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President's Remarks By: Erica Greer

As I write this, the sun is streaming in my window, the birds are singing, the crocuses are in bloom—it looks like spring has at long last arrived. After such a long, snowy winter, nothing could be more welcome! Of course, this being Ohio, by the time you read this we could be snow-bound again...

We have more great League events coming up this month. On Tuesday, April 6th, we have Voyage to the Vote: *Iron Jawed Angels*. Bring family and friends to this free event, celebrating the 90th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. It's a

great flick, starring Hillary Swank as Alice Paul and Angelica Huston as Carrie Chapman Catt, and tells the dramatic story of the last few years of the Women's Suffrage Movement. You won't want to miss it—it's at Weathervane Playhouse from 4:30-7:00 pm and you can enjoy complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres in the Weathervane Lobby after the show.

Then on Friday, April 30, join us at Weathervane Playhouse for the LWVAA Theatre Night Fundraiser. The play is *Italian-American Reconciliation*, by John Patrick Shanley, author of *Moonstruck* and *Doubt*. The play is billed as a "comic folktale" and should be a lot of fun.

Then following the play, there will be a dessert reception, and fundraiser chair Lois Arnold has arranged a silent auction, as well as a raffle with lots of great prizes, with proceeds to benefit LWVAA. It promises to be a really entertaining evening, and can you think of a better cause?

The LWVAA study on the recall is winding down. If you missed the Recall Study Committee's excellent panel discussion, you missed a very informative event. There was so much food for thought presented. Diana Kingsbury and her committee assembled a great panel, and we convened at the Rubber City Radio Group on West Market so it could be audio streamed live on the WAKR web-

site. Thanks to Ed Esposito, VP Information Services at the Rubber City Radio Group for providing that service.

For background information on recall, and some things to think about as we approach consensus time in May, look for study articles elsewhere in this issue.

I hope to see you and a friend or two at one of both of the upcoming events in April—you can help us have a great turnout!

Erica

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Join LWV Hudson for Earth Day!

On Saturday, April 17, members of LWV Hudson will be meeting at Deep Lock Quarry MetroPark on Riverview Road in Peninsula from 8:30 am till noon. They will be led by MetroPark employees in their quest to help eradicate wild mustard, an invasive plant.

If you would like to help out, please call Belinda Wing, president of LWV Hudson at (330) 650-2859 or e-mail her at bwing@roadrunner.com.

Heavy duty waterproof boots are a must, and long-sleeved shirts are recommend for protection from scratches and poison ivy.

Children are welcome, so bring the kids or grandkids and do something nice for the MetroParks and Mother Earth!



Recall Study Forum: Procedures, Process, and the Electorate

By: Diana Kingsbury

On Thursday, March 18th, LWVAA sponsored a forum titled *Recall Elections and Democracy: Procedures, Process, and the Electorate*. The forum worked in concert with the recall study committee's efforts to gather information about the place of recall elections in democratic government. The overall goal of holding the forum was to educate both the membership and the public, as well as help the League reach a final position at the upcoming consensus meeting in May.

In an effort to extend the forum to those individuals unable to attend in person, the evening's panel was broadcast by WAKR. The usage of a local radio station to expand the audience of a League event is very exciting and an option that will likely be used in the future.

The panel itself consisted of Dr. Stephen Brooks from The Bliss Institute at The University of Akron, Professor Bill Rich from The University of Akron Law School, Gary Hagen from The Summit County Board of Elections, Cheri Cunningham, Law Director for the City of Akron, and Mike Lyons, Mayor of Richfield. The panel was moderated by Michael Douglas from The Akron Beacon Journal. Each panelist presented information on different aspects of recall elections and each perspective provided those in attendance with an overall vision of what recall elections accomplish within government and how they might be utilized in the future. The conversation among panelists and the questions posed by the audience were very engaging and thought-provoking. An overall agreement was reached that a significant p-

arameter in conducting recall elections is the number of signatures needed to actually put a recall in motion.

