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Dear Friends,

As many of you may already know, there is currently a campaign to recall me being conducted by the **same anti-property rights activists and over-reaching union groups** that opposed me during my campaign for City Council in 2006. It is not the first time I have been attacked because of my **commitment to accountability and balanced budgets**, nor will it be the last.

The issues involved here are (1) stewardship of taxpayer funds and (2) protection of property rights. As a strong fiscal watchdog, I am unflinching in my support of sound fiscal policies. My position on private property rights is consistent with the core values of our nation, our community and a majority of voters. I believe **the right to protect, use and enjoy property is a fundamental right** and I have an obligation to protect that right both personally and as an elected representative.

You elected me (by a large margin) in November 2006 to a four-year term in office. I promised accountability, integrity and a steadfast commitment to better our community. By electing me, you demonstrated that I share your vision of clean and safe neighborhoods, protection of property rights and balanced budgets.

While unions have value to employees for fair bargaining purposes, recently some government unions have begun to use their power over taxpayer funds in a harmful way. The unions that opposed me in my 2006 campaign, and now, are the same unions that are bankrupting cities and counties in other parts of California. So today I am asking you to say **NO** to the recall - a well-planned conspiracy against your elected representative who is fighting for taxpayers, safe neighborhoods and schools, balanced budgets, and property rights. You can help by endorsing me, talking to friends and neighbors, donating, and by **NOT SIGNING** the recall petition. I look forward to your support in helping me stand up to radical activists and over-reaching government unions.

Thank you for your friendship and support in the past. I look forward to winning this battle, and future battles, against the more extreme elements in our community – but I need your help. If you require additional information about this issue, please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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