

# Mason County Auditor

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May 9, 2023

Michael Brown  
20 W Mary M Knight Rd  
Elma, WA 98541

RE: Recall of Brian Jutson, Fire District 12, Commissioner Position 3

Dear Michael,

The Mason County Elections Department canvassed the signatures contained on the Recall for Brian Jutson, Fire District 12, Commissioner Position 3 petition as required by RCW 29A.56.200. Of the signatures that were verified against those on file with our office, it was determined that the required number of 85 signatures were legal registered voters. Therefore, it is determined that the petition is sufficient.

As required by RCW 29A.56.210, this letter constitutes notice that the recall election will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, with certification on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

Per RCW 59A.56.220 the ballot synopsis for this recall election is as follows:

Brian Jutson is accused of malfeasance, misfeasance and/or violating his oath of office while serving as elected commissioner of Mason County Fire District 12 in violation of Chapter 29A.56 RCW by: (1) failing to guard against misappropriation of District funds; (2) failure to supervise district employees resulting in the misappropriation of District funds; (3) failure to ensure that the District engaged in proper payroll practices and accounting controls resulting in the misappropriation of district funds and misuse of District equipment; and/or (4) failure to follow state law by disregarding statutory limits on the amount a public official can receive in a calendar month.

SHOULD COMMISSIONER BRIAN JUTSON OF MASON  
COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 12 BE RECALLED FROM OFFICE  
BASED ON ONE OR MORE OF THESE CHARGES?

Pursuant to RCW 29A.56.220, as the officer subject to recall, Commissioner Brian Jutson may submit a response to the above charges. Such response will appear on the ballot with the above synopsis. The response may not exceed 250 words in length and must be submitted to the Mason County Elections Department by the seventh consecutive day after service of this notice to Commissioner Brian Jutson. The response may be submitted by email to [elections@masoncountywa.gov](mailto:elections@masoncountywa.gov) or by fax to (360) 427-7768.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Marie Stevenson, Election Superintendent.

Sincerely,



Steve Duenkel  
Mason County Auditor

cc: Marie Stevenson, Election Superintendent  
Brian Jutson, Fire District 12, Commissioner Position 3  
Kristin Masteller