

Residents circulate petitions for changes

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Supporters of two petitions designed to require membership votes to recall a Recreation Centers of Sun City board member and for changes in the corporate bylaws are collecting signatures for their proposals.

Petitioners will be at the dog park at Thunderbird Road and Del Webb Boulevard noon-2 p.m. daily until the group has gathered 4,000 signatures, according to Anne Randall Stewart, Sun City Formula Registry spokeswoman. "We need to have a little over 3,600 signatures, but our target is to get 4,000 to make sure we have enough and to account for possible invalid signatures," she said.

Supporters are also circulating petitions individually, she added.

If the group gathers enough signatures, both measures will be placed on a ballot for a membership vote. The proposals would amend the RCSC Articles of Incorporation to require membership ratification of any removal of an RCSC

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board member by the board, and amend the bylaws to require ratification of all bylaw changes approved by the board, according to Noel Kasper, who initiated the petitions.

Petition P-O1 would amend Article IX of the Articles of Incorporation. Petition supporters believe the existing article, which allows the board to remove one of its own with a two-thirds majority vote, gives the board too much power, according to Mrs. Stewart.

"The board can use the threat of recall to coerce compliance," she said. "The board actually recalled a member for reasons that did

not include malfeasance or misfeasance, which resulted in besmirching her reputation."

She also believes resignations over the past decade may have occurred to avoid a similar fate. Mr. Kasper believes this recall power discourages independent thinkers from running for the board.

"(RCSC resident) members themselves are required to have approximately 3,600 signatures on a recall petition to bring recall to a membership vote," Mrs. Stewart said. "Six board members should be required to bring recall to a membership vote, as well."

Petition P-O2 would amend Article VIII of the corporate bylaws.

Petition supporters believe bylaw chang-

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es alter the contract homeowners sign when they purchase a home in 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," Mrs. Stewart said.

Mr. Kasper said the board's 20 percent increase of the preservation and improvement fee and the increase of the membership meeting quorum from 100 to 10 percent of eligible voting members are examples of the change in contract for homeowners.

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