

PETITION FOR RECALL

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA,

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Katie Valenzuela has failed to carry out her responsibilities on the City Council, which includes providing Sacramento with safe and clean neighborhoods. She has ignored constituents' requests for much needed action to address the growing problems of crime and lawlessness. She has pursued policies that actually worsen our homelessness problem, while doing nothing to keep neighborhoods safe. During Katie Valenzuela's first year in office, homeless encampments have been located in residential neighborhoods against our wishes and local crime has increased 61%. We understand that recalling an elected official should only be done as a last resort — when they refuse to listen to the needs of their constituents, and when residents face an urgent threat. That time is now. We face a crisis requiring urgent action by voters. The problems of crime and homelessness are growing rapidly, and our next chance to change our city council member is nearly three years away. Local residents face an imminent threat to our personal safety, as well as the destruction of our private property, loss of our family finances, and the lowering of property values. Councilwoman Katie Valenzuela has given us no choice but to declare our intent to recall her from office.

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

I, [Print Name] _____ declare:

1. My residence address is [Street Address] _____ [City] _____, in [County] _____ County, California, and I am 18 years of age or older;

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;

4. Each signer was presented with the "Official Top Funders" disclosure as required by Elections Code section 107.

5. The appended signatures were obtained between the dates of [Starting Date and Year] _____, and [Ending Date and Year] _____, 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 and Year] _____ at [City or Community Where Signed] _____, California.

SIGNED _____