

I can't really describe how shocking it was to first learn that someone filed a recall petition and then to find out that the reasons have absolutely nothing to do with anything I have done as city councilor.

All of the accusations appear to be about things I have done in my personal life and particularly things I have said during personal time with my family while enjoying and exercising my First Amendment rights. I was most confused by the suggestion that I have appeared in sexually demeaning videos. I have no idea what this accusation is based upon. I have never participated in anything of the sort. The only thing I can think of is that this citizen is upset about my support of my husband's comedy music career in which I briefly appeared on a silly joke song he wrote about the weather. The entire production was just a project to bring laughter to a difficult time. It is pretty surreal that someone would suggest that I am not fit for office because of my participation in a comedy song. I am proud that my husband strives every day to create art through comedy and I'm not going to stop supporting my husband's ambitions or his Constitutional right to expression because someone didn't get the joke or like a song he wrote.

I was not the only person who had a petition for recall filed against them. This was an orchestrated effort to try and undo the fair election of councilors that a certain segment of the city disagrees with politically. If this becomes the wave of the future, then every member of the city council is at risk of being recalled. I want this city to continue to strive to reach its potential and I want Canby to know that I will continue to do that and work together with my colleagues despite this distraction.