



Stop the Steal California

A Committee organized to oppose the recall
of Governor Gavin Newsom

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Senator Don Perata Forms Stop the Steal California Committee

To Give Voters Opportunity to Remove Names from Recall Petition

State Senate Pro Tem Emeritus Don Perata(ret.) announced today the formation of the Stop the Steal Committee, which is an independent expenditure committee leading the battle to stop the recall of Governor Gavin Newsom.

Senator Perata(ret.) explained that the first task of the committee would be trying to get voters, who signed the recall petition without knowing the costs or the fact that Governor Newsom will be on the ballot six or seven months later, to withdraw their signatures.

“The recall of Governor Newsom is ill-timed, costly and ridiculous. He has guided California through a world-wide pandemic. There was no playbook for an event like this and he’s done nothing to warrant a recall. The proponents have had the public forum to themselves. No longer, we’re here to defend the Governor,” Perata said.

Senator Perata (ret.) added, “We intend to be the first line of defense for Governor Newsom. Between May 10 and June 21, voters can withdraw their signatures from the recall petitions. We’re doing a major campaign to urge voters to remove their signatures. We think once they find out the cost of special election, a significant number will withdraw their names.”

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Perata noted that many petition signers weren't clearly informed that the special election would cost between \$50-75 million or that another regularly scheduled election was literally months away in 2022.

He added, "The recall proponents have pretty much had the field to themselves. It's time to push back with the real facts and we intend to be very aggressive early and often."

Senator Perata(ret.) indicated that he would be announcing other members of the Stop the Steal Committee shortly. Highly respected professional fund raiser Julie Sandino will head up the Committee's fund-raising effort and can be contacted at (916) 442-0696.

Senator Don Perata(ret.) was elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in 1986 and was re-elected to a second term. Perata was elected to the State Assembly in 1996 and to the State Senate in a 1998 special election. Perata became Senate Pro Tem in 2004 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2008.

Perata has been an advocate for the rights of the elderly, the mentally ill, and the disabled. He supported legislation to create a discount drug program and legislation to require HMOs to pay for mental health treatment. He supported legislation that secured \$27 million annually for ovarian and prostate cancer and legislation to ban assault weapons.

Senator Perata(ret.) concluded, "We hope to get enough signature withdrawals to stop qualification. If not, we will fight on until the election is over. Gavin Newsom won fair and square. This is a costly and unfair attempt to steal the last year of his term. We won't stand for it."