

City of Tulare

INFORMATION PAMPHLET  
for  
INITIATIVES, REFERENDUMS, &  
RECALLS



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# INITIATIVES

# INITIATIVE PROCESS

**Notice of Intention** File Notice of Intention with city elections official with the printed name/s, signature/s, and business or residence addresses of at least one but not more than three proponents. Includes written text of initiative and a request that a ballot title and summary be prepared.

The Notice of Intention may contain a statement not exceeding 500 words, stating the reasons for the petition. Election Code §9202<sup>1</sup>

**Title & Summary** The city elections official (City Clerk) immediately transmits a copy of any proposed measure to City Attorney. City Attorney prepares an official ballot title and summary for the proposed measure.

The city elections official furnishes a copy of the ballot title and summary to the proponents. §9203

**Appeal** Any elector of the city may seek a writ of mandate requiring the ballot title or summary to be amended. §9204

**Publication or Posting** If there is a newspaper of general circulation as described in Government Code §6000-6008, proponents shall publish for one day the Notice of Intention and the ballot title and summary. If there is no adjudicated newspaper of general circulation in the city, the notice, title and summary shall be published at least once in a newspaper circulated in the city and adjudicated as being of general circulation in the county in which the city is located AND, the notice, title and summary shall be posted.

**File Proof** File proof of publication or posting, or both, of the notice of intention, title and summary with the city elections official (City Clerk) within 10 days after publishing or posting. Proof of publication is obtained from the newspaper, proof of posting is an affidavit signed by a voter of the city certifying to the fact of the posting. §9206

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted all code references pertain to California Elections Code.

## **Circulation**

Proponents may begin to circulate the petitions for voter signatures after publication or posting, or both, of the title and summary. Each section of the petition shall bear a copy of the notice of intention and the title and summary prepared by the City Attorney. §9207

Each section shall have attached the declaration of the person soliciting the signatures. This declaration shall declare that the circulator is a voter or is a qualified voter of the city, and shall state his or her residence address at the time of the execution of the declaration. §9209

Proponents have 180 days from date of the receipt of the Title and Summary, or after conclusion of any legal action, to circulate the petitions. §9208

## **Signature Requirement**

§9214 - **15% of the voters** of the city according to the last report of registration by the county elections official to the Secretary of State effective at the time of the Notice of Intent was published and the petition contains a request that the ordinance be submitted immediately to a vote of the people at a special election, then , the legislative body shall either:

- 1) adopt the ordinance without alteration;
- 2) call a special election within 88 and 103 days (if a regular election will be held within 180 days, the measure may be consolidated with that regular election: April, March and November of even-numbered years or March, June and November of odd-numbered years. §1405); or
- 3) order a report pursuant to §9212 and once the report is presented, the legislative body shall either adopt the ordinance within 10 days or order an election.

**Verification of Signatures**

The proponent(s) or person(s) authorized in writing by the proponent(s) shall file all sections of the petition at one time §9210

At the time of filing, the city elections official shall examine the petition to determine if the number of signatures affixed, prima facie, is equal to or greater than the number of signatures required. If the number of signatures is sufficient, then the City Clerk shall accept the petition for filing and date stamp it. If the number of signatures is not sufficient, it shall not be accepted for filing.

The City Clerk shall box up the petitions in the presence of the proponent and seal the box with tape. The box will be delivered by the City Clerk to the County Elections Office.

Within 30 days from the date of filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays, the County Elections Office shall verify signatures. If the petition is found insufficient, no action shall be taken. If the petition is found to be sufficient, the city elections official shall certify the results to the legislative body at the next regular meeting. §9211

**Enactment of Ordinance**

Ordinances are passed with a majority vote of the voters voting in favor and shall be considered adopted upon the date the vote is declared by the legislative body. The ordinance shall go into effect 10 days after that date. §9217

# IF THE INITIATIVE GOES TO ELECTION

## CALENDAR

The city elections official will develop a calendar for the election, including dates when arguments, rebuttals, and campaign statements need to be filed.

