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Dear Voter,

Subject: Regarding The Recall of Commissioner Cynthia D. Olsen.

In the fall of 2003 I ran for Port Commissioner because I believed Commissioner Olsen had broken the law with respect to her duties and functions as one of three Port Commissioners for the Port of Tahuya.

My promise to you, the voter, was, if elected, to begin the process of bringing law and order back to the Port of Tahuya. You must have believed me, because you elected me.

Since elected, I have discovered the depth and breadth of the violation of law has exceeded my most pessimistic expectations.

For example, Olsen was found guilty on June 18th 2004, in a court of law, of violating Washington's Public Disclosure Act. To defend against her violations, and to pay the plaintiff what the court awarded, cost you, the taxpayers of the Port of Tahuya, an estimated \$25,000 to \$35,000. That amount from a port that only has an annual income of approximately \$25,000. She has never apologized. She has never accepted responsibility. She refuses to answer all substantive questions regarding the matter. She has never requested or permitted an internal investigation of the matter. So much for open government.

Even though insured, our insurance company would not provide a defense nor pay a single dime of the \$25,000 - \$35,000. Why? Because our insurance company did not believe that the conduct that led to a guilty verdict was an accident.

Likewise, our insurance company would not provide insurance coverage for a pending Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) lawsuit currently filed against Commissioner Olsen, personally, for similar reasons. The Port of Tahuya purchases this coverage for its commissioners to protect them from personal lawsuits that occur as a result of their port duties and functions.

Faced with having to pay for her own defense, rather than you the taxpayer footing the bill as before, and denied coverage by the insurance carrier, Commissioner Olsen voted to have you, the taxpayer, pay for all her pending legal fees and expenses, plus any judgments the court might order if she were to lose the lawsuit. This is known as indemnification. Did Commissioner Olsen achieve indemnification fairly? You be the judge.

Commissioner Olsen even went one better, however. She also voted for the Port of Tahuya taxpayer to pay her legal bills for all personal future lawsuits and judgments; legal bills and judgments that might come about because of alleged misconduct while performing her duties and responsibilities as a port commissioner.

The Port of Tahuya's insurance carrier is not stupid. Having observed the chaos, mismanagement and violation of law taking place, our insurance carrier dropped coverage of the Port of Tahuya effective September 1st 2005. We must now find new coverage. However, as we go about the business of locating potential sources of new coverage, we are ethically and legally bound to fully disclose to prospective carriers the true condition and legal liability exposure of our Port. The true condition of our Port will expose any potential insurance carrier to levels of risk that might make us uninsurable. Or the rates may be so high as to be prohibitive. Or the exclusions might be so burdensome and far-reaching as to make insuring senseless.

Based on what I have discovered since being elected, I think it highly probable that one or more additional lawsuits will be filed against Commissioner Olsen in the near future.

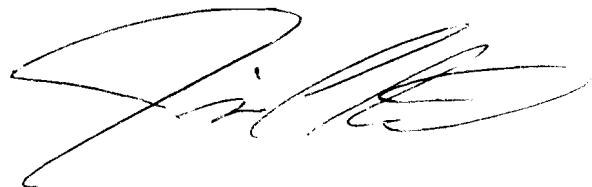
Furthermore, I have seen no willingness in Commissioner Olsen to discuss, let alone make corrective change, with regard to her attitude or conduct toward her legally mandated duties and functions.

The Port of Tahuya cannot afford to continue to incur the ever-increasing liability Commissioner Olsen brings to her elected position.

In light of the above, I believe that voting for her removal from office is in order.

Respectfully,

Jim Christen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Christen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.