

**SAMPLE BALLOT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 11 RECALL ELECTION
EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006**



Robert C. Balink
Robert C. "Bob" Balink
El Paso County Clerk and Recorder



ISSUE 1

RECALL PETITION COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

We the taxpayers of D11, through this recall, take back the responsibility for the financial stability and education of the children of the largest School District in Colorado Springs, which has successfully educated generations of Colorado Springs children.

ERIC CHRISTEN STATEMENT:

"(W)ithout Christen's presence on the board, (Watson) doesn't think the district would be looking as closely at test scores, ...or ways to improve student performance." "He brought the discussion to the table. There is a feeling we need to do something now..." *Lori Watson-D11 teacher and recall leader quoted in Gazette.*

Three years ago I promised to make student achievement and protecting the \$400 million given to us each year by taxpayers my top priorities on the board. I have remained true to my promise. How?

1. Student achievement has increased two years in a row on our watch per CSAPs - a first in D11 history;
2. In hiring Dr. Bishop as Superintendent, we have someone who has accomplished more in three months than his predecessor did in twelve. He will faithfully implement our most significant achievement as a board which is our site-based management system which takes money and decisions away from our bloated administration and puts them in the schools;
3. Organized three math town halls which have put us on the verge of ridding D11 of our "fuzzy" math programs where calculators are handed out in kindergarten and students never learn times tables;
4. Demanded that students not walk at graduation unless they have met graduation requirements and that the practice of social promotion ends;
5. Implemented a performance pay plan for schools that rewards those who increase student achievement;

Those satisfied with the status quo of 27% of our kids being proficient in math and 50% being literate are trying to recall me because students are first on my list. I will continue to fight to see that the \$17,000 we spend per child this year alone educates every student, regardless of race or income.

It has been an honor to serve you and our children.

QUESTION 1A

Shall Eric Christen be recalled from the office of Director of the Board of Education of Colorado Springs School District No. 11?

- YES
 NO

YOU MUST VOTE YES OR NO ON THE RECALL QUESTION TO VOTE ON QUESTION 1B. IF YOU HAVE VOTED YES OR NO, VOTE FOR ONE OF THE CANDIDATES BELOW.

QUESTION 1B

I cast my vote to elect the following to replace Eric Christen from his position as director of Colorado Springs School District No. 11 Board of Education if the highest number of votes cast for Question 1A are yes:

DIRECTOR (Vote for One)

- Albert Gonzales
 Gregory G. Garcia
 Charlie Bobbitt

ISSUE 2

RECALL PETITION COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

We the taxpayers of D11, through this recall, take back the responsibility for the financial stability and education of the children of the largest School District in Colorado Springs, which has successfully educated generations of Colorado Springs children.

SANDY SHAKES STATEMENT:

Don't let a small group of activists hijack the will of the people in the 2003 election and my goal of bringing real accountability and improved student achievement to District 11. Those seeking to throw me off the Board have made a big issue about the Board's decision to terminate the former superintendent. This is an attempt to maintain a "no accountability, status quo" culture in District 11.

I supported the hiring of the former superintendent in May of 2005. As president of the Board at that time, I worked closely with her, and within weeks it was readily apparent that the former superintendent had neither the ability nor the desire to lead the District with the focus on student achievement that the voters had demanded.

The former superintendent received a mid-year and final evaluation from the Board. Six of the seven Board members adopted a final evaluation that was unsatisfactory for the former superintendent. After careful consideration, I decided with the majority of the Board that further efforts to have her address her deficiencies would not be beneficial for the students or our District. Waiting for the former superintendent to improve her performance would result in unnecessary delay of the critical initiatives. The majority of the Board voted to terminate the former superintendent's contract on June 1, 2006.

I promised accountability when I ran in 2003, and I have delivered accountability. I have served with integrity and unwavering passion for District 11. As a retired teacher, I remain dedicated to achieving quality education for all students and the success of District 11.

I only have eleven months left to serve of my four-year term. I encourage you to vote to retain me in office so that I can complete the initiatives I have championed.

QUESTION 2A

Shall Sandy Shakes be recalled from the office of Director of the Board of Education of Colorado Springs School District No. 11?

- YES
 NO

YOU MUST VOTE YES OR NO ON THE RECALL QUESTION TO VOTE ON QUESTION 2B. IF YOU HAVE VOTED YES OR NO, VOTE FOR ONE OF THE CANDIDATES BELOW.

QUESTION 2B

I cast my vote to elect the following to replace Sandy Shakes from her position as director of Colorado Springs School District No. 11 Board of Education if the highest number of votes cast for Question 2A are yes:

DIRECTOR (Vote for One)

- Jan Tanner
 Don G. Schley