



# CONTACT

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Phil Rodriguez (BGH) volunteers at the Los Angeles Marathon March 21.

## STRS Longevity Bonus Sunsets in December

As of December 31, 2010, the window period to earn eligibility for the CalSTRS longevity bonus will close. If you have 30 or more years of service credits in the CalSTRS system, you will continue to increase your longevity bonus with each year of service up to 32 years. ***If you do not have at least 30 years on December 31, 2010, you will not be eligible for the bonus.*** If you retire during this calendar year, the bonuses are as follows:

30 years of qualified service .....	\$200 per month
31 years of qualified service .....	\$300 per month
32 years of qualified service .....	\$400 per month

## PARS Retirement Incentive Is Available through Monday, April 26

Many, many Bargaining Unit members considered participating in the retirement incentive, but were unable to get STRS counseling appointments. The program was successful to the extent that individuals made good faith attempts to obtain the right information to make a sound decision, yet the resources were not available. Additionally, the District and the Association reviewed the accounting for the retirement incentive and agreed that the minimum threshold for activating the program is now **47** and has been extending through **Thursday, April 26** at 4 p.m.

## PARS May Trigger a 5-Year Freeze on the Early Retirement Option

If the minimum number of retirees is reached for the PARS Retirement Incentive, the Article XV. Early Retirement Option will be frozen through June 2015. The program allows retirees between 55 and 60 years of age to earn up to \$5000 per year in service to the District. The Option is currently frozen.

## MTA Office Is Closed April 12-16

The MTA office will be closed during Spring Break, April 12-16. The office will also be closed Friday, April 2.

### NEA RA Election Results

#### Three-Year-Term

\*Margie Granado ..... 474

#### Two-Year-Term

\*Dianne GarciaStevens ..... 436

#### One-Year-Term

\*Ed Guzman..... 347

\*Christopher Kakimi ..... 324

\*Brian Stevens ..... 283

\*Guillermo Sandoval ..... 299

\*Irma Navarro ..... 287

\*Julian De La Torre ..... 397

Pamela A. Valdry ..... 222

Maria E. Balderas ..... 258

\*Kathy A. Reyes..... 342

Thanh Le ..... 164

\*Alma Orta ..... 281

\* Indicates elected

## 2009 Tax Information

The amounts shown below are the annual amount for the calendar year 2009, which covers parts of two different membership years. Please note that your Trust Fund contribution is included since it is collected as "dues" under Category 1. Trust Fund contributions are also included with dues if you are a Category 2 employee and have elected to participate in the MTA Trust Fund.

### JANUARY – DECEMBER 2009 MEMBERS

Cat. 1	Full Time	\$1,961.40 (Rep Fee \$961.40)
2	30-60%	\$1,495.70 (w/o TF \$495.70)
3	30% or less	\$ 263.20

Retired 6/09 \$1,168.20 (Rep Fee \$568.20)

### NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER

Cat. 1	Full Time	\$ 793.20 (Rep Fee \$393.20)
2	30-60%	\$ 602.60 (w/o TF \$202.60)
3	30% or less	\$ 107.44

Political contributions are as follows: MTA-ABC \$25/year. FACT \$10/year, NEA-PAC \$10/year (or what you have designated).