

SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER: Fill in the oval of your choice.

Place your ballot inside the secrecy sleeve and then take your ballot to the ballot box.

If you make a mistake while voting, return the ballot to the election official for a new one.

A vote which has been erased or changed will not be counted.



**CITY OF WASILLA
SAMPLE BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION - FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

Completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

**GROUNDS FOR RECALL
AS STATED ON
RECALL PETITION**

"City Council Member Steve Menard traveled to Sitka, Alaska, in his official capacity as Council Member, for the purpose of attending a meeting with that Alaska Municipal League. Menard, without good cause, failed to carry out his official duties. Menard remained overnight at the Westmark Hotel and while intoxicated he inflicted substantial damage to his hotel room and directed the hotel to bill the City of Wasilla for the damage. The damage included urinating on two beds and a chair, vomiting on the carpet and setting fire to a mattress.

The Wasilla City Council convened on August 22, 2011 and debated what action it should take regarding Menard. The Council voted to: 1) sanctioned Menard by prohibiting him from traveling on City business for the remainder of his term, which expires in 2013; and 2) required him to make full restitution to the City for the \$1,404 cost of his travel/expenses, and the \$350 the City paid for damage to the hotel room.

The Council's action of sanctioning Menard and requiring him to make full restitution for all cost are sufficient reasons to find Menard committed Misconduct in Office."

**STATEMENT BY THE OFFICIAL NAMED
ON THE RECALL PETITION:
STEVE MENARD**

"I am truly sorry for my actions and all that occurred in the Sitka hotel incident. It should be known that my lack of resignation is not a sign of expected forgiveness but rather gives measure to my continued desire to help carve and form this growing community.

All seem to have noticed the headlines on this event, but perhaps what hasn't been noticed is this. My attendance at every council meeting has included coming prepared, engaged, staying until the gavel drops, recuse myself from voting when appropriate and voting on all other issues. Perhaps what hasn't been noticed is my personal time invested at Borough and State meetings because I understand the impact of these decisions on our community. Perhaps what hasn't been noticed is my commitment and response to individual's concerns and seeking a balance between them and the City's overall needs.

I work hard to carry out my official duties and strive to make amends when I fall short. I would appreciate your vote to complete my term.

In closing, thank you to my family and friends for their unwavering support and the confidence it has given me to see this process through to the end."

Shall Steve Menard be recalled from the office of Council Member?

YES

NO