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COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

June 30, 2025

Response to the filed Petition for Local Recall on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Dear Heidi,

This letter is to respond to the filed Petition for Local Recall on Thursday, June 26, 2025 for Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki.

The public examination period for this Petition is from Thursday, June 26, 2025, to Monday, July 7, 2025 (the deadline is extended to the next business day—Monday, July 7, 2025 due the end of the 10 days ending on a weekend, Sunday July 6, 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, July 7, 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.

This Petition is rejected by the County of San Benito Elections Department on Monday, June 30, 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.

- First line: add a comma after Supervisors – “TO THE HONORABLE County of San Benito Board of Supervisors,”
- The beginning of the Notice of Intention needs to be indented

- The box on the right of the signature area should be at least 1 inch (Election Code 11043(c)).
- To keep uniformity, keep the same font throughout the entire Petition, on the front and back (Election Code 11041(b)).
- The Declaration of Person Circulating Section of Recall Petition is missing several punctuation marks.

Pursuant to California Elections Code §11042, when a proposed recall petition format is deemed insufficient, proponents have 10 calendar days from the date of the official notice of rejection to correct the deficiencies and submit a revised version. As the petition format was officially rejected on June 30, 2025, the 10-day deadline is on July 10, 2025. However, the revised version may be submitted any day before July 10th. Therefore, we will accept resubmission of the edited Petition from today to Thursday, July 10, 2025.

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.

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Letter to Clarify Proponents – June 30, 2025

Dear Heidi,

This letter is to include an additional requirement under Elections Code § 11041(a)(2) in the Petition for Local Recall for Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki. According to Elections Code 11041(a)(2), “A copy of the notice of intention, including the statement of grounds for recall. For purposes of this paragraph, the copy of the notice of intention shall contain the names of at least 10 recall proponents that appear on the notice of intention and that are selected by the proponents,” **Therefore, please include 10 recall proponents on the petition after the notice of intention**

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IN SAN BENITO COUNTY

PETITION FOR LOCAL RECALL

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TO THE HONORABLE County of San Benito Board of Supervisors,

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FRANCISCO DIAZ, COUNTY CLERK - RECORDER

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

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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.

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	11. Print Your Name: _____ Sign As Registered To Vote: _____	Residence Address ONLY: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____	

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

I, _____, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following:

1. That I am 18 years of age or older.
2. That my residence address, including street and number is _____, (If no street or number exists, a designation of my residence adequate to readily ascertain its location is _____.)
3. That the signatures on this section of the petition form were obtained between (Month and Day) _____, 20____, and (Month and Day) _____, 20____; that I circulated the petition and I witnessed the signatures on this section of the petition form being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

I certify 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.

_____ Circulator's signature

_____ Date