

## STEP 3: MAKE YOUR PAYMENT

### Option 1: Monthly CalPERS Deduction:

I authorize the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to deduct for each applicant on this form \$5.00 per month from my retirement allowance until revoked by me in writing. **Only available if one applicant is receiving a CalPERS retirement payment**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number or CalPERS ID + Last 4 SSN \_\_\_\_\_

### Option 2: Check or Money Order:

As a payment for the first year's dues, I have attached a check or money order for \$60.00 (\$30.00 for affiliate membership) for each applicant on this form. I will be billed annually for subsequent renewals.

### Option 3: Credit Card Authorization:

As a payment for the first year's dues, I authorize \$60.00 for each applicant on this form (\$30.00 for affiliate membership) to be charged on my credit card. I will be billed annually for subsequent renewals.

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV/CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check this box if you wish to enroll for annual auto-renewal

## STEP 4: ADD OR UPDATE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Member Information (See step 2)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Ph (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## HERE'S WHAT OUR MEMBERS THINK OF RPEA

"RPEA is the best association for active and retired public employees to join. They do an outstanding job of watching out for my pension. The \$5.00 a month membership is the best value around!"

- Rosemary Knox  
Northern California

"Without RPEA, I'm certain that I would have lost my annual COLA by now. I'm grateful RPEA works hard to preserve it."

- Al Darby  
Midwest, California

"My RPEA Chapter gives me a great place to meet other RPEA retirees. Our Chapter officers do a great job of lining up informative programs."

- Cathy Jeppson  
Los Angeles, California

"As a member of an RPEA local Chapter, I get help from experts to help me better understand how to get the most out of my benefits."

- Elena Yuasa  
Southern California



## EVENTUALLY, IT COMES DOWN TO THIS.

Each of us has gained financially from the efforts of our predecessors. They joined RPEA and volunteered their time to watch over the pension fund. They are the ones who lobbied for our additional benefits, and they kept the pension system from being taken over by those who wanted to eliminate the Defined Benefit Pension.

Since we are thankful for what we have today, don't we also have a responsibility to continue watching out for ourselves and for those who will follow?

## JOIN YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER NOW!



**THANK YOU!**  
FOR BEING A MEMBER OF RPEA  
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA



## NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER

Your membership in RPEA demonstrates that you understand how important it is to stand as one to protect your pension and benefits. Whether it is the fight to protect our COLA or other issues that could compromise the strength of the CalPERS funds. RPEA will be there!

## DID YOU KNOW?

**IN ORDER FOR RPEA TO BE SUCCESSFUL, MEMBERS MUST BECOME THE EYES AND EARS OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

RPEA and its lobbyist are usually the first to hear of proposed or actual pieces of legislation that could have an impact on retirement funds and benefits.

RPEA's success in fighting to protect your pension often is a combination of our ability to persuade the legislature along with your calls and letters to share how the impact of poor legislation will harm you in retirement. This combination has proven to be very effective and is the key to success!

## CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

Before retirement, you and your employer paid into the pension fund.

The Retirement System invested those funds and generated additional income.

When this additional income was first generated, the battle over its use began. Some in the Legislature wanted it used to pay for special projects or to offset budget deficits.

Retirees like you and those still working in the public sector wanted it to remain in the pension system and to be used for enhanced pension and benefit programs.

## HOW DID THE RETIREES GET THEIR POINTS ACROSS?

The answer is simple. Concerned retirees got personally involved. Developing and executing a successful legislative plan, requires a commitment of time and work.

Protecting your pension also requires a commitment of time and work. We are experts in the planning and implementation of strategies to protect your benefits. You and our tens of thousands of RPEA members are the heart and soul of our association, working hand in hand with us to achieve the victories we deserve.

## HAVE MY PREDECESSORS IN RPEA ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING FOR ME?

RPEA was established in September of 1958, to protect and enhance all retirement and health benefits currently received upon retirement under laws administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

RPEA members who came before us participated with our lobbyists in the successful passage of many enhancements of legislation.

## CURRENT RPEA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RPEA stopped the passage of AB 386 (Cooper) CalPERS' attempt to engage in private equity that would involve lending money in secret to less than prime borrowers.

RPEA sponsored bill SB 1168 (Cortese) passed and signed into law, increasing the death benefit from \$500 to \$2,000

RPEA sponsored bill SB 850 (Laird) passed and signed into law is structured to permit the death benefit of peace officers killed in the line of duty to be paid to the children of the officer even if no formal relationship with the parent of the child exists.

## YES!

They have accomplished a great deal. Can our generation of retirees accomplish the same?

## YES! BUT...

It will, as it always has, require the faithful and personal participation of every single RPEA member!

## YOU CAN HELP!

If you haven't already done so, join RPEA and make a commitment to attend your local chapter meetings. The following is a list of benefits you will gain from your membership in local RPEA chapter.

- Opportunities to hear from and provide feedback to your California Senator and Assembly Member
- Expert presentations from various elder-related groups
- Meet your RPEA Area Director
- Chapter legislative officers will keep you current on all bills under consideration in the California Legislature that could impact your pension.
- Presentations from AMBIA, the RPEA endorsed provider of products, benefits and services designed especially for public sector retirees like you.



## FOLLOW THE 4 EASY STEPS

### STEP 1: TELL US WHO YOU ARE

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Is your spouse an additional applicant?  Yes  No

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Ph (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Retired From: \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Chapter Number or Name if Known: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE

- Retiree**  
(CalPERS Annuitant)
- Affiliate**  
(Still working for a Public Agency)
- Beneficiary**  
(Beneficiary of a CalPERS retiree)
- Associate Member**  
(Supporter of RPEA's goals)