From the historical roots of recall elections, to a discussion of local and national recall efforts, audience members were provided with a description of the pros and cons of recall elections. The forum has provided the recall study committee with valuable research to inform the upcoming consensus efforts.

Please look to future editions of *The Voter* to learn more about how this forum has informed the recall study. Additionally, please look elsewhere in this issue to learn more about the consensus process. Finally, a big THANK YOU goes out to our panel and WAKR.



Welcome New Members!

LWVAA garnered a host of new members in February, mostly as a result of the press conference on February 2 and the Women in Democracy Brunch on February 27th. Please welcome the following new LWVAA members:

Eve Belfance*
Dawn Blakeney
Terri Blakeney
Maria Campbell
Katarina Cook
Kelli Crawford

Rebecca Delaney
Rachel Fowler*
Amy Reeves Grom
Helen Humphrys
Sandra Kurt**
Carla Moore

Janice Skeen
Anna Stormer
Elinor Marsh Stormer
Betty Sutton
Annalisa Williams
Susan Yovichin

*Former members who rejoined

** Was a national member; joined our local League

Editor's Note

Submissions for the May newsletter may be mailed to Diana Kingsbury at 1309 Perry Dr. NW Canton, OH 44708 or e-mailed to kingsbury.diana@gmail.com by April 15th. Thank you!

LWVAA Member Spotlight on.....Rosemary Spindler



When did you join the League?
I think it was about 1967.

Why did you join LWVAA? And why have you stayed in League?
I was the leader of a group of Girl Scouts and we were working on citizenship badges. Somebody suggested that the League of Women Voters could help, so I joined. I have stayed in League because I've always been interested in what they're doing and I really like the people I meet in League.

What positions have you held within the League?
I believe the first office I held was Treasurer. I was the chair for the Land Use and Planning Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee. And then I was president [1971-1973]. I was also Chair of Ed Fund, and have been on the Ed Fund board for many years.

What do you find most rewarding about being a League member?
I think it's the way League keeps me up to date with what's going on in the community and the nation. And the people I've met—League members are very interesting people. If you get with a group of League women, they aren't always just talking about their children, but about other interesting things that are going on.

What do you think is the biggest issue voter's face?
Probably it's the economy.

Are you involved in any other community organizations?
I served on the Social Services Advisory Committee for the Summit County Council. I was appointed by Tim Davis in 1989. The purpose of the committee was to evaluate the community's needs and the performance of various social service agencies. I was also on a committee for United Way. We were evaluating the various member organizations of United Way. I was always active in outreach with my church, and I've always worked on hunger issues. I helped to start the Foodbank back in the 1970s.

What interests do you have outside of the League?
I really enjoy reading.

League of Women Voters of Ohio: Positions on the 2010 Primary Election Ballot Issues

Issue 1: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE OHIO THIRD FRONTIER PROGRAM BY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH—SUPPORT

In 2005, the League of Women Voters of Ohio supported the ballot issue that provided bonding authority for infrastructure along with the initial Third Frontier bonding authority. While the League continues to be concerned about expanding "public purpose" to include private sector recipients as allowed in the Third Frontier program, the success of the 2005 program and the need to continue to support projects that could improve the state's depressed economy overrides that concern.

The League's support is based on LWVU—

S's principles on government standards and policies.

LWVUS principle: That government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy...

Issue 2: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE AUTHORIZED LOCATION OF THE CASINO IN CENTRAL OHIO FROM COLUMBUS TO A DESIGNATED SITE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY—NEUTRAL

In November of 2009, the League opposed the ballot issue authorizing casinos in Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, and Toledo. The League opposed it because it contained

too much specificity to be included in the Ohio Constitution. In addition, it violated the state League's position that the legislature should have flexibility in financing state programs, because the proposed amendment directed how the tax revenues will be spent.

The 2009 ballot issue passed, and the provisions are now in the Ohio Constitution. The May 2010 ballot issue's focus is solely on changing the location of the casino in Columbus. Passage of Issue 2 would not change the amount of specificity in the Constitution, nor would it change the distribution of the tax revenue.

