

# **RCSC Membership Petition Drive Continues!!**

Petition Circulators Noel Kasper and Anne Randall Stewart are continuing to circulate Petition P-01 and P-02 which will call for a membership ballot vote to amend the Articles of Incorporation to require membership ratification for the board to recall board members and write bylaws, board policies, etc. The original deadline for circulating was to gather 3,583 signatures by August 1<sup>st</sup> but the board changed it to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Although the goal has not been reached in three months, it behooves the membership to know if it could be reached by the original six-month deadline.

Here's an explanation of the two petitions:

## **Petition P-01—Amend Article IX re Recall**

The members elected the directors. The members should have final say to recall them.

Board members represent the members not the board. Yet, the board admits to compelling a unanimous vote after privately gaining a majority. The board can use the threat of recall to coerce compliance. Recently, the board actually recalled a board member for reasons that did not include malfeasance or misfeasance, which resulted in her public humiliation.

Members themselves are required to have approximately 3600 valid signatures on a recall petition to bring recall to a membership vote. Six board members should be required to bring recall to a membership vote, as well.

## **Petition P-02—Amend Article VIII re Bylaws**

When the board enacts bylaws and board policies it “changes the contract” that homeowners signed when they bought into Sun City. To avoid being at the mercy of five board members who were elected with as few as 500 votes, changes to the contract should be voted on by the homeowners.

Recently, the board proposed raising the preservation and improvement fee by 20% in a depressed real estate market, raising it from \$2,500 to \$3,000. When hundreds of Members showed up to object vehemently, the board proceeded to increase the fee as planned and then enacted bylaws and board policies to keep the Members from interfering with them on this and other issues in the future.

Specifically, the board unanimously voted to increase the quorum for membership meetings from 100 to approximately 3600, when there is not a venue to hold such a crowd, making it nearly impossible to ever have a meeting again. And they unanimously voted to thwart petition circulation by decreasing the deadline from 180 days to 90 days to collect 3,600 valid signatures.

Whether or not rectified, these recent board actions illustrate the Members' need to change the Articles to require membership ratification for recalling board members and changing bylaws, board policies and any other rules, however denominated.

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Bring your RCSC Rec Card and sign and get trained to circulate petitions.

WHERE: **The Dog Park on N Thunderbird Bl at Del Webb Bl** (LaRonde Westside, next to Washington Federal Savings)

WHEN: **8 to 10 a.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (between May 25 and August 1)**

OR Get Petitions and Instruction Sheet at:

**"UPS-SEND ME" Store, Del Webb Bl at Talisman**

(Tivoli Gardens Parking Lot in the LaRonde Shopping Center Eastside)

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Return signed and notarized Petition P-01 and P-02 and copies to:

**Anne Randall Stewart, 10526 W. Tropicana Cir., Sun City, AZ 85351**

Questions? Call (623) 933-6192; e-mail [anne@annereport.com](mailto:anne@annereport.com)

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITION CIRCULATORS

## RCSC Board Policy #5

### 2. ACCEPTABLE PRACTICES DURING THE PETITION'S CIRCULATION

#### A. All Circulators:

1. Must be Members in good standing.
2. May not use intimidation, misleading statements or payments in securing signatures.
3. Obtain signatures of current RCSC Member Cardholders only. RCSC Privilege Cardholders are not eligible to vote or sign a petition.

Must certify, as their legal obligation requires, that he/she witnessed the signatures of each individual signing.

#### B. Petitions will NOT be:

1. Circulated within or on RCSC facilities or property. Petitioners may station themselves outside RCSC Recreation Centers. For further information on appropriate places, see RCSC Management.

#### C. Signers of the petition, in addition to being current Members must:

1. Be the actual person - a wife may not sign for husband or vice versa.
2. Legibly sign in ink. A printed "signature" is not acceptable, unless that is the usual way the person signs.
3. Indicate date on which they signed; otherwise signature is voided.
4. Write legible Sun City street address, RCSC Member Card number and date.
5. If signature is illegible, signers should be asked by Circulators to print below it.

D. Signers of the petition may withdraw their signatures at any time during the validation process.