How to Sign the MDUSD Recall Petition

Step 1 – Determine the Area you reside in. It will be Area 1, Area 2, Area 3, Area 4 or Area 5. To do this visit:

Confirm your name & address as registered to vote:

https://www.cocovote.us/registration-and-voting-options/my-voting-information/#VoterLookupandSampleBallotSearch

Step 2 – Obtain the correct petition for your Trustee. There is a different petition for each Trustee. This means that there will be 5 forms. [Note: If you’re printing the petition yourself, print at 100%, or it won’t count.]

So, if you reside in Area 1 (Debra Mason), you may not sign the petition for Area 5 (Erin McFerrin).

Step 3 – Verify you have the correct petition. The text in the PETITION FOR RECALL section will state the name of the Trustee and the Area. The below example is from the petition for Debra Mason (Area 1).

PETITION FOR RECALL

TO THE HONORABLE Deborah R. Cooper, Pursuant to the California Constitution and California election laws, we the undersigned registered and qualified electors of the Mount Diablo Unified School District Area 1 of Contra Costa County, California, respectfully state that we seek the recall and removal of Debra Mason, holding the office of Board Member, in Mount Diablo Unified School District Area 1, California. We demand an election of a successor to that office. The following Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petition was served on 4/5/2021 to Debra Mason.

Step 4 – Sign the Petition

(1) Use only Black or Blue ink & print neatly. DO NOT TYPE! DO NOT HIGHLIGHT!

(2) Each person’s Name, Address and Signature MUST match his/her voter registration information.

(3) Each two lines of the form must be completed by the signer. Person#1 MAY NOT fill in the information for Person #2 to just sign. Each person must complete ALL information in his/her own handwriting.

(4) A recall petition does not have to have all 5 (or 6 for McFerrin) signers to be completed (although the more signatures the better). One signature on a recall petition is acceptable.

Handwrite. Stay within ALL lines.
Step 5 – Complete the Declaration Section at the Bottom of the Petition.

**DECLARATION OF PERSON CIRCULATING SECTION OF RECALL PETITION (MUST BE IN CIRCULATOR’S OWN HANDWRITING)**

I, ___________________________, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following: 1. That I am 18 years of age or older. 2. That my residence address, including street and number, is ___________________________. (If no street or number exists, a designation of my residence adequate to readily ascertain its location is ___________________________.) 3. That the signatures on this section of the petition form were obtained between ________________, 2021, and ________________, 2021; that I circulated the petition and I witnessed the signatures on this section of the petition form being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on ________________, 2021, at ________________, California.

Circulator’s Signature: ___________________________ Your Signature: ___________________________

Date: ___________________________ Date Signed: ___________________________

Step 6 – If you’re collecting signatures from friends, family, or your fellow community members:

1. DO NOT alter the petitions in any way (do not highlight anything)
2. First collect signatures, and then sign the declaration.
3. You may collect signatures for any board member BUT the person signing the petition must sign the correct petition for the Area they reside in. *For example*, you live in Area 1 (and you signed the petition for Debra Mason), BUT your friend wants to sign but lives in Area 4. All you need to do is make sure your friend handwrites his/her voter information and signs the petition for Area 4/Cherise Khaund.

Step 7 – Mail the completed Petition to:

**Mt. Diablo Parent Advocates**  
4494 Treat Blvd. #21398  
Concord, CA 94521

Made a mistake? No worries. Cross it out and use the next line.

Q: Privacy Concerns? Will the public know I signed the Recall Petition?  
A: No.

Some voters may have concerns about possible harassment if they sign an initiative, a referendum, and/or a recall petition. Government Code Sec. 6253.5 provides that such petitions (and any memoranda prepared by the elections official in examining the petitions) are not deemed to be public records and are not open to inspection. There are two exceptions:

- Employees of the county elections official responsible for verifying the signatures; and
- Recall proponents, should the petition be deemed insufficient and fail to qualify for the ballot. In that event, proponents have the right to examine those signatures found to be invalid and the reasons therefore. “Proponents” are those individuals listed on the Notice of Intention (or a person authorized in writing by the proponent.) Any such examination shall begin within 21 days following a certification of insufficiency (E.C. §11301)

SOURCE: [https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/recalls/recall-procedures-guide.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/recalls/recall-procedures-guide.pdf)
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**PETITION FOR RECALL**

TO THE HONORABLE Deborah R. Cooper, Pursuant to the California Constitution and California election laws, we the undersigned registered and qualified electors of the Mount Diablo Unified School District Area 2 of Contra Costa County, California, respectfully state that we seek the recall and removal of Linda Mayo, holding the office of Board Member, in Mount Diablo Unified School District Area 2, California. We demand an election of a successor to that office. The following Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petition was served on 4/2/2021 to Linda Mayo:

TO THE HONORABLE Linda Mayo: Pursuant to Section 11020, California Elections Code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of Contra Costa County’s Mount Diablo Unified School District, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of Board of Education, in the Mount Diablo Unified School District, California, and to demand election of a successor in that position on the Board of Education. The grounds for the recall are as follows: 1. Ms. Mayo’s inability to approve and oversee a sustainable budget, and failure to be a good stewards of tax payer funds. 2. Ms. Mayo has demonstrated an inability to faithfully listen to the concerns of constituents in regard to providing an in-person learning opportunity to the greatest extent possible. 3. Ms. Mayo has failed to advocate, at both state and local levels, for measures that would facilitate a choice to return to in-person learning for all students. Linda Mayo was elected to the MDUSD Board of Education in November of 1997. The voters of Contra Costa County’s Mount Diablo Unified School District are issuing a recall due to her inability to serve her constituents. The printed names of the proponents are as follows: Alison Woods, Lisa Oliver, Linsey Dowell, Michael Louis Minshall, Maria Elena Gavilanes, Heidi Mispagel, Jason Mispagel, Elena Gelerian, Maria Ennor, Bryce Atkinson, Joseph Tosi, Jeff Barnett, Goeff Branagh, Tamara Branagh, Michael Steinbeck, Ashley Nelson, Austin Schoenthaler, and David Ewing.

The ANSWER OF THE OFFICER TO BE RECALLED IS AS FOLLOWS: Do not sign the recall petition. Avoid the recall expense. During crisis, experience is invaluable. I’m always available to speak with you about my record or matters not subject to confidentiality. I take budget oversight and governance very seriously. I support expenditures only when I clearly understand the fiscal impact. Funding fluctuates annually; budgets are subject to county and state oversight; any irregularities are addressed. MDUSD’s Budget Advisory Committee advises trustees on budgetary issues. The recall election’s estimated $1,300,000 - $1,690,000 expense will negatively impact MDUSD’s budget, adversely affecting student programs and staffing district-wide. COVID-19 has no playbook. I thoughtfully considered stakeholder opinions, studied reports, asked questions, and implemented directives from county, state, and federal lawmakers and health agencies. We were unable to reopen schools until it was safe for students and staff, and teachers agreed to return to campuses. Most families agreed. “In-person learning” is scheduled FALL 2021, absent COVID-19 resurgences. I’ve consistently advocated for what’s in the best interest of all, based upon careful study of legislation and constituent communication. Involvement with California School Boards Association’s Delegate Assembly and California State PTA, at state and local levels, broadens my 23 years’ understanding of complex issues. Visit #MDUSDIsBack, www.mdusd.org/2020-21.

Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the Mount Diablo Unified School District Area 2 of Contra Costa County, California.

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Circulator’s Signature __________________________________________ Date ____________________________