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**PETITION FOR LOCAL RECALL**

FRANCISCO DIAZ, COUNTY CLERK - RECORDER

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**DECLARATION OF PERSON CIRCULATING SECTION OF RECALL PETITION**

**(MUST BE IN CIRCULATOR'S OWN HANDWRITING)**

I \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following.

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

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (date) (city or community where signed)

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 Circulator's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

FRANCISCO DIAZ  
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## COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

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Response to the filed Petition for Local Recall on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Dear Heidi,

This letter is to respond to the filed Petition for Local Recall on Friday, June 20, 2025 for Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki.

The public examination period for this Petition is from Friday, June 20, 2025, to Monday, June 30, 2025. During this time, a voter of the applicable electoral jurisdiction or the elections official may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the statement of the proponents or the answer of the officer included with the petition to be amended or deleted. Such a request must be filed no later than the end of the 10-day public examination period, Monday, June 30, 2025. A peremptory writ of mandate or injunction will only be issued upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Elections Code § 11042.5. **Therefore, we will accept resubmission of the edited Petition on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.**

**This Petition is rejected by the County of San Benito Elections Department on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, due to the multiple errors below.** These errors are found to be incorrect according to the California Office of the Secretary of State document titled "Procedures for Recalling State and Local Officials" and applicable California Election Code.

Exhibit E3: Sample petition for Local Recall offers a guide with footnotes, the link to this guide is here: <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/recalls/recall-procedures-guide.pdf>. It is strongly recommended to download and use the guide while preparing your edits.

In addition, attached is a petition with comment and an Exhibit E3: Sample petition for Local Recall with highlights to help clarify the edits described below.

- Above the title the petition needs a 1 inch margin across all pages.
- First line: delete Kollin Kosmicki to read – "TO THE HONORABLE County of San Benito Board of Supervisors,"

- Second line: add “the,” “and,” and replace County of San Benito, California to read- “Pursuant to the California Constitution and California election laws, we the undersigned registered and qualified electors of the Supervisorial District 2 of County of San Benito, California, respectfully state that we seek the recall and removal of Kollin Kosmicki, holding the office of District 2 County of Supervisors in County of San Benito, California.”
- Line before Notice the Public: edit jurisdiction and geographical location to read: “Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the Supervisorial District 2 of County of San Benito, California.”
- In the signature area – all sections need a colon after the text to read: “Print Your Name:” “Residence Address Only:” “Sign As Registered To Vote:” “City:” “Zip:”
- The box on the right should be kept at least 1 inch.
- To keep uniformity, keep the same font throughout the entire Petition, on the front and back.
- The top section, prior to the signature boxes should match on the front and the back, this includes spacing, spelling, grammar, complete text and no less than 8 point size font.
- The Declaration of Person Circulating Section of Recall Petition is missing several commas and text.
- A margin at least one-half inch wide along the bottom of each page.

To proceed with the recall process for Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki, you will need to correct the errors outlined above and resubmit the Petition for Local Recall. Please ensure that all revisions strictly adhere to the guidelines provided in the California Office of the Secretary of State's "Procedures for Recalling State and Local Officials" and the applicable California Election Code.

We strongly recommend thoroughly reviewing the attached petition with comments and Exhibit E3: Sample Petition for Local Recall with highlights to ensure all necessary edits are made accurately. Adherence to these regulations is crucial for the successful processing of your petition.

Once all corrections have been made, please resubmit the revised Petition for Local Recall to the County of San Benito Elections Department. If you have any further questions or require additional clarification on the required edits, do not hesitate to contact our office at 831-636-4016.

Ana De Castro Maquiz  
Chief Deputy Clerk-Recorder-Elections

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Kollin Kosmicki

EXHIBIT E3: Sample Petition for Local Recall (With No Official Top Funders)

PETITION FOR LOCAL RECALL

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

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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")

(For a recall of a member of the governing board of a school district, the estimate of the county elections official, in consultation with the school district, of the cost of conducting the special election must be included. (§ 11041(a)(4).)

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Circulator's Signature Date

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2 Insert Electoral Jurisdiction here - County, City, District name, as appropriate.
3 Insert geographical location here - City, County, etc., as appropriate.
4 Insert here - Name of person whose recall is being sought.
5 Insert here - Name of office.
6 Insert here - Printed full name of person who gathered signatures.
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