fund in our PAC to defeat this measure. We need your financial help now.