



Humboldt County Office of Elections
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OFFICIAL RECALL INFORMATION — SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

City of Blue Lake — City Council Recall Election

Issued by Humboldt County Elections

This notice is provided to voters in the City of Blue Lake to ensure they receive the complete recall information required under California law for the City Council recall election.

The recall election ballot asks voters whether **Councilmember Elise G. Scafani** shall be recalled (removed) from office. California law provides that voters receive the recall proponents' statement of reasons and, if submitted, the officer's response.

This supplemental notice contains both the statement of reasons for recall submitted by the recall proponents and the response submitted by Councilmember Elise G. Scafani.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

This notice is informational only and does not replace your ballot. Voters may return their ballot according to the instructions provided with their voting materials.

For additional election information, voters may contact **Humboldt County Elections** at (707) 445-7481 or Toll Free at 1-855-HUM-VOTE (1-855-486-8683).

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR RECALL

TO THE HONORABLE Elise G Scafani Pursuant to Section 11020, California Elections Code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of Blue Lake, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of City Council Member, in Blue Lake, California. The grounds for the recall are as follows:

Through your actions, you have exposed the City of Blue Lake to financial, legal and operational jeopardy by:

(1) Your inability and/or unwillingness to vote for and adopt a Housing Element as required by law in the State of California and as part of the General Plan for the City of Blue Lake.

(2) Separating the City Manager, Amanda "Mandy" Mager, from her position without justifiable cause and in a meeting that most likely violated the Ralph M. Brown Act.

These two acts have placed this city in jeopardy of potential lawsuits from contractors, fines from the state and loss of local control. By removing Mandy as City Manager, at such a crucial time, it leaves the city open to disfunction and an inability to respond to any legal challenges that may arise. For these reasons, we the citizens of Blue Lake, no longer feel you have our best interests at heart and demand that you vacate your positions either thru resignation or recall.

The printed names of the proponents are as follows:

1. Elissa Rosado 2. Charis Bowman, 3. Steve Spain, 4. Bobbi Ricca, 5. Dennis Whitcomb, 6. Barbara Keating, 7. Elizabeth Mackay, 8. Eric Hall , 9. Susan Lane, 10. Ron Perry

ANSWER OF THE OFFICER

The last time HCD certified Blue Lake's Housing Element Update was in 2004. The current update was due on 8/31/2019, work on it began in 2021. There have been many drafts before the planning Commission over the years and before the previous City Council in late 2024. The current city council is committed to working with HCD to come into compliance with state housing law and has set forth a schedule by which to study and adopt an updated housing element no later than 12/31/2025. There is no immediate threat of fines from the state related to this issue as this ongoing effort and intention to comply are recognized.

On May 8, 2025 the City Manager and the City Council announced a mutual decision to end our professional association. This decision was the product of extensive consideration by all parties involved and occurred under the guidance of the City's legal team to assure compliance with all employment laws/ethics and the Ralph M. Brown Act. Assertions of unlawful process in this matter are not based on factual events.

I am committed to ensuring the City maintains functionality and essential services as we transition.

Cordially,
Elise Scafani