Having no position on which to oppose or support the ballot issue, LWVO remains neutral on it.

Board Briefs

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm at Christ United Methodist Church on Mineola Ave. in Akron and are open to the public.

The success of the Women in Democracy brunch was a highlight of the March board meeting. Those who attended expressed the incredible amount of positive energy was palpable in the room. Besides the enormous amount of goodwill generated for League, we also gained 16 new members!

Other items discussed at the March board meeting included:

- To co-sponsor LWV Hudson's Earth Day Event, on Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 to noon at Deep Lock Quarry.
- Publicity for recall meeting and Voyage to the Vote (*Iron Jawed Angels*)
- Nominating committee suggestions
- Statehouse Day on Wednesday, April 14 in Columbus
- Update of the League website in the works (launch date not yet determined)
- LWVAA participation in the Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day parade

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, May 6 at 5:30 pm at Christ United Methodist Church.

Highlights from Your State League: Mid-January to Mid-March, 2010

Your state League has been busy since mid-January! Below is a snapshot of just some of the things we've been working on.

-Your Ohio League is really being sought out to give input on legislation—from the drafting stage to legislative hearings and media interviews on issues including redistricting, campaign finance reform/transparency, election administration and energy conservation. Since mid-January, League issue specialists have met with more than three dozen legislators to provide expert information; testified six times; wrote an op-ed requested and published by the *Toledo Blade*; and participated in two press conferences, a variety of newspaper interviews, and a radio and a television program.

-LWV Ohio's new blog is up and running! Share your thoughts about the statewide ballot issues—relocating the Columbus casino and renewing the Third Frontier Program at: <http://www.lwvohio.blogspot.com/>. And while you're on the blog site, become a Facebook fan of LWV Ohio and sign up for

Tweets to get the latests state League updates. Our blog is also accessible through LWV Ohio's website, www.lwvohio.org.

-Your Ohio League hosted six regional meetings across the state for local Leagues on topics including education reform, regionalism, use of technology/social networking, and "making the ask" to recruit new members.

-At its March meeting, your state board discussed the importance of the fundamental League principle of speaking with one voice. To that end, local Leagues within a region need to consult with each other before any one League takes action on a regional issue. As LWV Ohio's *Agenda for Action* (page 4) stipulates, "The League(s) being consulted must agree with the action, but need not join in the action. If agreement is not obtained, then action is not permissible."

-LWV Ohio's Education Fund has cosponsored six Town Hall Meetings with local Leagues, with a particular focus on the importance and interrelationship of redist-

rioting and the Census.

-LWV Ohio Board of Directors approved a FY 2010-2011 state League budget for membership discussion and approval at 2010 Council, April 14. We hope you'll join us at what promises to be an informative and energizing Statehouse Day/Council!

-Your state League has kicked off Phonathon 2010 and welcomes each member's participation. Thank You!

-LWVOEF's Lawsuit-Monitoring Project continues, involving 21 local Leagues that have interviewed 17 local boards of elections thus far. The Leagues are gathering valuable information about local board's activities during the 2009 general election in relationship to the June 2008 federal Lawsuit Settlement Agreement.



Statement from LWVUS President Mary Wilson on the Passage of Health Care Reform Legislation

Today's votes by the U.S. House of Representatives mark an historic milestone in American political history. The path that began with Social Security and continued with Medicare is reaching fruition with this health care legislation. Comprehensive health care reform will begin to undo decades of neglect and inaction that has left millions of Americans uninsured and at risk.

"This legislation is a monumental step in the fight for social justice."

"Too many citizens lack adequate health insurance coverage and rising costs threaten everyone. Passage of comprehens-

ive health care legislation greatly expands coverage to include millions more Americans; protects the coverage that currently delivers care to most; reduces costs over the long term; and accomplishes these goals at a reasonable cost.

"It would be difficult to overstate the importance of today's actions, and we commend our elected representatives for standing up for Americans and having the courage to do what needs to be done to confront the health care crisis in our country. The League congratulates the House leadership on a closely fought victory.

