

RECALL ELECTION

Tuesday, February 24, 2004
Washington County, State of Oregon

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CITY OF BANKS

REASONS FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF ROBERT C. ORLOWSKI, MAYOR, CITY OF BANKS

The Citizens of Banks for a More Informed Community demand the recall of Mayor Bob Orłowski. Our community is uniformed of major decisions being made by Mayor Orłowski. Citizens of Banks are not encouraged to attend City Council meetings, and when they do attend are not allowed to speak. The City of Banks is in the process of losing its City police force due to lack of sufficient votes to keep the police levy in tact. The problem is a lack of communication to the citizens at large by city officials. The community is uniformed of the consequences of losing the police force. There are also major water issues facing the community and at this time the community is unaware of them. Major decisions are being made regarding those issues without the consent or knowledge of the community. By the time the community is made aware of this situation it will be too late to rectify the damage. Major purchases have been made in the past with out the input of the citizens it may affect. These situations impact all citizens of the community and will continue unless Bob Orłowski is recalled as Mayor of the City of Banks.

JUSTIFICATION OF COURSE IN OFFICE BY ROBERT ORLOWSKI, MAYOR, CITY OF BANKS

The issues stated in this recall are inaccurate:

- City Council meetings have always been advertised and open to all citizens. Time is set-aside for anyone who wants to address the Council. No citizen has ever been denied the right to speak on any subject.
- I promoted the passage of the police levy by personally knocking on over 230 doors, talking with citizens about the levy and the ramifications if it fails. I wrote the grant that started the Banks Police Department and personally went to Washington DC to secure additional grant money when Banks had no police services. I also wrote the first police levy 5 years ago and worked to pass it.
- Per the Banks City Charter, the Council makes decisions and runs the City. The Mayor has no decision-making authority other than to break a tie vote. The Mayor is responsible for carrying out the wishes of the Council. I have had a productive working relationship with all the City Councilors and have carried out my duties as the City Charter stipulates.

I have had the privilege of serving the City of Banks for 16 years and would like to continue as your Mayor.
