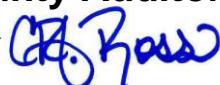




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The Yakima County Auditor's office is in receipt of the signature petition for the recall of Rachel Ruelas, City of Mabton Mayor.

After review of the applicable state law and in consultation with the Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney and Corporate Counsel offices, this letter is to inform you that your petition has been determined to be insufficient under RCW 29A.56.150(1):

**Filing supporting signatures—Time limitations.**

(1) The sponsors of a recall demanded of any public officer shall stop circulation of and file all petitions with the appropriate elections officer not less than six months before the next general election in which the officer whose recall is demanded is subject to reelection.

The next general election for the office of Mayor for the City of Mabton is November 4, 2025; making the six month deadline for filing petitions with the Yakima County Auditor to be May 5, 2025. The signature petition regarding this matter was received on May 12, 2025. The language of this statute is plain on its face regarding the timing requirements.

It should be noted that there will be a Primary on August 5, 2025 for the office of Mayor of the City of Mabton; at which, the voters of the City will essentially be deciding to affirmatively recall Ms. Ruelas by choosing to not advance her to the General Election ballot or will be deciding to oppose her recall by selecting her to be one of the two candidates who appear on the ballot in November.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please direct them to Charles Ross, Yakima County Auditor.

Sincerely,



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