



**Statement of and Answer to Reasons for Recall
Jill Ravitch – District Attorney –September 14, 2021 Election**

The statement of reasons for recall that appeared on the notice of intent to recall that was filed by the proponents as well as the answer to the statement of reasons for recall that was filed by the officer whose recall is being sought are required to be printed in the voter information guide.

Statement of Reasons for Recall	Answer to Statement of Reasons for Recall										
<p><u>TO THE HONORABLE DISTRICT ATTORNEY JILL RAVITCH:</u> Pursuant to Section 11020 California Elections Code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of the County of Sonoma, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from office of District Attorney of Sonoma County, California and to demand election of a successor in that office. The grounds for the recall are as follows:</p> <p>Sonoma County DA Jill Ravitch Has Failed Sonoma County.</p> <p>Pressing issues of inequality, injustice and fire safety failures have been ignored or inflamed by Ravitch. It is time for her term in elected office to end.</p> <p>Some of the most egregious failures of her term include:</p> <p>Ravitch failed to pursue charges against large corporations that harm and pollute our community to hold them accountable.</p> <p>Ravitch criticized her predecessor for a lack of transparency regarding conviction rates, but she has exhibited the same. She also prevented the disclosure of police body camera recordings despite calls for same by local civil rights groups.</p> <p>Incarceration rates for minority communities have been disproportionately higher than for whites under her tenure. From the 2017-2018, Voice: Report Card on Race regarding the Sonoma County DA's office: "local advocates as well as the Advisory Committee for the US Commission of Civil Rights have been calling for the creation of efficient oversight mechanisms and the DA has repeatedly turned her back"</p> <p>Finally, Ravitch has unethically and repeatedly abused her powers to pursue personal vendettas.</p> <p>This community must and will recall Ravitch!</p> <p>The names of the proponents are as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1. William P. Gallaher</td> <td>2. Molly Gallaher Flater</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Komron Shahhosseini</td> <td>4. Orlando Macias</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Aida Albuja</td> <td>6. Julio Caceres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. Alexandra Caceres</td> <td>8. Alva Marleny Chavez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9. Momi Ibarra</td> <td>10. Manuel Chavez</td> </tr> </table>	1. William P. Gallaher	2. Molly Gallaher Flater	3. Komron Shahhosseini	4. Orlando Macias	5. Aida Albuja	6. Julio Caceres	7. Alexandra Caceres	8. Alva Marleny Chavez	9. Momi Ibarra	10. Manuel Chavez	<p>Since 2011, I have been privileged to lead an office dedicated to seeking justice and being a voice for victims. The Family Justice Center has served thousands of domestic violence, sexual assault, child and elder abuse survivors. We've held over 100 companies responsible for violations including false advertising, diversion of construction funds, illegal hazardous waste storage/disposal, water pollution/streambed alterations, and failing to provide safe evacuation plans for vulnerable populations during disasters. New laws have changed the old "lock em' up" approach to one of treatment courts, expanded diversion opportunities and increased mental health services. I have been at the lead of this effort, advocating for pretrial release, working with others to address homelessness, mental health and substance abuse. Any temporary objection to the release of body-worn-camera video, possessed by police agencies, has been to protect the privacy of uninvolved citizens and victims caught on video, and the integrity of pending investigations. I work with social justice and criminal justice partners to address racial and social inequities. When last checked, the majority of defendants self-identified as Caucasian. I seek diversity among my staff through recruitment and retention. We work every day to pursue justice and keep Sonoma County safe.</p> <p>s/ Jill R. Ravitch</p>
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