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Matter of Recall of Lauser

Supreme Court of Washington, En Banc - February 26, 2026 - P.3d - 2026 WL 531665

City resident filed recall petition against city councilmember due to councilmember's alleged commission of offense of indecent exposure during a protest.

The Superior Court approved the petition and certified the ballot synopsis. City councilmember appealed.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Recall petition was factually insufficient insofar as it alleged malfeasance in office;
- Councilmember's alleged conduct did not constitute the offense of indecent exposure;
- Councilmember's alleged conduct was expressive conduct protected under the United States and Washington Constitutions; and
- Recall petition was both factually and legally insufficient insofar as it alleged that councilmember violated oath of office.

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