

(GENERAL)

COMPTROLLER FILE NUMBER 279398

PETITION
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FOR RECALL OF WESLEY C. UHLMAN AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, BY ROBERT S. LEIGHTON, III; TOGETHER WITH A BALLOT SYNOPSIS OF SUCH CHARGES AS FOUND LEGALLY SUFFICIENT, AS FORMULATED BY THE KING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, ETC.

FILED JUNE 27, 1974

C. G. ERLANDSON
COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK

BY J. F. Fenton DEPUTY

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your *Committee*

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would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that.....

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OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

CHRISTOPHER T. BAYLEY
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

(206) 344-2550

28 June 1974

Mr. C. G. Erlandson
City Comptroller
City of Seattle
Seattle, Washington 98104

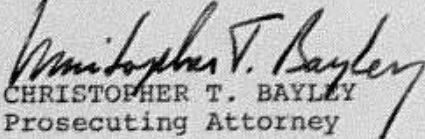
Re: Petition for Recall of Wesley C. Uhlman as
Mayor of the City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Erlandson:

Please find enclosed a copy of the materials received
by Mr. Leighton, III, on which he has written "original
received, 6-27-74, 5:30 p.m." over his signature.

The papers so marked are a letter of notice to
Mr. Leighton, III, a copy of the ballot synopsis, and a
copy of our letter to you which accompanied the original
ballot synopsis filed with you yesterday afternoon.
We send you these materials to file with the other
documents on this matter as proof that notice of the
exact language of the ballot synopsis was indeed given
to Mr. Leighton, III, on 27 June 1974.

Sincerely,


CHRISTOPHER T. BAYLEY
Prosecuting Attorney

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Enclosures

Received
City Comptroller
6-28-74

2:00 p.m.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

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27 June 1974

Mr. Robert S. Leighton, III
8202 Dayton Ave. N.
Seattle, Washington 98103

Re: Petition for Recall of Wesley C. Uhlman as Mayor
of the City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Leighton:

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Further, we confirm our conversation with you of this afternoon that you will appear in our offices at about 5:30 p.m. today to receive a copy of the ballot synopsis referred to above and attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER T. BAYLEY
Prosecuting Attorney

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Attachment

cc: C. G. Erlandson, Comptroller
City of Seattle

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6-27-74
5:30 P.M.
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THE BALLOT SYNOPSIS OF THE PETITION FOR THE RECALL
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(2) He, the said Wesley C. Uhlman, on 10 January 1974 and at other times prior thereto did conspire with Gordon Vickery and other heads of departments of the city of Seattle and others to violate the provisions of Article XVI of the City Charter of the city of Seattle and further, he, the said Wesley C. Uhlman, did so violate the Charter of the city of Seattle Article XVI, by hiring in City Light and other departments of Seattle, contract employees who had not taken competitive civil service examinations, or without otherwise complying with the civil service provisions of said Article XVI.

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5:30 P. M.
Robert S. Leighton III*

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City of Seattle
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Petition for Recall of Wesley C. Uhlman as
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This office has notified the person filing the charges, Robert S. Leighton, III, of the exact language of that ballot synopsis. A copy of that notice is attached hereto and filed with the ballot synopsis.

We also file with you the original copy of the "Petition for Recall of Wesley C. Uhlman as Mayor of the City of Seattle" which was signed by Mr. Leighton, III, on 28 May 1974.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER T. BAYLEY
Prosecuting Attorney

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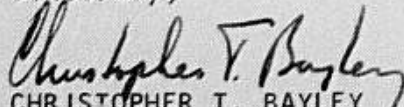
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Seattle, Washington 98104



C. G. ERLANDSON
CITY COMPTROLLER

JOHN B. KELLUM
CHIEF DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

May 29, 1974

The Honorable Christopher T. Bayley
Prosecuting Attorney
King County
King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Bayley:

Pursuant to R.C.W. 29.82.020, I hereby refer petition, filed with this office today, May 29, 1974, demanding the recall of Mayor Uhlman, transmitted herewith for your determination of the legal sufficiency of the charges contained therein.

Very truly yours,

City Comptroller

CGE:ej

Enc.

PETITION FOR RECALL

OF

WESLEY C. UHLMAN AS MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE.

TO: C. G. Erlandson, City Clerk, City of Seattle

The undersigned, a legal voter of the City of Seattle, desires to demand the recall and discharge of Wesley C. Uhlman, the Mayor of the City of Seattle, for the commission of acts of misfeasance while in office, and in violation of his oath of office as follows:

1. On or about April 13 and April 17, 1974, and continuously thereafter, Wesley C. Uhlman knowingly and willfully retained and refused and failed to remove Gordon Vickery as Superintendent of City Light despite the knowledge that he is unqualified and disabled to carry out the duties of such position, as evidenced by the abnormally high rate of turnover of City Light employees, the decline in employee morale, the continuing and increasing decline in profits of City Light, to where it is projected there will be a deficit of earnings of over one million dollars in 1975, the increasing administrative expenses, and the understaffing of employees, all occurring since the appointment of Gordon Vickery and continuing to the present time, all of which has been occasioned by his managerial incompetence, resulting in the deterioration and lessening of efficiency of the City Light operation;

2. On January 10, 1974, and at other times prior thereto, the specific dates of which are unknown, Wesley C. Uhlman

did agree to and conspire with Gordon Vickery, other department heads of the City of Seattle, and others, to violate the provisions of Article XVI of the City Charter of the City of Seattle, and did so violate said charter provision by seeking to and obtaining the employment of contract employees in City Light and other departments to perform normal and routine duties of the City of Seattle without the necessity of said employees taking competitive examinations or without otherwise complying with the civil service provisions of said Article XVI.

3. That on or about May 3, 1972, Wesley C. Uhlman appointed Gordon Vickery Superintendent of City Light despite his knowledge that he was unqualified to carry out the duties of the position of Superintendent of City Light, and that said knowledge of his lack of qualification and his refusal to remove said Gordon Vickery has continued at all times up to the present time, and that said incompetency of Gordon Vickery and said knowledge of Wesley C. Uhlman of said incompetency were not known to the public until approximately April 13, 1974.

Dated this 28th day of May, 1974.

1203 - Dayton Ave, N.
Seattle, 98103
Wash.

Robert S. Leighton III
ROBERT S. LEIGHTON III.

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
COUNTY OF KING) SS.

ROBERT S. LEIGHTON III being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states that he has read the within and foregoing charge, that he knows the contents thereof, and believes the same charges to be true.

Robert S. Leighton III

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28th day of
May, 1974.

Sylvia Tomo
Notary Public in and for the State
of Washington, residing at Seattle.

Filed with the City Clerk
at 12:00 Noon,
Wednesday, May 29, 1974