

Petition filed to recall Humboldt council member

(KLZA)--A petition has been filed to recall Humboldt Ward I Council member Dolores Martinez.

The petition was filed Wednesday, April 3, by Jamie Lynne Dorney.

In the statement of reasons for starting the recall effort, Dorney alleges Martinez has repeatedly demonstrated that she is not acting in the best interest of the City of Humboldt, claiming she has acted unprofessionally and unethically towards city employees, other elected officials and residents during her time in office. Dorney states Martinez has lost the trust of the community and should not remain in office.

In her statement of defense, Martinez says the accusations are ambiguous and unverified. Martinez claims Dorney has not been present at council meetings the past two years, and asks “who, what, where and when she acted unethically or unprofessionally?”

35 percent of the 160 voters in the last General Election would need to sign the petition to force a recall. That would require 56 signatures.

The circulator has 30 days to obtain the required signatures. If enough signatures are obtained the individual recalled may resign or an election is to be held not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days after notification.

The cost of the recall effort will be paid by the City of Humboldt.