



# Memo

## From the Clerk

Date: June 13, 2017  
To: Mayor and Borough Assembly  
Cc: Borough Manager  
From: Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk  
Re: Certification of Recall Petitions and Placing Question on the Ballot

The attached certification of the citizen petitions to recall Assembly Members Heather Lende, Tom Morphet, and Tresham Gregg is hereby submitted to you in accordance with AS 29.26.310. Copies of the actual petitions will be available on Monday in the assembly's Dropbox for download to your iPads. There is no assembly action to be taken.

As mandated by HBC 11.12.020(C), a special election will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. It will be conducted in the same manner as regular borough elections.

### **AS 29.26.310. Submission.**

If a recall petition is sufficient, the clerk shall submit it to the governing body at the next regular meeting or at a special meeting held before the next regular meeting.

### **HBC 11.12.020 Scheduling of special elections.**

Special elections shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

C. An election called for by a petition submitted by the voters for a recall election; once it has been submitted to the assembly, such election shall be held on the ninth Tuesday following submission of the petition to the assembly.

### **AS 29.26.330. Form of recall ballot.**

A recall ballot must contain

- (1) the grounds for recall as stated in 200 words or less on the recall petition;
- (2) a statement by the official named on the recall petition of 200 words or less, if the statement is filed with the clerk for publication and public inspection at least 20 days before the election;
- (3) the following question: "Shall (name of person) be recalled from the office of (office)?  
Yes [ ] No [ ]".



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VIA EMAIL TRANSMISSION

Ref: Petitions CERTIFIED as sufficient

Dear Don:

This is to verify the June 6 receipt of the petitions to place questions for recall of Assembly members Tom Morphet, Tresham Gregg, and Heather Lende before the voters. I have reviewed them as required by Alaska Statutes Title 29 and have established that you and the other sponsors have obtained more than the requisite 258 valid signatures of registered Borough voters for each petition, as follows:

Morphet Petition: 279

Lende Petition: 274

Gregg Petition: 276

Therefore, the petitions have been certified as sufficient and will be submitted to the borough assembly on June 13 to be placed on a special election ballot. Per HBC 11.12.020(C), the special election must be held on the ninth Tuesday following submission of the petitions to the assembly. Therefore, the election will take place on Tuesday, August 15. The ballot will contain the following for each recall subject, as prescribed by Alaska Statute:

- (1) the grounds for recall as stated in 200 words or less on the recall petition;
- (2) a statement by the official named on the recall petition of 200 words or less;
- (3) the following question: "Shall (name of person) be recalled from the office of (office)?  
Yes [ ] No [ ]".

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Julie Cozzi, MMC  
Borough Clerk

Cc: Mayor, Assembly, and Manager