

# ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS

## Letters to the Editor, March 7

### Yes on recall

The recall vote is not about a citizenship test. It is about the right Ashlanders have to express their

dissatisfaction of elected officials at any time during their term.

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The issue at hand is one about the quality of life that Ashlanders want in their town. Do they want respect for seniors? Respect for female employees? Respect for what the citizens want and not what bureaucrats want to shove down their throats? Do Ashlanders want representation by a cadre of people who read a 160-page document (costing \$49,000) assembled by out-of-state people who don't know their town or the community spirit or the progressive mindset of its citizens? And who don't have the cognitive wherewithal to determine its validity?

Conclusion — page 156: "APRC is pretty similar to other high-service-level jurisdictions surveyed around the country."

The report compares Ashland to Bend, Palm Springs and Santa Cruz. Is this Ashland's goal: to be like them?

It is nonsense to paint a recall as un-American. America was founded on rebellion. It is the American way to stand up to

tyranny and to speak out against what is not right. This is the legacy of our founding fathers. If the citizens of the original 13 colonies decided to conform to unfair ways of thinking, all of us would be speaking to a royal (then parliamentary) power with a British accent. And those folks can't even call a cookie by its right name!

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