## ARGUMENTS, ETC.

The persons filing an initiative petition may file a written argument in favor of the ordinance and the legislative body may submit an argument against the ordinance. Check with the city elections official to determine any rules governing arguments. The elections official will also provide deadlines for filing arguments.

All arguments shall be accompanied by a signature statement to be signed by each proponent and by each author of the argument. §9600

Rebuttal arguments are limited to 250 words and must also be accompanied by a signature statement.

## CONFLICTING MEASURES

If the provisions of two or more ordinances adopted at the same election conflict, the ordinance receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall control. §9221

## ENACTING CLAUSE

The enacting clause of an ordinance submitted to the voters of a city shall be substantially in the following form:

“The people of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ do ordain as follows.” §9224

## ASSIGNING A LETTER

Letters designating measures will be assigned by the elections official pursuant to §13116. All local measures shall be designated by a letter commencing with the letter “A” and continuing in alphabetical order one letter for each measure appearing on the ballot.

An elections official may commence designating local measures with any letter of the alphabet following letter “A” and continuing in alphabetical order, in order to avoid voter confusion that might result from different local measures carrying the same letter designation in successive elections.

Measures will appear on the ballot in the following order: Schools, County, Cities, Districts. §13109

## LEGISLATIVE BODY ACTION

The legislative body will adopt a resolution calling the election and consolidating it with other elections being conducted in the same jurisdiction on the same day. §10400, 10401

The resolution will include the 75-word ballot question that is printed on the ballot.

## BALLOT QUESTION

The statement of all measures submitted to the voters shall be abbreviated on the ballot. The statement shall contain not more than 75 words of each measure to be voted on, followed by the words, “Yes” and “No” §13247

## FORM OF BALLOT QUESTION

The ballots used when voting upon a proposed city ordinance as an initiative measure shall have printed on them the words “Shall the ordinance (stating the nature thereof) be adopted?” Opposite the statement of the ordinance to be voted on, and to its right, the words “Yes” and “No” shall be printed on separate lines, with voting squares. A yes vote is in favor of the adoption of the ordinance; a no vote shall be counted against its adoption. §13119

## ANALYSES

The city attorney shall prepare a 500-word or less impartial analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure.

In the event the entire text is not printed on the ballot nor voter information pamphlet, immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-point bold type, the following:

“The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure \_\_\_\_\_. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the City Clerk’s Office at (559-684-4206) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.”

# REFERENDUMS

# REFERENDUM PROCESS

**Circulation** Proponents may begin to circulate the petitions for voter signatures after the adoption of the ordinance or legislative act done by resolution. Proponents must submit a petition protesting the adoption of an ordinance or legislative act within 30 days of the date it is adopted by the legislative body. §9242

**Petition** Across the top of each page of the referendum petition there shall be printed the following:  
"Referendum Against an Ordinance Passed by the City Council"

Each section of the referendum petition shall contain (1) the identifying number or title, and (2) the text of the ordinance or the portion of the ordinance that is the subject of the referendum. §9238

The petition sections shall be designed in the same form as specified in §9020.

§9020. The petition sections shall be designed so that each signer shall personally affix all of the following:

- (a) His or her signature.
  - (b) His or her printed name.
  - (c) His or her residence address, giving street and number, or if no street or number exists, adequate designation of residence so that the location may be readily ascertained.
  - (d) The name of his or her incorporated city or unincorporated community.
- Only a person who is a qualified registered voter at the time of signing the petition is entitled to sign it. The number of signatures attached to each section shall be at the pleasure of the person soliciting the signatures.

The declaration shall be substantially in the same form as set forth in §9022, except that the declaration shall declare that the circulator is a voter or is qualified to register as a voter of the city, and shall state his or her residence address at the time of the execution of the declaration. §9238

§9022. (a) Each section shall have attached thereto the declaration of the person soliciting the signatures setting forth the information required by Section 104 and stating that the circulator is a voter or is qualified to register to vote in the state.

