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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

RECALL DUNLEAVY, an unincorporated
association,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF ALASKA, DIVISION OF
ELECTIONS, and GAIL FENUMIAI,
DIRECTOR, STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS,

Defendants.

Case No. 3AN-19-10903 CI

AFFIDAVIT OF JIM WHITAKER

STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ss.

I, Jim Whitaker, being first duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I make this affidavit based upon my own information, knowledge and belief.
2. I currently reside in Fairbanks, Alaska; I do have plans to move Outside next year in order to be closer to my children and grandchildren.

3. I served in the Alaska House of Representatives from 1999 to 2003. I served as the Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough from 2003 to 2009.

5. I was Chief of Staff for Governor William M. Walker from December 1, 2014 until November 16, 2016.

6. I am a member of Stand Tall With Mike, and do not support the recall of Governor Dunleavy because I do not believe the desire to overturn a valid election is a justifiable reason for recall.

7. While a legislator, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and Chief of Staff for Governor Walker, I advocated and pushed hard for a balanced State of Alaska budget that did not require depletion of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Earnings Reserve Account.

8. Regardless of the formulations considered and attempted when I was involved in those efforts over those periods, the efforts failed, with extremely disastrous fiscal outcomes only being avoided by either spending State savings or fortuitous rise in oil prices that delayed our fiscal reality. Governor Dunleavy's actions related to spending cuts, while painful, are inevitable and necessary. His actions are responsible, and, given our political reality, they are necessary for Alaska to deal with our economic situation.

9. I believe Governor Dunleavy should be given credit for his aggressive efforts to reduce the State of Alaska's fiscal deficit by cutting spending.

10. Although I may not agree with all the individual budget reductions or vetoes Governor Dunleavy has proposed or implemented, I believe he is making difficult decisions about spending reductions which are necessary if the State of Alaska is going to close its fiscal deficit.

11. I do not support the recall of Governor Dunleavy because, as a former Chief of Staff under Governor Walker, I know how difficult it is for a governor to make and garner support for the decisions necessary to close Alaska's fiscal deficit.


12. I believe it is in the best interests of Alaska that Governor Dunleavy not be recalled. Instead I believe Alaskans should focus their energy on closing the State of

Alaska's fiscal deficit. It is my belief that the political compromise necessary to close the fiscal gap will require budget cuts larger than those that have occurred in the last year.

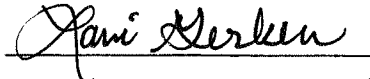
Further affiant sayeth naught.


Jim Whitaker

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO this 13 day of November, 2019.


Notary in and for the State of Alaska
My commission expires: Nov. 11, 2022

Dec. 14
I certify that on ~~November 13~~, 2019, a copy of the foregoing was served by email on:
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