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JUDGE AARON PERSKY RECALL PETITION QUALIFIES FOR BALLOT

Random sampling of the 94,539 signatures collected finds enough are valid to place matter before voters

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – After conducting a random sampling of the 94,539 signatures submitted by a campaign to recall Judge Aaron Persky from the Santa Clara County Superior Court, the Registrar of Voters found a sufficient number of them to be valid to automatically qualify the matter for the ballot without additional signature verification.

The ROV certified the results on Tuesday and will bring the matter before the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on February 6, 2018 for placement on the ballot for the June 5, 2018 Statewide Primary Election. The Elections Code requires the Board of Supervisors to issue an order within 14 days of the meeting ordering an election to determine whether or not to recall Judge Persky. If the Board does not order the election, the Elections Code requires the Registrar of Voters to set the date for holding the election.

The random 5 percent sample of 4,727 signatures found 3,389 were valid. When applied to the total raw signature count of 94,539, the number of valid signatures is more than 110 percent of the 58,634 signatures that were required. The California Elections Code dictates that by topping that threshold, the petition is qualified for the ballot with no further verification necessary.

If the sample results had showed that the number of valid signatures was less than 90 percent of those required, it would have been deemed insufficient. If the results fell between 90 percent and 110 percent, all submitted signatures would have gone through a full signature verification process.

The recall vote will be accompanied by a contest to decide who will replace Judge Persky if he is removed from office.

The petition was officially submitted January 11. Starting the following day, the ROV had 30 days to certify whether or not it was sufficient.

Both the Secretary of State's and the County's complete [guides to Recall Elections](#) are available on the ROV's website at www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/info/pages/recalls.aspx.



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