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### **Petition Signature Verification Update**

This morning Kootenai County Clerk Cliff Hayes announced Tuesday's progress on signature verifications for the Coeur d'Alene Recall petitions. "With the first day's work completed, we're finding most petition signatures are valid", he said. "Or few of the petition signatures have been rejected, depending on how you want to look at it", Hayes continued.

Approximate verification percentages for each Council member are:

Sandi Bloem	Accepted: 88%	Rejected: 12%
Deanna Goodlander	Accepted: 88%	Rejected: 12%
Mike Kennedy	Accepted: 87%	Rejected: 13%
Woody McEvers	Accepted: 88%	Rejected: 12%

Hayes said most of the invalid signatures were people with a Coeur d'Alene mailing address, but who don't actually reside within the city limits according to the Secretary of State's voter registration data base. And he stressed that these percentages are approximate, and "are only one day's worth of information. The percentages could, and probably will, change tomorrow."

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