



CITY OF MONTE VISTA

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Heather Brooks
City Manager
Alamosa, CO 81101

Re: Recall election of Alonzo Payne, District Attorney, 12th Judicial District

Dear Heather,

Monte Vista City Council shares many of your councils' concerns regarding how prosecution is being addressed in the 12th Judicial District under the direction of District Attorney Alonzo Payne. Mr. Payne's irresponsible actions have led to:

- Violations to the Victims' Rights Act
- Felony crimes being reduced to misdemeanors
- Reluctance to put offenders in jail
- Probation and/or community service in place of jail time on serious assaults
- The inhumane treatment of animals and no charges brought against the offenders
- Delay in issuing warrants
- Internal investigation by Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser
- Staff departures

Council supports the recall of Mr. Payne. Council also encourages their community members who are registered to vote to sign the petition that is being used to gather the signatures needed to put the question on the ballot to recall Alonzo Payne.

Sincerely,

Mayor, Dale Becker

Mayor Pro-tem, Victor Sigala

Larry Foster, Councilman

Martha Lock, Councilwoman

Jason Lorenz, Councilman