(b) The circulator shall certify to the content of the declaration as to its truth and correctness, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, with the signature of his or her name at length, including given name and middle name or initial. The circulator shall state the date and the place of execution on the declaration immediately preceding his or her signature.

Another declaration thereto may not be required.



**Signature Requirement**

Number of signatures required to qualify a referendum petition is equal to not less than **10% of the registered voters** of the city according to the last report of registration issued by the county elections official to the Secretary of State. §9237

**Verification of Signatures**

At the time of filing, the city elections official shall examine the petition to determine if the number of signatures affixed, prima facie, is equal to or greater than the number of signatures required. If the number of signatures is sufficient, then the City Clerk shall accept the petition for filing and date stamp it. If the number of signatures is not sufficient, it shall not be accepted for filing.

The City Clerk shall box up the petitions in the presence of the proponent and seal the box with tape. The box will be delivered by the City Clerk to the County Elections Office.

Within 30 days from the date of filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays, the County Elections Office shall verify signatures. If the petition is found insufficient, no action shall be taken. If the petition is found to be sufficient, the city elections official shall certify the results to the legislative body at the next regular meeting. §9211

**Council Action**

Council must decide to either 1) repeal the ordinance, or 2) place the measure on the next regular municipal elections, or 3) call a special election to consider the ordinance.

If the legislative body does not entirely repeal the ordinance against which the petition is filed, the legislative body shall submit the ordinance to the voters, either at the next regular municipal election occurring not less than 88 days after the order of the legislative body, or at a special election called for the purpose, not less than 88 days after the order of the legislative body.

The ordinance shall not become **effective** until a majority of the voters voting on the ordinance vote in favor of it. If the legislative body repeals the ordinance or submits the ordinance to the voters, and a majority of the voters voting on the ordinance do not vote in favor of it, the ordinance shall not again be enacted by the legislative body for a period of one year after the date of its repeal by the legislative body or disapproval by the voters. §9241

# IF THE REFERENDUM GOES TO ELECTION

## CALENDAR

The city elections official will develop a calendar for the election, including dates when arguments, rebuttals, and campaign statements need to be filed.

## ARGUMENTS, ETC.

The persons filing a referendum petition may file a written argument against the ordinance and the legislative body may submit an argument in favor of the ordinance. Check with the city elections official to determine any rules governing arguments. The elections official will also provide deadlines for filing arguments.

All arguments shall be accompanied by a signature statement to be signed by each proponent and by each author of the argument. §9600

Rebuttal arguments are limited to 250 words and must also be accompanied by a signature statement.

## ASSIGNING A LETTER

Letters designating measures will be assigned by the elections official pursuant to §13116. All local measures shall be designated by a letter commencing with the letter "A" and continuing in alphabetical order one letter for each measure appearing on the ballot.

An elections official may commence designating local measures with any letter of the alphabet following letter "A" and continuing in

alphabetical order, in order to avoid voter confusion that might result from different local measures carrying the same letter designation in successive elections.

Measures will appear on the ballot in the following order: Schools, County, Cities, Districts. §13109

## LEGISLATIVE BODY ACTION

The legislative body will adopt a resolution calling the election and consolidating it with other elections being conducted in the same jurisdiction on the same day. §10400, 10401

The resolution will include the 75-word ballot question that is printed on the ballot.

## BALLOT QUESTION

The statement of all measures submitted to the voters shall be abbreviated on the ballot. The statement shall contain not more than 75 words of each measure to be voted on, followed by the words, "Yes" and "No" §13247

## FORM OF BALLOT QUESTION

The ballots used when voting upon a proposed city ordinance as a referendum measure shall have printed on them the words "Shall the ordinance (stating the nature thereof) be adopted?"

Opposite the statement of the ordinance to be voted on, and to its right, the words "Yes" and "No" shall be printed on separate lines,

with voting squares. A yes vote is in favor of the adoption of the ordinance; a no vote shall be counted against its adoption. §13120

## ANALYSES

The city attorney shall prepare a 500-word or less impartial analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure.