"We can expect transformational reform f-

rom these bills. Access to health care will be extended to all Americans. Mechanisms to control rising costs will be put in place. And the marketplace will be expanded and safeguards put in place to protect consumers."

"Truly, this legislation is monumental, historic, and transforming."

"Today we took the critical step in dealing with the current health care crisis. Tomorrow, many Americans will wake up to a new week and a new future that looks a great deal more promising."

The League Consensus Process

On May 20th, all members of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area will be invited to participate in a **consensus** meeting that will bring the recall study to a close. As has been stated throughout the study process, the purpose of the consensus meeting is to discuss the results of the recall study and guide the LWVAA's **position** on recall elections. We will use this position as a basis for all future situations that may emerge regarding recall elections.

To prepare for the upcoming consensus meeting, here are a few terms that would be useful to brush up on:

Consensus: Collective opinion of a substantial number of League members, representative of the membership as a whole, after objective study of an issue.

Position: A statement of the League's point of view on an issue, arrived at through member study and agreement (consensus or concurrence), approved by the appropriate

board and used as a basis for League action.

The consensus meeting will be the membership's opportunity to weigh in on the results of the study committee's research as well as express additional items for consideration. Vigorous discussion will produce the most well-rounded position possible, so it is strongly recommended that members attend.

To prepare for the May 20th meeting, in the next edition of *The Voter* will appear a list of consensus questions. These questions will be developed based on the study committee's research and will be designed to lead the consensus meeting discussion.

These questions are supplied in advance to ensure that all members may formulate their thoughts prior to gathering for the meeting.

Ideally, the consensus meeting will supply the study committee with well-documented notes of the members' responses to the consensus questions, areas of agreement and disagreement, minority views and their stre-

ngth, and areas in which the group is undecided or needs more information. The results of the meeting will be used by the study committee to draft a position statement, which will then be presented to the board for approval. In the event that board approval is reached and consensus has been identified, the LWVAA will formally adopt the position.

In addition to informing the membership of the final position, we will also be sure to engage the community and present our decision. Having a position on recall elections will greatly benefit the LWVAA by allowing us to take a more firm approach on future recall decisions.

Any questions regarding the upcoming consensus meeting may be directed to Diana Kingsbury at kingsbury.diana@gmail.com. We look forward to your participation!

Inspirational Words

"Suffrage is the pivotal right." —Susan B. Anthony

LWVAA Recall Study: Language included in City Charters of Ohio's Eight Largest Cities

By: Susan Vogelsang

AKRON

of signatures required

20% of all qualified electors who were registered to vote at the last preceding general municipal election for the office subject to recall.

Time period between filing a Recall petition and providing the necessary signatures for certification

30 days. Once filed, the sufficiency of the petitions must be made certified within 10 days.

of times & length of time to go back to get more signatures if first round does not provide the necessary signatures to place Recall on the ballot

20 days after the petitions have been certified as insufficient. Once filed, the sufficiency of the petitions must be made certified within 10 days. If still insufficient, the clerk of council shall return it to the person who submitted the recall petition, who then may field a new petition for the same purpose.

Time period elected official must be in office before petitions can be taken out.

No petitions for recall of any elected official shall be made until the officer has served at least six months of the term within which the recall is sought.

Time period between Recall attempts on same elected official

Not specified in charter.

Time period between Recall petitions verified and the election

Once petition is certified, the clerk of council will submit that certification to City Council at the next council meeting. The officer whose recall is being sought has five business days to resign. If the officer whose removal is sought, chooses not to resign, the recall election shall be held not less than 40 days and no more than 60 days after the petition has been submitted to city council, at the time of holding any general election or special election held within that time period. If no such election is held within such period, the Council shall call a special election within the said time period.

How vacancy will be filled if Recall is successful

Council will immediately provide for the nomination and election of the successor for the unexpired term by fixing the time of the election. The nomination & election of a person to succeed a person removed shall be made by nomination petition, primary election and election of successor. Petitions shall be filed with election authorities at least 25 days prior to the primary election. (If a vacancy in the mayor's office occurs as the result of a recall election, the Law Director shall be the Acting Mayor until such time as the vacancy will be filled).

