

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE RECALL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE Lynda Johnson: 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 that approximately 6,400 written protest forms were submitted opposing the increases. Despite this level of opposition, the City Council, including Councilmember Lynda Johnson, voted to approve the rate increases without modification. City Council records show that Councilmember Johnson voted to modify limits on individual City Council travel expenditures and consolidate council travel expenses into a single funding pool. She later participated in City-funded international travel to the Philippines under the City's Sister Cities program. During the same period that residents were facing increased water and sewer costs, City budget discussions reflected financial challenges, yet Councilmember Johnson voted to approve discretionary festival expenditures. At a public City Council meeting addressing opposition to the rate increases, Councilmember Johnson referred to certain opponents as "bullies" while speaking from the dais. The undersigned voters believe these actions raise serious concerns regarding fiscal priorities, professional conduct, and responsiveness to residents. Cerritos residents deserve better representation and accountability from those elected to serve them. For these reasons, we seek the recall of Councilmember Lynda Johnson.