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**OFFICIAL BALLOT
Special Election
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Montcalm County, Michigan
Pierson Township, Precinct 1**

TO VOTE: Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown:

IMPORTANT: To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen. **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!**

WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING: Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot.)

NOTE: If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or correct any marks made in error.

PROPOSAL SECTION

VILLAGE

RECALL

Statement of Reason:

Shall president Karl van Haren be recalled because he has harassed village personnel and residents and has been disrespectful to those who disagree with him. He has created a hostile work environment for village board members. He has caused strained relations between village board members, the village clerk and treasurer.

Justification of Conduct in Office:

Thank you for voting in this election as it will help determine one of the officials who make up this Council. I've done my best to look out for your interests as a Village. I have consistently asserted not to proceed without careful examining of Village funding before taking on the task of moving the Village forward in a positive manner such as grooming the Village easements.

At times recall law is absolutely justifiable, although this recall attempt is an abuse of law, being targeted by residents with another agenda. A personal vendetta against me; in part, for removing infected Ash trees from 66' of Village easement in order to maintain and control water shedding at First/Elm. Rebecca Starr, a current trustee and direct neighbor of mine; she's not only orchestrating the recall but feels a sense of entitlement to this property because of dead end.

Reasons for submitting recalls don't need to be truthful; just clear to the public who vote on it. Rebecca Starr's endeavors will cost the Village over \$4,500. I stepped up when no one was willing to take on this job; my term would have ended in 6 months.

Shall Karl van Haren be recalled from the office of Pierson Village President?

YES

NO

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