Time period between a successful Recall & when the elected official Recalled can run for an elected office again

The person removed by the recall may not be permitted to serve as the successor for the unexpired term.

Details of language that must be included in the Recall petition

A general statement in not more than 200 words, of the ground(s) upon which removal is sought.

Ground(s) which must be met in order to justify a Recall attempt

Not specified in charter

Who can be Recalled

Any elective officer of the city

Reference

http://library3.municode.com/default-est/home.htm?infobase=160288&doc_action=whatsnew

Charter Language (continued)

CANTON

of signatures required

Not specified in charter

Time period between filing a Recall petition and providing the necessary signatures for certification

Not specified in charter

of times & length of time to go back to get more signatures if first round does not provide the necessary signatures to place Recall on the ballot

Not specified in charter

Time period elected official must be in office before petitions can be taken out

Not specified in charter

Time period between Recall attempts on same elected official

Not specified in charter

Time period between recall petitions verified and the election

Not specified in charter

How vacancy will be filled if Recall is successful

Not specified in charter

Time period between a successful Recall & when the elected official recalled can run for an elected office again

Not specified in charter

Details of language that must be included in the Recall petition

Not specified in charter

Ground(s) which must be met in order to justify a recall attempt

Not specified in charter

Who can be Recalled

There appears to be no provisions for a recall, only for "forfeiture of office for misconduct as defined in 3.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. This code reads as follows: "any person holding office in this state, or in any municipal corporation, county, or subdivision thereof,...who willfully and flagrantly exercises authority or power not authorized by law, refuses or willfully neglects to enforce the law or to perform any official duty imposed upon him by law, or is guilty of gross neglect of duty, gross immorality, drunkenness, misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance is guilty of misconduct in office.

Reference

<http://www.conwaygreene.com/Canton/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&2.0>

CINCINNATI

of signatures required

Not specified in charter

Time period between filing a Recall petition and providing the necessary signatures for certification

Not specified in charter

of times & length of time to go back to get more signatures if first round does not provide the necessary signatures to place Recall on the ballot

Not specified in charter

Charter Language (continued)

Time period elected official must be in office before petitions can be taken out

Not specified in charter

Time period between Recall attempts on same elected official

Not specified in charter

Time period between Recall petitions verified and the election

Not specified in charter

How vacancy will be filled if Recall is successful

Not specified in charter

Time period between successful recall & when the elected official recalled can run for an elected office again

Not specified in charter

Details of language that must be included in the recall petition

Not specified in charter

Ground(s) which must be met in order to justify a recall attempt

Not specified in charter

Who can be recalled

Not specified in charter

Reference

http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/council/download/council_pdf35437.pdf

CLEVELAND

of signatures required

...to be sufficient, must bear the signatures of not less than 20% of those who voted in the City or ward respectively at the last preceding regular election.

Time period between filing a recall petition and providing the necessary signatures of certification

A recall petition to be effective must be returned and filed with the Clerk of Council within 30 days after the filing of the affidavit. Within 10 days from the date of filing the clerk of council will determine the sufficiency of the petitions.

of times & length of time to go back to get more signatures if first round does not provide the necessary signatures to place recall on the ballot

20 days after the petitions have been certified as insufficient. Once filed, the sufficiency of the petitions must be made certified within 10 days. If still insufficient, the clerk of council shall return it to the person who submitted the recall petition, who then may file a new petition for the same purpose.

Time period elected official must be in office before petitions can be taken out

Three months

Time period between recall attempts on same elected official

Six months after an unsuccessful recall election

Time period between recall petitions verified and the election

Once the recall petition is certified by the clerk to be sufficient he shall at once submit it to council. If the person whose removal is sought does not resign within 5 days after such notice the Council shall order a recall election, which shall be held not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days after the petition has been presented to Council, at the same time as any other general or special election held within the such period—if not such election be held within such period, the Council shall call a special election within the said time period.

