

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF the Certificate of Sufficiency of  
Recall Petition of Town of Westfield Town Chair Sharon Galonski,

SHARON GALONSKI,

Complainant,

v.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

BRENDA PETERSEN,

Respondent.

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RESPONSIVE PLEADING

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STATE OF WISCONSIN    )  
  ) ss.  
MARQUETTE COUNTY    )

I, Brenda Petersen, being duly sworn on oath, do hereby depose and state as follows:

I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Westfield and the Respondent named above, and hereby respond in my official capacity as Town Clerk.

My conclusions regarding the recall petition are shown in Exhibit I attached to the Complaint. I made that decision in good faith, in the exercise of my duties as Town Clerk. I consulted the Town Attorney to help guide me through the legal considerations. I stand by my Certificate of Sufficiency.

In reaching my conclusions on the validity of the petition I rigorously avoided favoring one side over the other. The determination was without bias for or against. In that same vein, I do not intend to take sides in this challenge. The issues raised in the Complaint are largely the same issues I considered when rendering my decision, and I made findings in that regard that continue to reflect my position. I believe my decision was correct and proper, but if the WEC concludes my certification was erroneous I will stand corrected.

The Town of Westfield has a population of approximately 800 people with about 550 registered voters. This proceeding is already a financial burden on the taxpayers of the Town of Westfield. I do not intend to incur the additional expense of engaging professional assistance to thoroughly defend this Complaint under these circumstances.

WHEREFORE, I, Brenda Petersen, declare and affirm that the above stated facts, to the best of my knowledge, are true and correct.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

Brenda Petersen Clerk  
Brenda Petersen, Town Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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) ss.  
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COUNTY OF MARQUETTE

Personally came before me on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024,  
the above-named Brenda Petersen executed the foregoing instrument and  
acknowledged the same.

Courtney Trimble  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF WI  
Print Name: Courtney Trimble  
My Commission Expires: 10-4-2028

