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The Honorable David K. Bartley, Chair
Holyoke City Council Development and Government Relations Committee
536 Dwight St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

Dear Chairman Bartley and Honorable Members of the City Council:

Please accept this as a communication regarding the City Council order to create a process that would allow citizens to petition for the recall of elected officials who hold a four-year term.

Special Legislation is necessary to adopt a recall provision. Under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54, section 42C, you must have final written notice of any ballot question at least 35 days before the municipal election. The municipal election is being held on November 2, 2021.

Since this is being proposed by special legislation, this means that the act would have to be passed by the state legislature and signed by the Governor at least 35 days before the election. If this will have a summary, which it should, the state recommends it is prepared by the City Solicitor and must be voted on by the City Council prior to the 35 days as well.

I hope this answers all of your questions regarding a timeframe for the special legislation and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you require further information.

Respectfully yours,

Brenna Murphy McGee, MMC
City Clerk/Registrar of Voter's