

NOTICE ELECTION
SPOKANE COUNTY, WA
DECEMBER 6, 2005
FOR SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION, CITY OF SPOKANE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Recall Election in the City of Spokane, Spokane County, State of Washington, to submit to the qualified electors thereof, for their approval and adoption or rejection, the recall of Spokane Mayor James E. West, will be on Tuesday, December 6, 2005. Said Special Recall Election will be conducted by mail as authorized by the Spokane County Auditor. All vote by mail ballots must be post marked no later than December 6, 2005 or deposited at a designated ballot collection site no later than 8:00 pm, Tuesday, December 6, 2005. Designated collection sites shall be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Said collection sites are listed at the end of this notice.

Note to Voter:

State law requires the ballots at any recall election to contain a Ballot Synopsis of the charge and the officer's response to the charge if such a response is provided.

City of Spokane

Recall Election of
James E. West, Mayor

Amended Ballot Synopsis of the Charge for the Recall of
James E. West, Mayor of City of Spokane

Charge

Between March 8, 2005 and April 9, 2005, Mayor James E. West used his elected office for personal benefit. On March 21, 2005, he authored a letter intending to help obtain a student internship with the City of Spokane for a person he believed to be an 18-year-old high school student. During a series of internet conversations, before and after the letter, Mayor West sent a photograph of himself to the person, raised issues of sex, discussed dating, and urged the person to keep Mayor West's identity a secret. Mayor West admits these conversations. Offering to help obtain a student internship with the City of Spokane under these circumstances was an improper exercise of an official duty.

Response to Charge

I have never used my office for personal gain. One Supreme Court Justice asked the recall supporters to show where I had admitted offering anything to anyone for personal gain. They could not because it never happened. With all the newspaper stories it is hard for many citizens to remember that I have not been charged with any crime by any law enforcement agency or independent tribunal. Nor have I been charged with misusing the Office of the Mayor. In fact, I have committed neither. Every citizen – even the Mayor – is entitled to due process. In America we are innocent until proven guilty.

I have used the office of Mayor to help the citizens of Spokane and to move the city in the right direction. We have a new attitude at City Hall of getting things done and doing them right. Spokane is a city on the move and is making great progress. We've tackled longstanding problems, solved the Riverpark Square issue and passed a plan to fix our roads. We have trimmed the budget and brought efficient management practices to city hall.

Spokane is now recognized nationally as a city that can attract jobs and promotes economic growth.

True, I have made errors in my private life, I apologized for those errors, and I've asked forgiveness. I continue to work for Spokane's progress. Now it's up to you. Vote "No" on recall so we can continue to work to make Spokane a better place to live and work.

Based upon the Charge and Response to the Charge, should Mayor West be recalled from office?

- Recall Yes
 Recall No

STATEMENT OF ACCESSIBILITY

All ballot collection locations for this election meet Accessibility Standards as set forth in the Revised Code of Washington, 29A.16 RCW and the Washington Administrative Code Title 434-257.

Ballot Collection Locations

Spokane County Elections Office	1033 W Gardner Ave
Lidgerwood Presbyterian Church	4449 N Nevada St
St. Mark's Lutheran Church	316 E 24 th Ave
Shadle Park Presbyterian Church	5508 N Alberta St

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 1st Day of December 2005.

Vicky M Dalton, County Auditor
Ex-officio Supervisor of Elections

ATTEST:
Paul E Brandt, Election Manager

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