

Recall ~ City of Albion

(Refer to Michigan Election Law, 168.951 ~ 976)

Petition filed 6/12/19 to recall

Albion City Mayor Dave Atchison (NonPartisan position);
Term December 3, 2018 to December 7, 2020 (2 yr. term)
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Sponsor:

Albion City registered voter Melissa Craig, 1200 Mallory Street, Albion, MI 49224;
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Recall Wording:

Two sets of language were submitted to the County Clerk's Marshall Office on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. The officer was notified within 24 hours via phone and email.

City of Albion Mayor David Atchison **recall petition #1** language:

“(1) David Atchison has failed to comply with the city charter and council rules by divisively “imputing the motive of other Council Members...or members of the public,” during council meetings, most recently on 5/13/2019; by repeatedly threatened to stop required public comment periods, most recently on 5/20/2019; and by giving administrative directives to city personnel.

(2) Atchison has violated the city's code of ethics ordinance by nominating individuals to city boards and commissions while failing to disclose to city council the nominees' financial contributions to his mayoral campaign.

(3) Atchison has taken policy positions at odds with Albion's culture of diversity, inclusion, and community welfare by voting against establishing Indigenous Peoples' Day in Albion and against bringing another grocery store to Albion as a city goal.

(4) Atchison shared the content of communications, given to him by Chief Scott Kipp during an active personnel investigation, with Al Smith and John Face.

(5) Atchison voted yes on the motion made by Council Member Vicky Clark that approved an investigation NOT independent from the city into Albion Public Safety's handling of an excessive force incident from 11/24/2018.”

City of Albion Mayor David Atchison **recall petition #2** language:

“David Atchison voted against a resolution to establish Indigenous Peoples' Day in Albion at the 4/1/2019 Albion City Council Meeting. David Atchison stated “I certainly am making mistakes in the area of parliamentary procedure” at the 3/18/2019 Albion City Council Meeting.”

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.)

Albion City Mayor recall: **608 valid signatures** are needed to recall Dave Atchison
25% of 2,430 votes cast for all Governor candidates in the 11/06/18 Gubernatorial Election in the City of Albion.

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The Clarity/Factual Review Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th (12th day after filing), 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). Probate Judge Jaconette recused himself from these proceedings; County Prosecutor David Gilbert is appointed to this vacancy for the hearing.

- The sponsor Melissa Craig and the officeholder Dave Atchison will have an opportunity to speak to the Election Commission to express their concerns as to the petition language being clear and factual.
- The County Election Commission will discuss and vote to approve or disapprove each recall petition as clear and factual in nature; to determine if the petitions meet statutory criteria. The Commission may approve one, both or neither of the submitted language. If both are approved, only one petition can be circulated.

D.Atchison Recall Withdrawn: Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 8:00a. Recall sponsor Melissa Craig has withdrawn her name as sponsor for the recall of Mayor Dave Atchison. The purpose of the sponsor requirement is to insure that the recall is initiated by the voters of the electoral district. Without a sponsor there is no representation in the electoral district to support the recall effort.

The June 26, 2019 Clarity and Factual Review Hearing is cancelled. The County Election Commission and officeholder were notified. A Press Release and Public Notice were revised and posted at 4:30p 6/25/19.

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