



## STOREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*From the desk of*

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**Sheriff**

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### PRESS RELEASE

With the deadline for legal challenges as of 5 P.M. today, the recall effort will move back to the County Clerk and her call for a special election. My attorney has identified several areas where legal challenges could be made however, not having the financial resources available to me as those controlled by the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center developers that are behind the recall, I have to forego my legal options and submit it to the people of Storey County.

It is not my contention that the County Clerk did anything inappropriate in her verification however there are conflicts that have been identified between the regulations of the Secretary of State and the Nevada Revised Statutes that would raise question as to the validity of the count as well as the failure to remove the many duplicate signatures from the beginning which artificially inflate the numbers and percentage that are used when doing less than a full count.

That being said, the information proffered by the recall group is at minimum a gross misrepresentation of the truth and in other instances, outright fabrications. It is disheartening that many media outlets are willing to take what is said as gospel without doing any fact checking. Even so-called investigative reporting has failed to look at the specifics. One example is the claim my budget is out of control. It is an easy matter to obtain the Sheriff's Office budget and see it is far from out of control. It has seen very little growth as compared to the rest of the county's budget yet the recall group continues to bray about it, cherry picking from specific line items verses presenting a true and accurate depiction of the full budget. The same can be said about their other representations.

In the end it will be up to the voters of Storey County. They can relinquish control of their voice and turn it over to the county commissioners to appoint someone as their Sheriff, who will be subordinate to the commission, or they can speak up and be heard retaining an independent Sheriff who they have seen fit to elect to the office twice. I am honored to serve our citizens and have faith in the good people of Storey County.

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