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RCW 29A.56.220 allows a response to the certifying officer of my petition for recall.  
This is my response.

I have been a Port of Tahuya Commissioner since 1995. I have done my best to serve the interests of the public and not any special interest group. I have no personal agenda or favorite project.

The Petitioners and their group, "Residents for Preservation of Quality of Life on Hood Canal," became active in 2003 because they objected to the Port's Public Access Plan. Since then, they have publicly and privately harassed my family and me.

The Petitioners are using lawsuits and recalls to drive me from office. This is the third lawsuit filed against me. Nothing has happened in the first lawsuit, except to cost us money. The second lawsuit was a recall action like this one. The judge threw the case out and the Supreme Court just affirmed that decision.

This recall petition falsely claims that I intentionally violated the Public Records Act by failing to timely or completely respond to a whole series of requests for documents made by the "Residents". I had never responded to a Public records request before all this started. I did my best and even enlisted the help of my daughter to try to comply. Despite our best efforts, the judge ruled against the Port. However, I never knowingly withheld documents or delayed delivering them. I may have made a mistake, but I did not intend to violate the law in any way.