Charter Language (continued)

How vacancy will be filled if recall is successful

When a person is removed from office by recall Council shall immediately provide for the nomination and election of his successor for the unexpired term by fixing the time of the elections. The nomination and election of a person to succeed a person removed by recall shall be held within 120 days after the date of the recall elections and shall be conducted in the same manner as provided for regular municipal elections.

Time period between a successful recall & when the elected official recalled can run for an elected office again

Not specified in charter

Details of language that must be included in the recall petition

Any elector of the City may make and file with the clerk of council an affidavit stating the name of the officer (Mayor or any member of council) whose removal is sought and the grounds alleged for such removal. The question of recalling the Mayor and any number of members of the Council may be submitted at the same election, but to each person whose removal is being sought a separate petition shall be filed and provision made for an entirely separate ballot.

Ground(s) which must be met in order to justify a recall attempt

Not specified in charter

Who can be recalled

The Mayor and members of council

Reference

<http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/clevelandcodes/>

COLUMBUS

of signatures required

1,000 of the electors of the city

Time period between filing a Recall petition and providing the necessary signatures for certification

Copies of the petition and defensive statement, if one is provided (see "grounds which must be met in order to justify a recall attempt"), will remain in the several places designated for a period of 30 days, during which time any of them may be signed (including their address) by any elector of the city in person but not by agent or attorney.

At the end of the 30 day period the clerk shall gather all copies, as one instrument, and certify whether the signatures are valid and amount to 15% of the registered voters of the city.

of times & length of time to go back to get more signatures if first round does not provide the necessary signatures to place Recall on the ballot

Not specified in charter

Time period elected official must be in office before petitions can be taken out

No petition to recall any officer shall be filed within six months after the officer takes office.

Time period between Recall attempts on same elected official

Not specified in charter

Time period between Recall petitions verified and the election

If the petition is deemed valid (signature of 15% of registered voters) the city clerk shall at once serve notice of that fact to the officer(s) and election authorities.

If the officer(s) designated in the petition within five days files a written resignation with the city clerk, the clerk will notify the election authorities of that fact. The resignation will be irrevocable and the vacancy filled in the manner of filling vacancies provided in the city charter.

Charter Language (continued)

If the officer(s) do not resign as described above, election authorities will set a day for a recall election for the removal of those not resigning, which will be set for not less than 50 days and no more than 90 days after the expiration of the five day "resignation" period as described above. The recall election will be held at the same time as any other general or special election within the such period—if no such election is scheduled to be held within such period, then election authorities shall call for a special recall election within the said time period.

How vacancy will be filled if Recall is successful

Officers that have been vacated by recall will be filled in the manner specified in the city charter for filling vacancies caused by death or resignation.

The following procedures for the nomination and election of a successor shall apply when this Charter requires an election for the remainder of an unexpired term of office:

When a vacancy occurs during the term of office of an elected city official and an appointment to fill that vacancy has been made **more than 30 days** before the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the next regular municipal election, then unless this charter provides otherwise, the nomination and election of candidates for the unexpired term shall be conducted in that manner provided in this charter for the nomination and election for such office.

When a vacancy occurs during the term of office for an elected city official and an appointment to fill that vacancy has been made **less than 30 days** before the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the next regular municipal election but **more than 90 days before the next regular municipal election**, then candidates seeking election to the unexpired term shall file nominating petitions not less than 30 days after the appointment to fill such vacancy has been made, and there shall be no primary election.

An election for the remainder of the unexpired term of office is not required when an appointment to fill the vacancy occurs less than 90 days before the next regular municipal election.

The nomination and election for the remainder of an unexpired term of a council member shall be conducted separately from other council nominations and elections that may be on the ballot at that regular municipal election.

Time period between a successful Recall & when the elected official recalled can run for an elected office again

No person removed by recall shall be eligible to be elected or appointed to a city office during a period of two years after the date of such recall.

Details of language that must be included in the recall petition

Not more than 200 words of the grounds of the recall.

