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Five council members targeted for recall in Apache Junction

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A recall move is under way in Apache Junction against five City Council members.

Resident Shannon Flynn and retired city police Officer Jim Stephens have created the Committee for Honest Government. They say it's intended to "make the City Council work for the public."

Both Stephens and Flynn say they plan to run for the City Council, regardless of the recalls' outcome.

Flynn started a recall wave in November that quickly snowballed into recall packets by other residents against six of the seven council members, including the mayor, largely due to anger over the dismissal of former Apache Junction Police Chief Glenn Walp.

City Clerk Kathy Connelly confirmed a statement of organization was received and recall packets were pulled last week against Mayor John Insalaco, Vice Mayor R.E. Eck, and council members Robin Barker, Jeff Serdy and Richard Dietz.

A recall petitioner has 120 days to submit the required number of valid signatures. It would take the signatures of 222 registered voters against a council member and 377 signatures against the mayor.

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