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## A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

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### Recall Petitions: Be Careful What You Sign

#### *Say NO to Recall of County Commissioners*

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It was reported last week that a small group in a small subdivision on the very western edge of the county want to recall all three of our county commissioners.

Is it because of violations of their oaths? Have they infringed on our inalienable rights? Have they committed crimes or embezzled taxpayer funds? The answer to each of these is "No." In fact, it appears in every respect they are serving honorably, have protected and enhanced our freedoms, and have our county finally back in a sound financial position.

In fact, it seems the sole basis of this small group's effort is they don't approve of a lawful and properly considered decision these commissioners made. And it was a decision we elected our commissioners to make and a decision that by all reasonable standards was the right one for the county. The decision was to allow a developer to build a badly needed road, at no expense to the taxpayer on property acquired by the developer that will take traffic off the overused and badly worn Singing Hills Road. Unfortunately it is being built on undeveloped land near their homes

on land owned by the developer.

So using a constitutional tool reserved for the removal of elected officials who have committed crimes or other malfeasance, a small special interest group wants to overturn the results of properly conducted public elections in order to influence the placement of a road on land that they don't own and have no property interest in. They are saying their voices should count more than those of the over 20,000 voters who received ballots in the past commissioner elections. They are saying they count more than the thousands of citizens who have been waiting for more and better roads in the northwest part of the county.

The best response when any petition is thrust in your face is to decline to sign. Ask the circulator who is behind the effort, what it will cost the taxpayers if successful, and what are the pros and the cons. There are always two sides to every issue and the devil is in the details. We owe it to ourselves and our fellow citizens to not fall for the progressive tricks of special interests. Reasoned public debate and support of our republican form of government will keep mob rule and cancel culture from gaining a toe hold in our great county.

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