When a petition with at least 1,000 signatures and a statement of not more than 200 words of the grounds of the recall is submitted to the city clerk, the city clerk will notify the officer or officers sought to be removed. The officer(s), within 5 days after such notice, may file with the city clerk a defensive statement not in excess of 500 words.

The city clerk, after five more days will provide printed or type written copies of the petition, without the signatures and attach a printed or typed copy of the defensive statement., if one is furnished within the five day time period. Copies of both the petition, without the signatures and the defensive statement, will then be placed in each of the several fire engine houses of the city, where the same shall be in custody of the captain of the house, who shall provide facilities for their signing. The city clerk will then immediately provide notice to be published in the City bulletin of the location of where the copies of the petition, without signature and the defensive statement have been placed.

Ground(s) which must be met in order to justify a recall attempt

Not specified in charter

Who can be recalled

The mayor and city council members

Reference

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=16219&stateId=35&stateName=Ohio>

Charter Language (continued)

DAYTON

of signatures required

25% of the total number of registered voters in the municipality

Time period between filing a Recall petition and providing the necessary signatures for certification

30 days

of times & length of time to go back to get more signatures if first round does not provide the necessary signatures to place Recall on the ballot

Not specified in charter

Time period elected official must be in office before petitions can be taken out

No recall petition against the Mayor, a Commissioner, or the City Manager may be filed within 6 months after he takes his office, nor in case of an officer re-elected in a recall election until 6 months after that election.

Time period between Recall attempts on same elected official

Not specified in charter

Time period between Recall petitions verified and the election

Any such election shall be held not less than 40 nor more than 60 days after the petition has been presented to the Commission, at the same time as any other general or special election held within such period; but if no such election be held within such period, the Commission shall call a special election to be held within the time aforesaid.

How vacancy will be filled if recall is successful

The Clerk of the Commission shall at once submit the recall petition to the Commissioners and shall notify the officer sought to be recalled of such action. If the official whose removal is sought does not resign within 5 days after such notice, the Commission shall thereupon order and fix a day for holding a recall election.

Recall Ballot Language, includes "Shall (name of person) be removed from the office of (Name of office) by recall?" Followed by the questions: "For the recall of (Name of person)" and "Against the recall of (Name of person)". Under said questions shall be the names of the candidates to fill the vacancy or vacancies. The name of the officer or officers whose removal is sought shall not appear on the ballot as a candidate(s) to succeed himself or themselves.

Before any such recall election for the removal of Mayor or Commissioners, shall be had, there shall be nominated candidates to fill the vacancy or vacancies. The nominations made by petition for each candidate shall be signed by at least 5% of the registered electors of the City of Dayton, and shall be filed with the election authorities of the City of Dayton at least 30 days prior to the date of the recall election. In the event of the recall of the City Manager, his successor shall be appointed by the Commission.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor (unrelated to a recall), the remaining members of the Commission shall choose his successor for the unexpired term from their own members. In the event the Commissioner who is acting as Mayor shall be recalled, the remaining members of the Commission shall select one of their members to serve as Mayor for the unexpired term. In the event of the recall of all of the Commissioners, the person receiving the highest number of votes at the election held to determine their successors shall serve as the Mayor.

Time period between a successful recall & when the elected official recalled can run for an elected office again

Not specified in charter

Details of language that must be included in the recall petition

An affidavit must be made by one or more qualified electors stating the name and office of the officer(s) sought to be removed. The Clerk of the Commission will then issue copies of a petition demanding the question of removing such officer(s).

Grounds which must be met in order to justify a recall attempt

Not specified in charter

Charter Language (continued)

Reference

http://www.cityofdayton.org/cco/Documents/City_Charter.pdf

TOLEDO

of signatures required

25% of the electors voting at the last regular City election for that office.

Time period between filing a recall petition and providing the necessary signatures for certification

90 days

of times & length of time to go back to get more signatures if first round does not provide the necessary signatures to place recall on the ballot

20 days

Time period elected officials must be in office before petitions can be taken out

One year

Time period between recall attempts on same elected official

Once per year

Time period between recall petitions verified and the election

The next regular municipal election held not less than sixty (60) days after the expiration of the period of five days last mentioned.

