

## STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED RECALL OF JESSIE LOPEZ

The grounds for the recall are as follows:

Ms. Lopez brought embarrassment onto the City and displayed disregard for private property rights when she refused to vacate a rental property after being evicted for nonpayment of rent, as reported widely in the media.

Ms. Lopez opposed a local ordinance in 2021 which would have cracked down on dangerous, illegal street racing in Santa Ana, endangering the lives of all of our residents.

Ms. Lopez has supported destructive policies that have encouraged landlords to raise rents by as much as 15.7% according to the Zumper Annual Rent Report, contributing to Santa Ana's cost of living crisis on top of inflation.

Ms. Lopez last year supported exploring harmful tax proposals such as a "vacancy tax" on rental properties without tenants, discouraging investment and contributing to the housing affordability crisis. She supported an outrageous hike in the city's "in lieu fee," making it more expensive for housing developers to build residential housing in Santa Ana.

Ms. Lopez voted in favor of defunding the police in a dangerous proposal in June 2021. She defunded the Santa Ana Police Department by over \$1 million, eliminating officers from the Gang Enforcement Team and resources needed to protect residents from violent crime.