

## CITIZENS FILE RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Diane Rinks, City Administrator of Lafayette, is all too familiar with complaints about her performance. As the former City Administrator of Brownsville, Oregon, Ms. Rinks employment was terminated through pressure by Brownsville residents shortly before being hired by Lafayette's City Council.

So, history seems to be repeating itself.

On, August 9<sup>th</sup>, both new and long-time residents of Lafayette came together to file a legal measure to bring the City Administrator's fate to the election of its citizens. A resolution was filed with the city's Elections Officer, citing numerous grievances against the administrator, including City Charter violations, abuse of taxpayer dollars, neglect of duties and violations of public access.

There was no public mention of the measure at the August Council meeting that followed the filing, however, the usual council meeting ended abruptly, asking the residents to leave so that a private executive session could be held between the Council, Administrator, and the city's attorney.

The residents that filed this measure are calling for the matter to be brought before the citizens of Lafayette for vote. The concerned citizens state that they've made attempts for months to resolve issues with the Administrator and her lack of accountability. They've repeatedly addressed the Council with their concerns, including a certified letter to each council member last spring. They finally decided it was time to put the matter into the hands of the people of Lafayette. At this time, the Council could decide to agree with the measure and terminate Ms. Rinks without the issue going to ballot. This seems unlikely though, based on their previous actions. The Council has \_\_\_\_\_ days to respond to the filing.

To read the full resolution that was filed, link here \_\_\_\_\_