

# ELECTIONS BC

## News Release

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### Delta South Recall Petition Unsuccessful

**Victoria** – The recall petition to recall Val Roddick, MLA for Delta South has failed to meet the required signature threshold under the *Recall and Initiative Act*.

Chief Electoral Officer, Harry Neufeld, said, “the verification process conducted by Elections BC has determined that 9,999 valid signatures were contained on the petition signature sheets. As this does not meet the requirements of the Act, I have determined that the petition is unsuccessful.”

Under the *Recall and Initiative Act*, 11,949 or more valid signatures were required. This number represents 40% of the voters who were registered to vote in the Delta South electoral district at the May 16, 2001 provincial general election, and who are currently registered as voters in British Columbia. The percentage of valid signatures obtained by the proponent during the petition period was 33.5%.

A summary of the Delta South recall petition results is attached. Elections BC will prepare a full report on the Delta South recall petition that will include a comprehensive review of the recall process, detailed results, and the cost of administering the process.

Val Roddick, Delta South MLA, and John Bayne, the proponent of the recall petition, both have filed their financing report with the Chief Electoral Officer. Both the proponent and Member were within their expense limit of \$28,845.94. These reports are available for public inspection at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer and on Elections BC’s Web site at <http://www.elections.bc.ca/fin/finmain.html>.



The *Recall and Initiative Act* came into force February 1995. Eleven previous recall petition applications have received approval in principle by the Chief Electoral Officer. None of them resulted in the recall of an MLA. The Delta South recall petition is the first instance of a recall petition proceeding through the full signature verification process.

### Reconciliation of Delta South Recall Petition Results

	<b>Signatures</b>
Petition Lines with Information	13,171
Signatures Not in Ink	3
Petition Lines to be Verified	13,168
Disqualified Signatures	
No signature on petition line	215
Signature crossed out or defaced	1
Address not shown	4
Address did not match voter registration	91
Signature did not match voter registration	233
Ineligible voter	2,395
Duplicate signatures	230
Total Disqualified Signatures	3,169
Signatures Accepted	<b>9,999</b>
Signatures Needed to Succeed	11,949

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