


**OFFICIAL RECALL BALLOT
BENTON COUNTY, OREGON
SEPTEMBER 3, 1996**

TO VOTE: Use a pencil or black ink pen to complete the appropriate arrow like this: 

WARNING: Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, is subject, upon conviction, to imprisonment or to a fine, or both.

**CITY OF PHILOMATH
SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Vote "Yes" or "No"

**SHALL CHERYL McMORRIS
BE RECALLED AS MAYOR?**

Reasons for Demanding Recall of Cheryl McMorris as Mayor of Philomath

Mayor McMorris should be recalled for the following reasons:

- 1) She has consistently represented the interests of developers, rather than the clearly stated interests of the community, in her role as a mayor;
- 2) She has repeatedly stated her intent to ignore the clear intent of the "Voice on Annexation" referendum overwhelmingly passed by Philomath's voters by relying on annexation consents signed after the referendum passed, the legality of which have been questioned by the city attorney;
- 3) She has repeatedly attempted to intimidate and limit the ability of citizens to speak at city council meetings.

YES ←

NO ←

Justification of Her Course in Office by Cheryl McMorris, Mayor of Philomath

FACTS:

- * The Mayor takes an oath to uphold the laws of the City and the State of Oregon.
- * Protecting rights of property owners takes priority over following the wishes of a small group.
- * Clearly this referendum referred only to annexations. No annexations have been done since 1994.

The Council relied upon the advice of the city attorney in continuing to allow delayed annexation agreements until the second CVA initiative passed. The legality of these is not in question.

My duties are mandated by City Charter and ordinances: preserve order, conduct city business, limit time a person may speak so meetings may proceed in an orderly and timely manner. A speaker is required to state their name and residential address. If a speaker will not comply then the speaker will be asked to sit down or leave.

The council meeting is open for the public to attend, but there is no absolute right for anyone but Councilors to speak. Participation is limited to those who are permitted by the Mayor.

A public hearing is different. Testimony is accepted, but the Mayor is expected to have the hearing proceed in a timely manner and limit repetition from the speaker.

**SHALL CHARLIE CRAWFORD
BE RECALLED AS CITY COUNCILOR?**

Reasons for Demanding Recall of Charlie Crawford as Philomath City Councilor

Councilor Crawford should be recalled for the following reasons:

- 1) He has consistently represented the interests of developers outside the City of Philomath, rather than the clearly stated interests of the community, in his role as a councilor;
- 2) He refuses to implement the May 1995 "Voice on Annexation" referendum overwhelmingly passed by Philomath's voters by relying on annexation consents signed after the referendum passed, the legality of which have been questioned by the city attorney;
- 3) When the citizens of Philomath demanded a voice in annexations and delayed annexations, Mr. Crawford said: "I think it is a counter-productive measure. I'm a strong believer in representative government. I'm not a strong believer in total democracy.";
- 4) Mr. Crawford must be recalled so that a balance can be achieved between land developers and the citizens of Philomath.

YES ←

NO ←

Justification of His Course in Office by City Councilor Charlie Crawford

Recall Petition charges have been filed against me. My response is the first two are neither accurate or true. The third charge is a personal opinion that has nothing whatever to do with the decisions I have made as a City Councilor.

I have, and will enforce the City Charter and City Ordinances as I have sworn to do, including those requiring a vote, by the citizens, on all Annexations and Delayed Annexations Agreements. I will continue to encourage citizen involvement in their City Government.

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City of Philomath
September 3, 1996

Vote "Yes" or "No"

**SHALL RON STAEHLIN
BE RECALLED AS CITY COUNCILOR?**

Reasons for Demanding Recall of Ron Staehlin as Philomath City Councilor

YES ←

Councilman Ron Staehlin should be recalled for the following reasons:

- 1) He has consistently represented the interests of developers, rather than the clearly stated interests of the community, in his role as a city councilor;
- 2) He has repeatedly stated his intent to ignore the clear intent of the "Voice on Annexation" referendum overwhelmingly passed by Philomath's voters by relying on annexation consents signed after the referendum passed, the legality of which have been questioned by the city attorney;
- 3) He has lobbied the Philomath Planning Commission in support of at least one development in which he had a vested interest, despite his position as a city councilor with oversight over the Planning Commission, a clear conflict of interest;
- 4) He has been quoted in the local newspaper that he doesn't want a vote on Neabeack Hill because it will "confuse" the voters.

NO ←

Justification of His Course in Office by City Councilor Ron Staehlin

The statements made by the petitioners on my recall petition are not true. You have elected me to the office of City Council for four terms and I hope that you know me well enough by now to know that I am a honest person and have always acted in the highest regard for my oath of office and the Citizens of Philomath.

The limit of 200 words in this statement doesn't allow me to say everything I would like to say, so you will hear more from me at length and in much more detail through another means.

I have been told by the leaders of this recall drive, a person from Blodgett and newcomers who also live out of town, that they represent you. I'm glad we're having this election so that you can tell me yourself if this is true. If so, I will gladly leave office since I have no desire to represent these people.

They have repeatedly tried to convince the members of the City Council to do their dirty work for them; that is, to rob two women of their land without paying for it.

Please call me if you have any questions (929-3676).

**SHALL MIKE ZOJONC
BE RECALLED AS CITY COUNCILOR?**

Reason for Demanding Recall of Mike Zojonc as Philomath City Councilor

YES ←

Councilman Mike Zojonc should be recalled for the following reasons:

- 1) He has consistently represented the interests of developers, rather than the clearly stated interests of the community, in his role as city councilor;
- 2) He has repeatedly voted to ignore the clear intent of the "Voice on Annexation" referendum overwhelming(ly) passed by Philomath's voters by relying on annexation consents signed after the referendum passed, the legality of which have been questioned by the city attorney;
- 3) He has denied the citizens of Philomath an opportunity to vote on the Neabeack Hill annexation before the site is cleared for development.

NO ←

Justification of His Course in Office by City Councilor Mike Zojonc

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I was elected as a city councilor by the citizens of Philomath for a two (2) year term. I will complete that term unless directed to do otherwise by the majority of these citizens.

I am now in my second term and have devoted many evenings and hours toward community service and carrying out the duties I was elected to do. I believe I have done this in good faith and have performed ethically and honestly in all things. I am not guilty of any wrongdoing unless having a "difference of opinion" is a crime.

I believe in having personal property rights and in allowing "others to have theirs" as well. The recall of an elected official is also a right, but used wrongly in this case. I will not resign.

Respectfully,
Mike Zojonc