In the event the entire text is not printed on the ballot nor voter information pamphlet, immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-point bold type, the following:

"The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure \_\_\_\_\_. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the City Clerk's Office at (559-684-4206) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you." §9280

# RECALLS

## RECALL PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL OFFICERS

The proponents of a recall must be registered voters of the electoral jurisdiction of the officer they seek to recall. §11005

A public official cannot be recalled if the official has not held office during the current term for more than 90 days (newly elected official that has served less than 90 days cannot be recalled); or if a recall election has been determined in the official's favor within the last six months; or if the term of office ends within six months or less. §11007

### NOTICE OF INTENT

- Proponents must personally serve or by certified mail deliver a copy of the “Notice of Intent to Circulate a Recall Petition” on the officer sought to be recalled. §11021 (*See Samples A, B, and C attached hereto.*)
- Pursuant to §11020, the Notice of Intent must include the following:
  - Name and title of the officer sought to be recalled
  - A statement, not exceeding 200 words in length, of the reasons for recall
  - Printed name, signature, and residence address of each proponent of the recall. If a proponent cannot receive mail at the residence address, an alternative address must be provided. A minimum number of proponents is **20**, per the County Elections Office.
  - The provisions of Section 11023
- Within seven days of serving the Notice of Intent, the original shall be filed, along with the affidavit of the time and manner of service with the City Clerk's office. §11021
- A copy of the Notice, except the provisions of Section 11023, shall be published at the proponents' expense with a newspaper of general circulation. §11022
- Within seven days after the filing of the Notice, the elected official sought to be recalled may file with the City Clerk, an answer, in not more than 200 words, to the statement of the proponents. A copy shall also be served by personal delivery or by certified mail within seven days on one of the proponents. The answer shall be signed and be accompanied by the printed name and business or residence address of the elected official sought to be recalled.

# Sample A

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE RECALL PETITION<sup>1</sup>

TO THE HONORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ (see footnote<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_: Pursuant to Section 11020, California Elections Code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of \_\_\_\_\_ (see footnote<sup>3</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of \_\_\_\_\_ (see footnote<sup>4</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ (see footnote 3) \_\_\_\_\_, California, and to demand election of a successor in that office (see footnote<sup>5</sup>).

The grounds for the recall are as follows:

(STATE GROUNDS, 200 WORDS OR LESS)

The printed names, signatures, and residence addresses of the proponents are as follows:(The least possible number of proponents is 10, however, more than 10 may be required by law.)

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1. ...		
2. ...		
3. ...		
4. ...		
.....		
.....		
10. .... (or more. See footnote <sup>6</sup> )		

Telephone number to contact proponents (optional)( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of this notice and proof of service will be filed with the \_\_\_\_\_ (see footnote<sup>7</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_.

Elections Code section 11023. (a) Within seven days after the filing of the notice of intention, the officer sought to be recalled may file with the elections official, or in the case of a state officer, the Secretary of State, an answer, in not more than 200 words, to the statement of the proponents.

(b) If an answer is filed, the officer shall, within seven days after the filing of the notice of intention, also serve a copy of it, by personal delivery or by certified mail, on one of the proponents named in the notice of intention.

(c) The answer shall be signed and shall be accompanied by the printed name and business or residence address of the officer sought to be recalled.

<sup>1</sup> Caution: The Notice of Intention must be published by proponents and proof of publication must be filed at the time of filing the two blank copies of the petition with the election official or, in the case of a recall of a state officer, with the Secretary of State. The Notice of Intention, publication and blank copies of the Petition will be compared and scrutinized for accuracy. Any deviation from the text of the Notice of Intention may result in rejection of the petition.

<sup>2</sup> Insert here the name of the person whose recall is being sought.

<sup>3</sup> Insert here the name of the county, city or district for the office.

<sup>4</sup> Insert here the name of office held.

<sup>5</sup> If it is the recall of an Appellate Court Justice the request shall be that the Governor appoint a successor to the office.

<sup>6</sup> At least ten are required. In many cases more than ten are required. Check with your election official to determine the actual number.

