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Question 1: Dorothy Cox

GROUNDS FOR RECALL AS SET FORTH IN PETITION

Dorothy Cox, Anchorage School Board, committed misconduct in office and failed to perform prescribed duties by drafting, endorsing and imposing confidentially on the Superintendent, during an executive session, an action item consisting of nine new management and control policy directives that (1) were composed and developed during a round of private telephone calls among only four Board members, closed to public scrutiny, without public notice and open meetings, that (2) were never formally adopted in a regular school board meeting.

Dorothy Cox committed misconduct in office and failed to perform prescribed duties by engaging in a round of private telephone calls among only four Board members, closed to public scrutiny, without public notice and open meeting, for the purpose of secretly plotting to later vote to oust the duly elected Board President before the end of his term, without first placing this item on a published agenda, without first hearing public comments, and without deliberating with other Board members in the telephonic scheming.

STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL

Before you vote, it is important for you to know the truth about the recall.

Under state law anyone can say whatever they like when they file a recall petition, whether it is true or false. The claims made in this petition are false.

This election is really about the future of our school district and our children. Dr. O'Rourke's disregard for the School Board, and Darryl Jordan's lack of leadership on the Board, left our district unable to function. As a member of the majority of the publicly elected board, we felt a legal responsibility to try to change the ineffective direction of our district.

Now Darryl Jordan's sister-in-law, Connie Bennett, is personally attacking members of the School Board and is placing our district and our children's future at risk.

We took a risk when we decided enough was enough, but our children's future is important. We felt we needed to take action. We have been attacked for doing what is right.

I urge each of you to vote against this recall.

Let's get back to the business of working for our kids and providing the best education possible for our community.

Shall Dorothy Cox be recalled from
the office of School Board Member?

YES +
NO +

TURN CARD OVER

VOTE BOTH SIDES

I HAVE VOTED



HAVE YOU?

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Question 2: Walter Featherly

GROUNDS FOR RECALL AS SET FORTH IN PETITION

Walter Featherly, Anchorage School Board, committed misconduct in office and failed to perform prescribed duties by drafting, endorsing and imposing confidentially on the Superintendent, during an executive session, an action item consisting of nine new management and control policy directives that (1) were composed and developed during a round of private telephone calls among only four Board members, closed to public scrutiny, without public notice and open meetings, that (2) were never formally adopted in a regular school board meeting.

Walter Featherly committed misconduct in office and failed to perform prescribed duties by engaging in a round of private telephone calls among only four Board members, closed to public scrutiny, without public notice and open meeting, for the purpose of secretly plotting to later vote to oust the duly elected Board President before the end of his term, without first placing this item on a published agenda, without first hearing public comments, and without deliberating with other Board members in the telephonic scheming.

STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL

This recall petition alleges that I violated the open meetings laws by conspiring with three other board members to draft a letter to Mr. O'Rourke and to replace Darryl Jordan as president of the School Board.

These allegations are false. The letter to Mr. O'Rourke was drafted by me alone. The letter requested Mr. O'Rourke to comply with the policies of the Anchorage School District and with the provisions of his contract. I believe that it was my responsibility, as the Board president, to take this action.

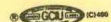
Other board members and I did privately discuss Mr. Jordan's ineffective leadership and the need to replace him as president of the Board. However, the Alaska Supreme Court has specifically ruled that public bodies may meet in private to elect and remove their officers. Thus no violation of the open meetings laws occurred.

Unfortunately, the law permits Mr. Jordan and his supporters to make false accusations against me on this petition. The simple truth is that I have not violated any laws. What I have done is to serve you to the best of my ability. With your support, I will continue to serve you and the best interests of our community's children.

Shall Walter Featherly be recalled from
the office of School Board Member?

YES +
NO +

Lejane Ferguson
Municipal Clerk
December 15, 1992



VOTE BOTH SIDES

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Question 3: Carol Stolpe

GROUNDS FOR RECALL AS SET FORTH IN PETITION

Carol Stolpe, Anchorage School Board, committed misconduct in office and failed to perform prescribed duties by drafting, endorsing and imposing confidentially on the Superintendent, during an executive session, an action item consisting of nine new management and control policy directives that (1) were composed and developed during a round of private telephone calls among only four Board members, closed to public scrutiny, without public notice and open meetings, that (2) were never formally adopted in a regular school board meeting.

Carol Stolpe committed misconduct in office and failed to perform prescribed duties by engaging in a round of private telephone calls among only four Board members, closed to public scrutiny, without public notice and open meeting, for the purpose of secretly plotting to later vote to oust the duly elected Board President before the end of his term, without first placing this item on a published agenda, without first hearing public comments, and without deliberating with other Board members in the telephonic scheming.

STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL

During the eight years that I have represented you on the School Board I have expected you to hold me accountable for my decisions. I believe that I have fairly earned my reputation for challenging the status quo when necessary.

My taking tough stands is what motivated these false claims. The law allows misrepresentation of facts on a petition. This petition claims I violated the Open Meetings Act. That is just not true.

The School Board exercised its authority and responsibility when we removed Darryl Jordan as president because of his ineffective leadership. This change was within the law and School Board policy. The board believed that Superintendent O'Rourke had to be more effectively supervised and evaluated.

We expected the new board president, working with Dr. O'Rourke on behalf of the board, to solve the problem. We expected Dr. O'Rourke to fulfill the conditions of his contract. As the board's employee, we expected him to follow the directives of the board, decided during months of public discussion.

Contrary to the petition's claims, there were no new directives, no secret meetings, no violations of law. I have worked to earn your trust, and I ask for your continued support.

Shall Carol Stolpe be recalled from
the office of School Board Member?

YES +
NO +

Lejane Ferguson
Municipal Clerk
December 15, 1992

