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## **\*\*Effort to recall Cassandra Hernandez falls short\*\***

Although we worked very hard, we fell short of our goal. I accepted this challenge because as a native of El Paso the burden of high taxation hurts our community, and we cannot afford the kind of waste caused by elected representatives like Rep. Cassandra Hernandez.

Overall, the experience of gathering signatures was positive for all involved. We had the opportunity to meet many eligible voters who were very excited to sign. We developed new relationships with people who are ready to invest in changing our community for the better. We sent a strong message to elected officials that we, the taxpayers, will no longer tolerate reckless taxation. We confirmed that Hernandez is unpopular and will receive little support in her future political career.

We found the task of gathering the requisite number of signatures very challenging, in spite of our many volunteers. I have to say that the public warning by the County Chair of the Democratic Party not to sign, even though our effort was non-partisan, made our task even more difficult.

We gathered thousands of signatures because of the dedicated volunteers who came from all political parties, all walks of life, and from all over El Paso. Without them, we would not have made it as far as we did. I'd like to thank the residents of District 3 who were willing to sign the petition.

If I had the chance to lead such an effort again, I would certainly meet the challenge. In the end, no one wins with high taxes and this is what this effort was primarily about.

I hope El Pasoans have opened their eyes and will stop voting for those damaging our community and diminishing confidence in our government.

One phrase sums up why I led this effort: I love El Paso!

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