**Retiring During COVID-19**

**AFT Retiree Chapter**

Retiring during COVID-19 presents its own challenges and as the AFT 1931 Retiree Chapter we want to help you in that process as much as possible. During COVID-19 many retiree services have eliminated face-to-face appointments, have shortened their hours of operation, and as a result it may take longer for your paperwork to be processed. As a retiree chapter we want to share some recommendations and resources to help you in your upcoming retirement.

Your retirement paperwork is time sensitive and each department or organization below has different deadlines so please pay attention to each deadline. In addition, some of these departments or organizations have paperwork that needs to be coordinated together. We would recommend that prior to contacting the offices below, that you first make a list of questions and after you speak with them, please send them a follow up email to confirm your understanding of the details of your conversations. There is no cost to contact any of the departments or organizations listed below. Everyone who retires has different circumstances and depending on your situation, you may need to contact many of the following departments and organizations below:

San Diego Community College District’s Benefits Office –<https://www.sdccd.edu/about/departments-and-offices/human-resources/retirement-services/index.aspx>

Grossmont/Cuyamaca Community College District Benefits Office – <https://www.gcccd.edu/benefits/04-Retirement-Plans.html>

Social Security – www.ssa.gov

Medicare – [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) – www.seniorlaw-sd.org

CalSTRS – www.calstrs.com

CalPERS – www.calpers.ca.gov

Our retiree chapter wishes you the best in your retirement and we hope you will consider joining our chapter to stay engaged with your District colleagues and to be involved with issues that support the values of our retirees. You can find our chapter membership form on the union’s website [www.aftguild.org](http://www.aftguild.org) under the banner AFT Guild Retiree Chapter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

In solidarity,

Susan Morgan, President

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