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OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR  
CITY OF PUEBLO  
PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO  
MAY 20, 2003

*Chris C. Murray*  
County Clerk

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TO VOTE, complete the arrow pointing to your choices(s) with a HEAVY BOLD line, like this: Please use a pencil or marking pen if provided.

**CITY OF PUEBLO**  
"SHALL ORDINANCE NO. 6921 ENACTING THE PUEBLO SMOKE-FREE ACT OF 2002 BE APPROVED?"  
**FOR THE ORDINANCE**   
**AGAINST THE ORDINANCE**

**CITY OF PUEBLO**  
**RECALL OF COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE OCCHIATO, AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE REASONS SET FORTH IN THE PETITION DEMANDING RECALL**  
We accuse Council member Mike Occhiato of changing and passing a proposed ordinance, number 6921, without publication or notice of the change, and without public input or comment, denying the basic right of a substantial number of effected Puebloans to protest the imposition of the ordinance.  
We accuse Council member Mike Occhiato of blindsiding democracy, negatively impacting the autonomy and liberty of Puebloans, and their right to manage their businesses and lives as they see fit.  
We accuse Council member Mike Occhiato of treating Puebloans like children in need of parenting, instead of citizens who expect responsible governing.  
We accuse Council member Mike Occhiato of imposing his own will upon us, instead of letting us choose for ourselves.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR COURSE IN OFFICE**  
I am being recalled because of my vote supporting the smoking ordinance referenced above.  
During the public testimony given at the city council meeting, members of the medical profession testified that second hand smoke is a known cause of cancer. The Federal Environmental Protection Association has also stated that second hand smoke is a Class A cause of cancer. Based upon the testimony given by members of the medical profession, I voted to approve the ordinance on smoking. I also voted to allow you the opportunity to voice your opinion on this smoking ordinance.  
I do not wish to dictate nor deny a persons right to smoke. However, smoking in public places denies the ability of employees and other non-smokers the freedom to breathe air that is free of a known cancer-causing agent. It is true that cigarettes are legal products. Alcohol and automobiles are legal products as well, and few argue with the wisdom of banning them from being used together in a way that is known to harm others.  
**Other charges labeled against me are false.** I was not a member of the city council when troublesome issues pertaining to the animal shelter took place. The proposed cement plant is an issue that is not in the jurisdiction of the city council. We do not have the authority to accept nor deny their progress.  
I have given the best years of my life serving, you, the citizen of this great city. You elected me with confidence in 2001 to represent you. I wish to continue fulfilling my present term of office. I have the knowledge, experience, and a proven track record of achievements to work in your behalf for a better Pueblo.  
I am asking for your support in **VOTING NO** to recall me. Thank you. Mike Occhiato.

**RECALL QUESTION**  
SHALL MIKE OCCHIATO BE RECALLED FROM THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL? **YES**   
**NO**

**YOU MUST VOTE YES OR NO ON THE RECALL QUESTION TO VOTE BELOW. IF YOU HAVE VOTED EITHER YES OR NO, VOTE FOR ONE BELOW.**

**CANDIDATES NOMINATED TO SUCCEED MIKE OCCHIATO**  
(Vote for one)  
Carolyn Hajek   
Howard Lukenbill   
Anthony L. Paglione   
Jennifer Rogers

**CITY OF PUEBLO**  
**RECALL OF COUNCIL MEMBER BILL SOVA, AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE REASONS SET FORTH IN THE PETITION DEMANDING RECALL**  
We accuse Council member Bill Sovo of changing and passing a proposed ordinance, number 6921, without publication or notice of the change, and without public input or comment, denying the basic right of a substantial number of effected Puebloans to protest the imposition of the ordinance.  
We accuse Council member Bill Sovo of blindsiding democracy, negatively impacting the autonomy and liberty of Puebloans, and their right to manage their businesses and lives as they see fit.  
We accuse Council member Bill Sovo of treating Puebloans like children in need of parenting, instead of citizens who expect responsible governing.  
We accuse Council member Bill Sovo of imposing his own will upon us, instead of letting us choose for ourselves.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR COURSE IN OFFICE**  
I was elected to safeguard the health of the Community. I will not compromise my principles nor the health of another. The health and welfare of Pueblo's citizens is more important than anyone's position on Council, though I am honored to have been elected twice to this important position.  
Adults should have the right to smoke, but should not be able to exercise that right in areas where it can adversely affect the health or lives of our citizens and children.

**RECALL QUESTION**  
SHALL BILL SOVA BE RECALLED FROM THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL? **YES**   
**NO**

**YOU MUST VOTE YES OR NO ON THE RECALL QUESTION TO VOTE BELOW. IF YOU HAVE VOTED EITHER YES OR NO, VOTE FOR ONE BELOW.**

**CANDIDATES NOMINATED TO SUCCEED BILL SOVA**  
(Vote for one)  
Donald Castro   
Scott Cunningham   
Betty J. Martinez   
Bill Sanchez

Vote Both Sides