

By Petition, Californians Express Desire to Fire Gov. Gavin Newsom

California residents have had enough of Democrat Gov. Gavin Newsom. Efforts to remove the state leader began in 2020, led by Orrin Heatlie, a retired sergeant of Yolo County Sheriff's Office.

Heatlie partnered with the California Patriot Coalition to successfully collect 2.1 million signatures triggering a recall election.

"The secretary of state's office found 1,719,943 signatures to be valid, more than the 1,495,970 necessary to trigger a recall election ... Forty-three signatures were removed ... leaving 1,719,900 valid signatures on the petitions," per Ballotpedia,

"The recall election will present voters with two questions," Ballotpedia says. "The first will ask whether Newsom should be recalled from the office of governor. The second will ask who should succeed Newsom if he is recalled. A majority vote is required on the first question ... [t]he candidate with the most votes on the second question would win the election, no majority required."

Prayers, from within and surrounding California, launched two strategic arrows into Newsom's and the Democrats' plans to hold office into 2022. The first arrow was aimed at Newsom's media campaign and efforts to discredit Heatlie and the coalition. The second arrow was launched toward the legislation Democrats used in Newsom's defense. Both arrows were a direct hit.

One source said, "[Although Newsom] took office on a 62%

landslide win in 2018, state residents have grown increasingly critical of his leadership, particularly surrounding his handling of the Covid-19 pandemic and associated government lockdown orders ... The governor previously dismissed the recall effort, calling its supporters 'political extremists'... and continued to rail against it."

"Republicans accused Democrats of acting unfairly as state lawmakers passed a bill ... [that] would allow the recall to proceed at least 30 days earlier than under existing state law," according to The Washington Times. Democrats [hoped] to take advantage of what they viewed as favorable conditions for Newsom as the state moves on from the worst days of the pandemic and related restrictions."

Newsweek reported on Newsom "[suing] California Secretary of State Shirley Weber in an effort to include his party affiliation on the ballot for the state's upcoming recall election. The California governor's office was officially notified about the recall election on February 28, but Newsom's election attorney failed to list him as a Democrat in his answer to the notice ... Newsom tried to file his party preference in a notice on June 19 but the secretary of state refused to accept it.

"[Previous] office holders facing recall elections in California did not have their party affiliation listed on the ballot. This was the case when Governor Gray Davis, a Democrat, was successfully recalled in 2003 ... the law was changed in 2019 ... Newsom was governor at the time and agreed to the change that would provide more information on the ballot," *Newsweek* said. {eo}

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