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RE: County Clerk Recall Petition

Dear Recall Committee Members and Ms. Walker;

The review of the signatures contained on the submitted petition pages have been completed. Last election, 5,570 votes were cast for the county clerk position. 40% of that number is 2,228 (the original estimate double counted the write-in vote as the distinction between separate votes and mere explanation of the write-in vote was not clear).

The submitted petitions totaled 296 pages with 2,602 signatures. A review of the signatures excluded 290 signatures for various reasons (these reasons include request for removal, illegible signatures, unregistered voters, and pages submitted without appropriate affidavits). In total, 2,312 valid signatures were collected. This is sufficient to meet the statutory requirements.

K.S.A. 25-4328 provides that a recall election shall be held within 60-90 days of the date of the findings contained in this letter. The general election is currently on November 3, 2026. This falls within the applicable timeframe. As such, the recall election shall be held at the same time as the general election.

However, it has come to my attention that Ms. Walker has tendered her resignation effective on August 31, 2026. On that date, her position will become open. Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4328, the county election officer, when the position subject to recall becomes open, may cancel the special election to avoid unnecessary election expense. Once the position becomes open, that decision will be made.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be 'JC', written over a horizontal line.

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