

Recall ~ Burlington Township

(Refer to Michigan Election Law, 168.951 ~ 976)

Petition filed 5/16/19 to recall

Burlington Township Clerk Darlene Mack (Partisan position);
Term November 20, 2016 to November 20, 2020 (4 yr. term)
Address: 5901 10 Mile Road, Burlington, MI 49029; Phone: 517.765.2152
Email: 55dmack@gmail.com

Burlington Township Treasurer Susan Mack (Partisan position);
Term November 20, 2016 to November 20, 2020 (4 yr. term)
Address: 5745 10 Mile Road, Burlington, MI 49029; Phone: 517.765.0706
Email: sue.mack2@gmail.com

Burlington Township Trustee Bill Brenner (Partisan position);
Term November 20, 2016 to November 20, 2020 (4 yr. term)
Address: 8225 N Drive South, Burlington, MI 49029; Phone: 269.579.0887
Email: wcbrenner@live.com

Sponsor:

Burlington Township registered voter LaShelle Waltz, 9827 N Drive South, Burlington, MI 49029.
Phone: 517.765.2259; Email: grandmalashelle@yahoo.com

Recall Wording submitted to the County Clerk's Marshall Office on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

The officers and the sponsor were notified within 24 hours via email, phone, and/or by letter.

Burlington Township Clerk Darlene Mack recall language: "voting "NO" on milling and processing of Lumber Text Amendment, November 8, 2018"

Burlington Township Treasurer Susan Mack recall language: "voting "NO" on milling and processing of Lumber Text Amendment, November 8, 2018"

Burlington Township Bill Brenner recall language: "voting "NO" on milling and processing of Lumber Text Amendment, November 8, 2018. Also for missing 4 township meetings in a row from Dec. 13, 2018 through March 14, 2019."

Number of signatures required: (The petitions shall be signed by registered and qualified electors equal to not less than 25% of the number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of governor at the last preceding general election in the district the officer is sought to be recalled.)

Burlington Township recall: 199 valid signatures are needed to recall each Township Official
25% of 793 votes cast for all Governor candidates in the 11/06/18 Gubernatorial Election in the Township of Burlington, Precinct 1.

The Clarity/Factual Review Hearing was held Thursday, May 30th (14th day after filing), at 11:00am, at the Calhoun County Building, 315 W. Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068, Boardroom 3-C08 (the Board of Commissioner's Chambers on the third floor).

- The sponsor LaShelle Waltz and Burlington Township officers each speak to the Election Commission to share their concerns about the petition language being clear and factual.
- The County Election Commission voted to **approve** the recall petition of all three petitions as clear and factual in nature and they each meet statutory criteria.

The Determination of Election Commission was signed by County Election Commissioner members following the Clarity/Factual Review Hearing, and was forwarded to the sponsor and officeholders.

- Once the County Election Commission approves the recall petitions for clarity/factuality and the 10-day appeal period has elapsed; **OR** any appeal to the Circuit Court has concluded (or 40 days has elapsed since the filing of the appeal whichever is sooner), the petition sponsors are free to circulate their petition.
- An appeal to the Clarity/Factual Determination can be made to Circuit Court within 10 days of determination (by close of business on June 10, 2019).

Appeal to Circuit Court:

An appeal was NOT filed in Circuit Court by the June 10, 2019 deadline.

- Petitions may not be circulated until a determination of whether each reason is factual and of sufficient clarity is made by the circuit court or until 40 days after the date of the appeal, whichever is sooner.
- Once the County Election Commission approves a recall petition for clarity/factuality and the 10-day appeal period has elapsed; **OR** any appeal to the Circuit Court has concluded (or 40 days has elapsed since the filing of the appeal), the petition sponsors are free to circulate their petition. Signatures on a recall petition dated more than 60 days before the filing of the petition are invalid.
- Petition language is valid for 180 days after approval of language by County Election Commission or Circuit Court ruling.

Filing of signed recall petitions: must be filed by August 2, 2019 to appear on the November 5, 2019 ballot.

CONCLUSION: Signatures on the recall petitions were not filed by the August 2, 2019 deadline. Per the sponsor, this recall effort will cease.