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**Subject:** RE: Recall Rqmts: CDA Mayor's Race

Ms. Faire,

Thank you for your inquiry. You are correct that pursuant to Idaho Code 34-1702(4) the number of signatures required for a recall of a city officer is based on the full registered voter count of the City at the last General City Election, which, for the City of Coeur d'Alene, would be the election that just occurred on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The number of votes cast at the last election for the officeholder comes in to play later in the process (see item 8 in the basic overview below).

According to 34-1713(1) "No petition for a recall shall be circulated against any officer until he has actually held office under the current term for at least ninety (90) days." So, no petition could be circulated until at least 90 days after the officeholder was sworn in to the seat.

The registered voter count for the City of Coeur d'Alene at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Election, including Election Day and Early Voting Registrations, was 31,134. 20% of this number is 6,226.8, which rounds to 6,227. That is the number of valid signatures that would be required for a recall petition to be successful.

Below is a basic overview of the recall process.

#### OVERVIEW:

The process for recalling an elected official is laid out in Idaho Code Title 34, Chapter 17, and the exact details regarding the full number of valid signatures required for a recall vary based on district type. I will provide a brief overview of the process here, but I always recommend a thorough review of the Idaho Code itself. A basic overview of the process, with statute references, is as follows:

1. A prospective petition to recall a specific officeholder is drafted by the person(s) seeking to start a recall. I.C. 34-1703, I.C. 34-1705

2. The prospective petition needs to then be validly signed by at least 20 registered voters who are registered within the district. I.C. 34-1704

3. The prospective petition is turned in to the Elections Department (County Clerk) for review of the form of petition and review of the signatures. I.C. 34-1704

4. If the petition contains at least 20 valid signatures from the district, and is substantially in the form given in statute, it is approved for circulation by the Elections Office (County Clerk). I.C. 34-1704

Petitioners are notified of the full number of valid signatures required to recall the officeholder (which is calculated based on the specific type of officeholder being recalled pursuant to Idaho Code) I.C. 34-1701, I.C. 34-1702

Petitioners are also given the timeline (75 days) for gathering the signatures. I.C. 34-1704

5. If petitioners turn in enough signatures by the deadline, the Elections Office (County Clerk) has fifteen (15) business days to certify those signatures to determine if enough valid signatures are present. I.C. 34-1704, I.C. 34-1706

6. If the petition is found to contain the required number of certified signatures, the petitioners, the officeholder being recalled, and the district are then notified that the recall petition is in proper form. The officeholder is given five (5) business days from the time of notice to either:

a. Resign his/her office, in which case a vacancy is declared and the vacancy is filled as provided by law, and the recall process ends here. I.C. 34-1707

b. Not resign his/her office, in which case a recall election is ordered for the next scheduled election date that meets the Recall Notification Deadline for that election. I.C. 34-1707, I.C. 34-106

7. If a recall election is ordered, the recall ballot is governed as laid out in Idaho Code 34-1708, and officeholder remains in office until the results of the recall election are official. I.C. 34-1709

8. For an officeholder to be recalled at a recall election, two criteria must be met: I.C. 34-1712

a. The majority of votes cast on the recall must be in favor of such recall.

b. The number of votes cast in favor of the recall must equal or exceed the votes cast at the last election for that officeholder. (For example, if Officeholder A was elected with 5,000 votes, the "IN FAVOR" votes at the recall election for Officeholder A must equal or exceed 5,000 for this criteria to be met)

Again, this is just an overview of the process with statutory references. The full process and statutes governing recalls can be found here: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title34/T34CH17/>

Sincerely,

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Greetings Ms. Locke,

I am writing today to clarify discussion in some circles about how many signatures it would take to recall the Mayor-Elect. Some think it has to do with the number of CDA Electors who participated in the Nov. 4, 2025 election.

TITLE 34: ELECTIONS

CHAPTER 17: RECALL ELECTIONS

34-1702. REQUIRED SIGNATURES ON PETITION. A petition for recall of an officer shall be instituted by filing with the appropriate official a verified written petition requesting such recall.

(4) If the petition seeks recall of any of the officers named in subsection (3) of section [34-1701](#), Idaho Code, the petition shall be filed with the county clerk and must be signed by registered electors of the city equal in number to twenty percent (20%) of the number of electors registered to vote at the last general city election held in the city for the election of officers.

My interpretation of the code is that 20% of the ENTIRE electors registered in the City of CDA to vote is what is being implied.

According to the results for CDA Mayor, a total of 9,550 Electors participated in the election. I do not know the total number of Registered Electors in CDA, I see data that pertains to County level registered electors.

Can you provide the number of signatures required to initiate the recall of the newly elected CDA Mayor? Furthermore, can you clarify that this action cannot begin until the newly-elected is sworn in.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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