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THE RECALL COMMITTEE

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The Recall Committee is organizing! We are attempting to build broad community participation in order to make the recall successful. We do need your involvement in this effort.

The "powers that be" in City Hall are going to use every delaying tactic available to them. We must form an ongoing force to continue the impetus now in this community for a successful recall.

WE NEED WHATEVER RESOURCES YOU HAVE--your time, your energy, your ideas, your help, and contributions.

Thank you!

Jack Warnick and James Billingsley  
Co-chairmen

- |   | Yes   | No    |
|---|-------|-------|
| 1. Will you work in the Recall Office?  | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Will you carry petitions?  | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Will you join a team to go door to door to gather signatures on a petition?                | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Will you help on a telephone committee?  | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Will you send us a list of people you know who might help?                                 | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Will you have a coffee hour to explain the recall?   | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Will you speak for the recall in any club or organization to which you belong?             | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Do you know of any organization which will invite a member of the Recall Speakers' Bureau? | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Will you help fund?  | _____ | _____ |

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A recall is the guaranteed right of the American people to dismiss their public servants when these public servants cease to be satisfactory to them. It is a method with the view toward keeping public officials continuously responsible to their constituents. This is a prime example of the uniquely American philosophy holds that a representative of the people is a servant not a master. The elected official holds office dependent upon responsible behavior. When these officials misbehave while holding an office of public trust by committing acts of malfeasance, misfeasance, or by violating their oaths of office, then the people not only have the right but the obligation to remove them.

The recall does not put a weapon in the hands of disgruntled voters with which to overawe members of the city council and keep them from fearless performance of their duties. At least twenty-five percent, a significant number of voters (nearly 12,000 in Tacoma) must sign the recall petitions. Special interests, with all their money and influence would find it difficult, if not impossible to secure the cooperation of one-fourth of the voters in this procedure. A recall movement must truly have democratic grassroots' commitment throughout the community even before the issue is formally brought before the people at the ballot box.

Jack Warnick and James Billingsley  
Co-Chairmen

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Many people have asked the committee "when can I have the petitions?" We are enclosing this schedule of events pertaining to the recall to answer this question.

January 30, 1970 - Attorneys Ron Thompson and Brad Gierke filed with Mrs. Melton (City Clerk) a petition asking her to prepare a ballot title so that petitions could be printed. Mrs. Melton refused to do this.

February 11, 1970 - The attorneys obtained a writ of mandamus to compel Mrs. Melton to comply with the wishes of the people. Judge Cochran issued an order commanding Mrs. Melton to prepare the synopsis or show cause on February 24 why she has refused to do so.

February 24, 1970 - This hearing was held in Judge William Brown's court.

March 6, 1970 - Judge Brown's ruling--The three charges presented to the City Clerk were ruled valid reasons for the Recall to move forward. Mrs. Melton was directed by the Court to comply with the procedures contained in the General Election laws of the State of Washington, and prepare the synopsis so that petitions can be printed.

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PUBLIC MEETING!

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The Pierce County Superior Court and the Washington State Supreme Court have upheld the right of the citizens' petition to recall Becky Banfield, Fred Dean, George Cvitanich, John O'Leary, and Tony Zatkovich. We now need to exercise that right. According to state law there can be no professional help hired in any recall campaign. It must be solely volunteer community effort.

At this time we would very much appreciate a response from you. We will realize the varying levels of commitment on each person's part, and so some sort of word from you will save all unnecessary phone calls and mail. Would you rather not hear from us again - or would you rather remain on our mailing list? And would you - and this is most difficult of all to request these days - please contribute now whatever amount you feel you are able to commit at this time. We are faced with printing costs and some office supplies immediately. \$1.00 will mail 30 letters or 10 petitions - \$50.00 would put in a phone line to our offices. Of course our thanks are yours if you have already sent donations - they are noted in our treasurer's account but individual thank you letters were ruled out due to budget and volunteer help considerations.

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Several people have expressed reluctance because of being insufficiently informed about the meaning of a recall, and because they have questions regarding the need for a recall. The following are some quotes from people who are more sure of their reasons (not necessarily accurate) for being in favor of this action now.

" If we don't do something about the future of this city right now we'll have no future. We're headed toward being Seattle's backyard again. I don't think the citizens of Tacoma realize what a rough game they're in. They think it will all go away in time and that ward systems, and safety commissioners, and political machines really can't happen. I think they can and will if we don't stop it now. "

" I can't sit in my living room and complain without at least 'trying' to take some action to cure the complaint. "

" We frankly can't afford to stay in business in Tacoma much longer. With the shutdown of building programs apparent by Council decisions now, plus the lack of any new projects for the city, our outlook is bleak. I'll work for a chance to get some new building and trade opportunities in this city. "

" I believe in the recall as a democratic process as much as I believe in elected representation as a democratic process. I want the majority to have the right to place the person in office and I want the majority to have the right to remove a person from office."

