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RE: Voter Participation

Dear Port of Tahuya Voter,

Thank you for participating in last months Special Recall Election. The Election which was held on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, was certified on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 by the Mason County Auditor. The election was a huge success. The Official turnout was almost double what the Auditors office normally would have expected. Five hundred and eight voters voted out of eight hundred and thirty one registered voters. (61.13%). Three hundred and twenty four voters voted to recall Commissioner Cynthia Olsen from office. (63.91%).

Removing a public official from office through a Special Recall Election is never a pleasant or easy task. The fact that Olsen had been in office as a port Commissioner for almost ten years and that her underlying crime listed in the ballot synopsis had occurred over two years ago, we are very pleased with the amount of voter participation. The voters within the Port District of Tahuya have sent a strong and consistent message for the last two years. The message is: "Please follow the law and listen to the community. If you violate the law, show at least a little remorse and positively work towards correcting your behavior to insure compliance or resign. Failure to do this will result in being recalled from office."

We are grateful for the process afforded to us under the law, which allows for the removal of a public official that refuses to follow the law and then will not resign. We are very grateful the voters recognized after reviewing the "facts" of just how important recalling Olsen was. The results of this election should also send a strong message to anybody in the future that wants to change the rural character of our community. "Please follow the right process which involves informing the community. The Tahuya peninsula is alive and well. We are paying attention and involving ourselves in the process to insure good responsible government. We recognize and are dedicated to the constant commitment that is required. We want a DIALOGUE!"

Thank you,



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