

# RECALL PETITION

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ We, the undersigned qualified electors of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(official with whom nomination papers or declaration of candidacy for the office is filed) (jurisdiction or district of officeholder)  
 petition for the recall of \_\_\_\_\_ from office pursuant to Article XIII, Section 12 of the Wisconsin Constitution and §.9.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes.  
(name of officeholder to be recalled and office).

## STATEMENT OF REASON FOR RECALL

(The reason for recall must be stated on petitions for city, village, town, and school district officials. The reason must be related to the official responsibilities of the officeholder. *No statement of reason is required to initiate the recall of state, congressional, legislative, judicial, or county officials.*)

<b>THE MUNICIPALITY USED FOR MAILING PURPOSES, WHEN DIFFERENT THAN MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE, IS NOT SUFFICIENT. THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE MUST ALWAYS BE LISTED.</b>				
SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTORS	STREET & NUMBER OR RURAL ROUTE <small>Rural address must also include box or fire no.</small>	MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE <small>Indicate Town, City, or Village</small>	DATE OF SIGNING
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### Certification of Circulator

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify: I reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of circulator) (circulator's residence - include number, street, and municipality)

I further certify I am either a qualified elector of Wisconsin, or a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. § 6.03. personally circulated this recall petition and personally obtained each of the signatures on this paper. I know that the signers are electors of the jurisdiction or district represented by the officeholder named in this petition. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I support this recall petition. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under § 12.13(3)(a), Wis. Stats.

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(date) (signature of circulator)

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING RECALL PETITIONS

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**Registration** - Before circulating a recall petition, the persons or committees seeking to recall an elected official must register with the appropriate filing officer indicating their intent to circulate a recall petition and the name of the officer to be recalled. Petitions for the recall of local election officials must state the reasons for the recall which relate to the official duties of the person to be recalled.

**Required Signatures** - The number of signatures required to recall an elected official is specified in §.9.10(1)(b), (c), Wis. Stats. The filing officer is required to determine and certify to any person the number of signatures required on a recall petition. It is recommended that a person seeking to recall elected officials consult with an attorney concerning the validity of signatures on recall petitions. §.9.10(2)(e), Wis. Stats.

**Filing Officer** - The recall petition shall be directed to the official with whom nomination papers or a declaration of candidacy for the office of the person to be recalled is filed.

**Jurisdiction** - The name of the jurisdiction or district that the officeholder represents shall be placed on the recall petition, along with the name of the officeholder to be recalled, and the office held.

**Reasons for Recall** - Recall petitions for elected officials representing city, village, town, and school district offices must state reasons for the recall which relate to the official duties of the official to be recalled. *No statement of reason is required to initiate the recall of state, congressional, legislative, judicial, or county elected officials. The lines can be left blank.*

**Signatures and Printed Names of Electors** - Only qualified electors of the jurisdiction or district represented by the officeholder may sign the petition. Each signer must also legibly print their name. Each elector's municipality of residence must be listed on the petition, along with the mailing address, including any street, fire or rural route number, box number (if rural route) and street or road name. The Street & Number or Rural Route section for each elector's address is split into two lines. The first line is for the street address. The second line is for the municipality for mailing purposes. The Municipality of Residence listed for each signing elector must clearly identify the town, village or city where the elector's voting residence is located. A post office box number alone does not show where the elector actually resides. The date the elector signed the petition, including month, day and year, must be indicated. Ditto marks that follow correct and complete address or date information are acceptable. The circulator may add any missing or illegible address or date information before the petition is filed with the filing officer. Individuals or committees seeking to recall elected officials should carefully review §. 9.10(2)(e), Wis. Stats., concerning the validity of signatures on recall petitions.

**Certification of Circulator** - The circulator shall personally present the petition to each signer. The circulator may not leave the petition papers unattended on counters or posted on bulletin boards. After obtaining the signatures, the circulator must complete, sign and date the certification on each page of the petition.

**Page Numbers** - Number each page consecutively, beginning with "1", before submitting to the filing officer. A space for page numbers has been provided in the lower right-hand corner of the form.

**Filing Requirements** - the petition shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 60<sup>th</sup> day after registration of the recall committee. After the petition is filed, no name may be added or removed. Any signature obtained before registration or after the appropriate circulation period may not be counted.

**Other Requirements** - Individuals or committees petitioning for recall are subject to campaign finance reporting requirements. §.11.20(4m), Wis. Stats. Individuals or committees organized to recall elected officials should carefully review §.9.10, Wis. Stats. If individuals or committees have any questions, they should contact the filing officer of the official to be recalled.