" Tacoma can easily lose its identity. We've gotten exactly one new industry employing over 40 people in town in the past 3 years. If I wanted to move to a suburb I'd move there. If that's what we're going to be to Seattle then I'll get out of this town and leave it to the 'buddy system' politicians to scavenge. "

" I think these past 5 months have been frightening. And it's only the beginning. 3 of these councilmen still have 3 1/2 years to serve and the other 2 have a year and a half left to pass out favors to friends. Giving the worst rated cable TV company the franchise, hiring an avowed opponent of the present form of government to be its administrative head, delaying a model city program worth millions of dollars to the city and the working men, holding up the rebuilding of downtown, holding up a workable program for the city, not balancing the budget yet, negotiating directly with the unions, giving a higher increase in salary to selected departments, and adding a new tax on everyone has all happened in the past 5 months. It is enough to scare anyone who cares about their town. I don't see any more peace and harmony now than there was 2 years ago - and I can't think of one thing the majority of the council has done to bring peace to our town.."

" I think they're acting outside of the law in making decisions in committee instead of the council as a whole, by assuming administrative duties of the departments and manager, by listening to an appointed - not elected - committee make proposals for changing the form of government, by a councilman appealing for funds for his expenses, by suspending the rules and making decisions never considered by the council as a whole, and by giving preferential treatment to friends appearing before them. I think they're not acting in the best interests of the city 'as a whole'. "

" Our concern is that years more of their rule will more firmly polarize our city. I do not see any action on their part that shows any amelioration of feelings. Their constant harangue of the minority community, the business community, and private organizations outside of their jurisdiction may factionalize the city beyond repair. "

" I think their actions are only indicative of worse things to come. "

" I've been back last. Believe me, things can get worse. If there's any way to stop what's happening in Tacoma you'd better do it right now. "

These remarks are, as stated, personal opinions. The recall committee does realize the urgent need for responsible leadership in our city. We feel the slowdown of building and planning programs, the near shutdown of the airport, the firing of 50 city employees (while creating new positions not yet filled and raising salaries), the lack of any new program or service for the citizens, and imposing new taxes does indeed warrant action now and not hope later.

ATTENTION:

April 8th and 9th (Wednesday and Thursday) at 3:00 P.M. in room 6 at

McIntyre hall on the U.P. campus at 15th and Lawrence - there will be

a briefing meeting for all people who are interested in carrying petitions..

PATCH ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS. - ( see page 3 )

PETITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT BOTH OFFICES. The committee will be glad to mail or deliver upon request.

Q - How can a minority of citizens recall officials elected by the majority?

A - They cannot. A majority must vote for recall.

Q - When do we vote on the recall?

A - When 25% of the last election voters sign petitions to get a council member on the ballot for recall.

Q - How many candidates will be running the recall election?

A - None. You will vote yes or no for the recall of each council member the people have petitioned to put on the ballot.

Q - If a council member is recalled when do we vote for his replacement?

A - You will not vote for candidates. The majority of the remaining council members fill the vacancies by appointment until the general election.

Q - Why don't we give these new members more of a chance in office?

A - 3 of the council members up for recall have been in office 2 yrs or more.

Q - What will it cost the people for a campaign to recall these people?

A - Whatever amount of money is donated by citizens' volunteer contributions.

Q - On what date will the recall election be held?

A - Within 55 days after a sufficient number of petitions have been submitted to the city clerk. There is no deadline for collecting signatures.

Q - Do we have to sign all 5 petitions for those up for recall?

A - No. You may sign only those you feel should be recalled.

Q - Are we liable to be sued for signing these petitions?

A - No. You cannot be sued for exercising your constitutional right.

YES                      NO

Do you want to remain on the mailing list?                                                        

May we use your name for an endorsement ad?                                                        

Will you make a contribution at this time?                                                        

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED \_\_\_\_\_

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THE RECALL COMMITTEE  
3635 North Washington  
Tacoma, Washington

April 24, 1970

Dear Friend:

Our recall effort is now entering a crucial period. To date, the task of getting petitions into the community has been a priority interest, and our efforts have resulted in distributing nearly 2,000 petitions to 400 carriers. These do us little good, however, if they remain on somebody's office desk or kitchen table.

We've reached the point where most of those who are going to volunteer to sign have done so. If we are to acquire the remaining signatures it will have to be because of your belief in the necessity of the recall effort. Unless you do this, it is unlikely that sufficient signatures will be obtained.

To date, we have fought off two court challenges, a threatened libel suit, and increasingly violent comment by the members of the Cvitanich block of the council. Winning these battles is for naught though if the war is lost. The war is getting the signatures.

The Recall Committee has set May 14th as the target date for acquiring the necessary signatures, and anticipates holding a mass collection meeting that day to collect the petitions that are out. That means two weeks to collect the balance of the signatures needed.

The outcome is really and finally in your hands. Unless you doorbell the precincts, get the names, and have them ready by May 14th, our success is doubtful..... We're counting on you!

IF YOU SUCCEED - TACOMA MOVES FORWARD!

Dr. James Billingsley  
Jack Warnick, Co-Chairmen

P.S. If our telephoners have been unable to contact you for your count, would you please call the office and leave a message?