<sup>7</sup> Secretary of State, County Elections Official, City Clerk, Secretary of District, as appropriate.

# Sample B

## PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ declare that:  
(print full name)

At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age; My name, address and telephone number are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state, zip code)

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(telephone number)

I personally served to \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person sought to be recalled)

a copy of the Notice of Intention to Recall him/her by delivering the copy of the

Notice of Intention to him/her at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(complete address)

on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm;  
(date) (time)

I have attached the original of the Notice of Intention to this Recall to this Proof of Personal Service.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury  
(print full name)

under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I,  
\_\_\_\_\_ executed this proof of personal service:

on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(date) (place of signing, e.g., city or county)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(complete signature)

# Sample C

## PROOF OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

I, \_\_\_\_\_ declare that:  
(print full name)

I am over the age of 18 years, and I \_\_\_\_\_ in  
(reside/am employed)

\_\_\_\_\_ County at \_\_\_\_\_  
(complete address)

On \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, I deposited in the mail at  
\_\_\_\_\_ a copy of the  
(place, e.g., name of city or county)

Notice of Intention to Recall \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person sought to be recalled)

in a sealed envelope, with fully prepaid postage thereon for certified mail, addressed to:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at:  
(name of officer sought to be recalled)

\_\_\_\_\_ (mail address)

I have attached the original of the Notice of Intention to this Proof of Service.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of  
(print full name)

perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct,  
and that I executed this Proof of Service: On \_\_\_\_\_ at  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_ (place of signing, e.g., city or county)

\_\_\_\_\_ (complete signature)

## PETITION

Format is available from the Secretary of State or the county elections office. *(See attached sample and requirements)*

- If an answer is not filed, the proponent must file two blank copies of the proposed petition within 10 days after the expiration of the seven days to file an answer. If an answer is filed, the proponent must file two blank copies of the proposed petition within 10 days of that filing.
- At the time of the filing of the blank copies of the petition, the proponents shall file proof of publication of the Notice of Intention. (This can be obtained from the newspaper after it has been published.)
- The City Clerk shall review the Petition within 10 days of receiving the copies to determine whether the proposed form and wording of the petition meet the necessary requirements (compare with Notice of Intention and publication to assure accuracy in text, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, format, etc. – any discrepancies is cause for rejection) and notify the proponents in writing of the findings. If the petition does not meet the requirements, the notification must include a statement of what alterations are necessary. The proponents must file two blank copies of the corrected petition within 10 days after receiving the notification. This process can continue to be repeated until it is correct. No signatures can be acquired until the petition has been approved. §11042

The Petition must be filed with the City Clerk by the proponents, or any person authorized in writing, by a proponent within the following number of days after the clerk notifies the proponents that the form meets the requirements:

- **One hundred twenty days if the jurisdiction has less than 50,000 registered voters, but more than 10,000.**

The Petition may be circulated and signed by registered voters in the jurisdiction who are qualified to vote for the officer sought to be recalled. Pursuant to §11221, the required number of signatures must be equal in number to not less than the following percent of registered voters in the electoral jurisdiction:

- **Twenty percent if less than 50,000 but at least 10,000.**  
When the format of the petition has been approved by the City Clerk that will be the time in which it will be determined the number of signatures that will be required.



**FORMAT OF PETITION - §§ 11041 & 11043 (See Sample D attached hereto.)**

- The minimum font size of the Petition is 8-point type.
- All sections shall be printed in uniform size and darkness with uniform spacing
- A margin, at least one inch wide, shall be left blank across the top of each page
- A margin, at least one-half inch wide, shall be left blank along the bottom of each page
- Each page must state the request that an election be called to elect a successor to the officer.
- Each page must include a copy of the notice of intention, including the statement of grounds for recall. The names of at least 10 proponents must be included in this section. It is not required to provide more than 10.
- Each page must include the answer of the officer sought to be recalled. If an answer was not filed, the petition shall so state.
- Signers must personally place his or her own information on the petition and must personally sign it (unless prevented by disability) The petition must be designed so the following can be included:
  - Printed name
  - Signature
  - Residence address (street and number). The form must direct signers to include their “resident address” rather than “address as registered” or the form will be rejected as invalid.
  - Name of city of residence

Signature spaces must be consecutively numbered commencing with the number one for each section. A space at least one inch wide must be left blank at the right margin of the page after each name and address for the use of the county elections office in verifying the signatures.

