## RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION, INC. (REMCOAI)

Dear Fellow Retiree:

Congratulations on your retirement! We hope your retirement years will be enjoyable and that you and your family will always enjoy good health.

As a Merced County retiree, you are eligible to join the Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc (REMCOAI), and I cordially invite you to do so. Your membership is very important to all of us. The primary purpose of REMCOAI is to keep retirees informed on subjects pertaining to their retirement and to provide a collective voice in protecting and improving your retirement benefits. For our organization to be successful, we need a strong membership. Today "pension reform" is a main topic on all political agendas in efforts to reduce budgets. One by one the hard-earned benefits currently enjoyed can and will be eroded unless we remain vigilant in the defense of our pensions. The stronger our membership, the better we can protect your pension.

The following are some of the benefits currently enjoyed by REMCOAI members:

- An organized voice concerning retiree benefits, including health insurance issues
- Membership in California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA), with a collective voice of over 160,000 members in a statewide organization protecting retirees' benefits on a state and national level
- A quarterly newsletter covering items of interest to retirees
- Five (5) annual \$1000 scholarships awarded to students of member families
- Reduced price for quarterly luncheon meetings, and free luncheon meeting in December (first quarterly luncheon meeting is free for new members)
- Vision Care Program (a REMCOAI negotiated benefit)
- A Facebook page for members
- Trips and activities

Membership dues are currently \$3.00 per month and will be withheld by payroll deduction for all newly enrolled retirees.

We need you in REMCOAI! We want you in REMCOAI! Why not join now to strengthen the organization and protect the benefits you have earned by your many years of service to Merced.

Sincerely,

Lori Norman, President <u>Lorinorman@sbcglobal.net</u> (209) 769-5556

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

REMCOAI is an organization of retired Merced County employees who meet quarterly to keep updated on important issues that affect all retirees. This form authorizes MercedCERA to deduct the monthly dues (\$3.00) from your monthly retirement benefit.

REMCOAI may use email to send newsletters and to notify members of information or upcoming events and news. Email addresses and phone numbers are strictly for use by REMCOAI. If another member wants to contact you, we will contact you first for approval before giving out your email address or phone number.

Print Name Above

Email Address (please print)

Phone Number

I hereby authorize MercedCERA to deduct the REMCOAI dues from my monthly benefit and to release my address and phone number to REMCOAI. I further reserve the right to terminate this authorization at any time.

Signature

Date

Return the form to the MercedCERA office via email at MercedCERA@countyof merced.com or via mail/in person at 3199 "M" Street, Merced, CA 95348.