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PETITION FOR THE RECALL OF Thomas M. McKay
 FROM THE OFFICE OF Mayor of Lopatcong

COMMITTEE TO RECALL Thomas M. McKay FROM THE OFFICE OF Mayor of Lopatcong

We the undersigned certify we are registered to vote in Lopatcong and are sponsors of the recall committee. We support the recall of the official named above and accept the responsibilities associated with serving on the recall committee.

1. <u>[Signature]</u> Signature <u>4 Sundance Way</u> Residence or Business Address (Number and Street)	<u>Robert Spagna</u> Print Name <u>Lopatcong</u> <u>08865</u> Municipality Zip Code
2. <u>[Signature]</u> Signature <u>416 South 6th Street</u> Residence or Business Address (Number and Street)	<u>Edmund T. Shuster</u> Print Name <u>Lopatcong</u> <u>08865</u> Municipality Zip Code
3. <u>[Signature]</u> Signature <u>173 Stonehenge Drive</u> Residence or Business Address (Number and Street)	<u>William D. Wright</u> Print Name <u>Lopatcong</u> <u>08865</u> Municipality Zip Code

STATEMENT OF THE RECALL COMMITTEE OR DECLARATION THAT NO STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED (Optional - not to exceed 200 words)

Since taking office in January 2015, Mayor Thomas McKay has through his actions and inaction, statements and misstatements, allegations, personal attacks, dilatory tactics and dictatorial personality; eroded the Township's confidence in the Mayor's office; sexually harassed at least one Township employee and one volunteer; exposed the Township and taxpayers to unnecessary legal and financial liabilities; marginalized the Mayor's office rendering it ineffective and powerless to interact with certain Township employees and volunteers; unlawfully infringed on the rights of certain citizens; used the power of his office to advance personal agendas; impugned the reputation of certain of the Township's employees, volunteers and council members and generally failed and refused to fully, faithfully and impartially attend to the duties of his office. Therefore, this Committee proposes to recall Thomas McKay as permitted by and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:27A-1. The recall committee has requested that this recall election be held at a special election. Estimated cost: \$20,632.24

RESPONSE STATEMENT OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL TO BE RECALLED OR DECLARATION THAT NO STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED (Optional - not to exceed 200 words)

You are being asked to sign your name in support of a taxpayer funded politically motivated attack. The Recall Committee Statement presented here is unsubstantiated and untrue. In my first year as mayor, I brought an improved budget process to the township which resulted in the smallest municipal tax increase in nearly a decade. Unfortunately, most of my recommendations and efforts to improve our municipal government have been met with unwavering resistance from those who feel threatened by these changes. The network of powerful political players accustomed to controlling decision-making in Lopatcong are inter-connected and have deep pockets. This attempted recall is further evidence that the machine behind these non-stop attacks have no regard for what is good, decent, or right for Lopatcong taxpayers. I ask you to research the facts and do not sign your name to this petition. Don't become an accessory to a political game that could cost you, and Lopatcong families, between \$20,000 - \$50,000. You deserve a government that truly puts you first. I have and will continue to do just that and I am honored to serve you as mayor.

A circulator of a recall petition shall not be required to be a registered voter, but shall be voter eligible, which means at least 18 years of age, a resident of this State, a citizen of the United States, and not otherwise disqualified under the New Jersey Constitution.

(If appropriate)

The circulator of this petition is paid by _____

THE FORMAT OF THIS PETITION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE RECALL ELECTION OFFICIAL.	
(Signature)	<u>Patricia J. Koll</u>
(Title)	<u>Warren County Clerk</u>
(Date)	<u>12-18-15</u>