How vacancy will be filled if recall is successful

The person whose removal is sought shall thereupon be deemed removed from office upon the certification of the official results of that election.

If that officer does not resign within five (5) days after the day on which such delivery shall have been made, the election authorities shall thereupon fix a day for holding the recall election.

The vacancy will be filled first by appointment or succession to the office, until an election is held for the unexpired term.

The vacancy shall be filled at the next primary or general election occurring more than forty-five (45) but less than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date the vacancy occurred, but if no primary or general election is scheduled during that time period, then the vacancy shall be filled at a special election on the next available special election date as specified in state law occurring more than forty-five (45) days after the vacancy occurred.

Time period between a successful recall & when the elected official recalled can run for an elected office again

The officer removed by such recall election shall not be eligible for appointment to the vacancy created by the recall.

Details of language that must be included in the recall petition

A petition for the recall of the elected officer containing a statement in not more than two hundred (200) words of the grounds for the recall.

Ground(s) which must be met in order to justify a recall attempt

Not specified in charter

Who can be recalled

The mayor and city council members

Reference

[http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Ohio/toledo/charterofthecityoftoledoohio?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:toledo_oh](http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Ohio/toledo/charterofthecityoftoledoohio?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:toledo_oh)

Charter Language (continued)

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of signatures required

5,000 registered electors of the city if recall is for Mayor. 700 registered electors of the Council member's ward.

Time period between filing a Recall petition and providing the necessary signatures for certification

Not specified in the charter. No person shall pay another or accept payment for circulation or securing signatures to any recall petition, and any petition circulated or taken charge of by any person paid therefore shall be void.

of times & length of time to go back to get more signatures if first round does not provide the necessary signatures to place Recall on the ballot

Once-30 days

Time period elected official must be in office before petitions can be taken out

6 months

Time period between Recall attempts on same elected official

6 months

Time period between Recall petitions verified and the election

The same time as the next general or primary election to be held throughout the city, not less than 60 days thereafter. However, if any official whose recall has been petitioned shall file a written resignation with the City Clerk at any time before such recall election, the resignation will take effect at once and be irrevocable and no further proceedings for the official recall shall be had.

How vacancy will be filled if recall is successful

The president of Council shall become the Mayor and serve for the unexpired term, and until the successor is elected and qualified. Thereupon the President pro tem of Council shall become President thereof. The vacancy thus created in Council shall be filled as other vacancies and Council shall elect another President Pro tem.

It is stated in the city charter that "vacancy caused by recall shall be filled in the manner provided in the charter for filling vacancies caused by death and resignation, however, after review of the charter, only the above language related to filling the vacancy of the Mayor caused by death or resignation could be found. How recalled City Council persons vacancies are to be filled does not appear to be specified.

Time period between a successful recall & when the elected official recalled can run for an elected office again

No person removed from office by recall shall be eligible to be elected or appointed to any City office within a two years thereafter.

Details of language that must be included in the recall petition

The petitions shall state that the signers thereof demand the recall of the official sought to be recalled and shall contain the names and addresses of a committee of three electors who shall be agents of the petitioners in all matters relating to the petitions.

Grounds which must be met in order to justify a recall attempt

Not specified in charter

Who can be recalled

The Mayor by electors of the City and members of Council by electors of their representative wards

Reference

<http://www.conwaygreene.com/Youngstown/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&2.0>





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IMPORTANT DATES

April 5: Last day to register for the May primary

April 6: "Voyage to the Vote: Iron Jawed Angels",
4:30-7:00 pm, Weathervane Playhouse

April 14: Statehouse Day, 9:30-3:30 pm, Riffe Center,
Columbus, OH

April 30: Theater night fundraiser, Weathervane Play-
house 8:00 p.m.

May 4: Primary Election Day

May 20: Recall Study Consensus Meeting, the home of
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