

# Statement of Justification

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## Public Officer

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### Filing Officer

State  County for both county and district offices  City

### Public Officer Information

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### Statement Provide a statement of justification of term in office in 200 words or less.

First, let me thank you for taking the time to vote. As this recall is costing the city approximately \$30,000, my hope is that you take the time to review both sides of the Senior Center issue.

In 2017 I was appointed to the Senior Center sub-committee, I attended all meetings and reviewed all information. I concluded we needed to reorganize the Senior program. This decision was not popular with a few citizens in town thus resulting in the recall.

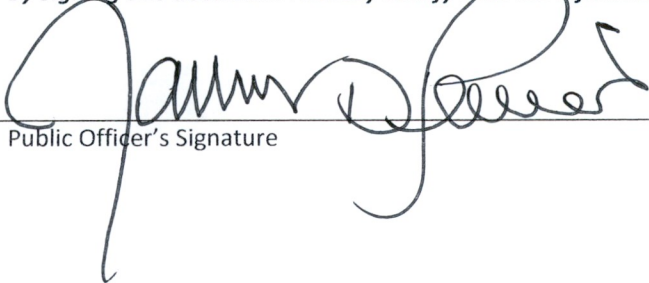
Recall reason #1 Accuses us of mismanaging the Park's budget. I feel this is decidedly false. There is no budget mismanagement and Parks has received passing grades from a private auditor for decades.

Recall reason #3 Petitioners state we flagrantly failed to follow Oregon State meetings law, City records indicate no meeting law violations.

I feel these are serious charges without any evidence. I believe gathering signatures with false statements calls into question the validity of this recall petition. The recall process is an important part of democracy however this recall was poorly thought through.

I place a high value on volunteering to serve my community, and it's my hope you will allow me to continue.

By signing this document I hereby certify that the information in the above statement of justification is true.



Public Officer's Signature

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