

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE RECALL PETITION**

TO THE HONORABLE Frank Aurelio Yokoyama: Pursuant to Section 11020, California Elections Code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of the City of Cerritos, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of City Councilmember, in the city of Cerritos, California. The grounds for the recall are as follows:

During the Proposition 218 protest process concerning proposed water and sewer rate increases, City records show approximately 6,400 written protest forms were submitted opposing the increases; during that same period, while residents were deciding whether to submit or maintain their protests, Councilmember Yokoyama posted on his personal social media page stating that residents could withdraw previously submitted protest forms and that submitted protest forms would be public record; despite this opposition, the City Council, including Councilman Yokoyama, voted to approve the rate increases without modification. At City Council meetings addressing the proposed rate increases, emails supporting the increases were read into the public record while emails opposing the increases were not. City records also show that expenses were charged to a City-issued credit card during a period of personal international travel and were later reimbursed. Separately, California State Bar records show that Councilman Yokoyama was disciplined, including a suspension from the practice of law, and the State Bar Court found that he committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, and corruption. The undersigned voters believe these matters raise serious concerns regarding judgment, transparency, and responsiveness to residents, and for these reasons we seek the recall of Councilmember Frank Yokoyama.