- The circulator’s declaration must appear after the last signature of their section. It does not need to be on every page. The declaration must include the following:
  - The printed name of the circulator
  - The residence address of the circulator
  - The dates between which all signatures to the petition were gathered.
  - A statement that the circulator circulated that section and witnessed the appended signatures being written
  - A statement that according to the best information and belief of the circulator, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be
  - A statement that the circulator is a registered voter in the jurisdiction of the officer sought to be recalled.
  - A statement that the circulator certifies to the content of the declaration as to its truth and correctness, under penalty of perjury. The circulator shall state the date and the place of execution on the declaration along with his or her signature.

PETITION FOR RECALL

Sample D

TO THE HONORABLE (See note<sup>1</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to the California Constitution and California election laws, we the undersigned registered and qualified electors of the (See note<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ of (See note<sup>3</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

California, respectfully state that we seek the recall and removal of (See note<sup>4</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_, holding the office of (See note<sup>5</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_, in (See note<sup>6</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_, California.

We demand an election of a successor to that office. (See note<sup>6</sup>)

The following Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petition was served on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ to (See note<sup>4</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

(Insert complete text of Notice of Intention here)

The answer of the officer sought to be recalled is as follows:

(Insert Officer's Statement here—200 words or less)  
(If no statement, insert "No Answer was Filed")

Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the (See note<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ of (See note<sup>3</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_, California.

Column must be at least 1" wide

	PRINT YOUR NAME 1.	RESIDENCE ADDRESS ONLY	
	YOUR SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE	CITY	ZIP
	PRINT YOUR NAME 2.	RESIDENCE ADDRESS ONLY	
	YOUR SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE	CITY	ZIP
	PRINT YOUR NAME 3.	RESIDENCE ADDRESS ONLY	
	YOUR SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE	CITY	ZIP

DECLARATION OF PERSON CIRCULATING SECTION OF RECALL PETITION  
(MUST BE IN CIRCULATOR'S OWN HANDWRITING)

I, (See Note<sup>7</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ declare:

1. My residence address is (Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, County, California, and I am a registered voter in (See note<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_;

2. I personally circulated the attached petition for signing;

3. I witnessed each of the appended signatures being written on the petition and to my best information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be; and

4. The appended signatures were obtained between the dates of (Starting Date) \_\_\_\_\_ and (Ending Date) \_\_\_\_\_, inclusive.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ at (City or Community Where Signed) \_\_\_\_\_, California.<sup>8</sup>

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Insert here - Secretary of State of California if for a state officer, or name of the appropriate governing body if local. The authority which orders or "calls" elections for that office, or the governing authority for that jurisdiction should be named.

<sup>2</sup> Insert Electoral Jurisdiction here - County, City, District name, as appropriate.

<sup>3</sup> Insert geographical location here - City, County, etc., as appropriate.

<sup>4</sup> Insert here - name of person whose recall is being sought.

<sup>5</sup> Insert here - name of office.

<sup>6</sup> In case of Supreme Court or Appellate Court Justice, request shall be that the Governor appoint a successor.

<sup>7</sup> Insert here - Full name of person who gathered signatures.

<sup>8</sup> The petition must be set in at least 8point type. If signature spaces are printed on both sides of a sheet of paper, the above information, except for the declaration of circulator must appear on each side of the paper. The circulator's declaration must follow the last signature box. It is suggested that petitions be printed on 8 1/2" x 14" paper in order to maximize the number of signature spaces printed on a sheet of paper.



For information on campaign filing requirements when raising or spending money please refer to the Fair Political Practices Commission website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov), or for assistance on completing forms please call the FPPC at 1-866-275-3772.