

## PETITION FOR RECALL

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD, Pursuant to the California Constitution and California election laws, we the undersigned registered and qualified electors of the Cupertino Union School District of Santa Clara County, California, respectfully state that we seek the recall and removal of Lorien Cunningham, holding the office of Governing Board Member, in Cupertino Union School District, in Santa Clara County, California. We demand an election of a successor to that office.

The following Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petition to the Honorable Lorien Cunningham was served on March 3, 2021: Pursuant to Section 11020 of the California Elections Code, the undersigned, registered qualified voters of Cupertino Union School District, in Santa Clara County, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of Board of Trustees, in Cupertino Union School District, Santa Clara County, California, and to demand election of a successor in that office. The ground for the proposal recall are as follows: Lorien (Lori) Cunningham, who has led CUSD as President of the Board through much of the pandemic, has failed to represent all children of CUSD and uphold CUSD's value of "choice" by solely prioritizing distance learning at the expense of providing a timely option for in-person learning, in lieu of the recommendations of multiple health organizations such as the CDC and AAP. Her failure in leadership, inability to act decisively and articulate clear objectives, and unwillingness to challenge union demands resulted in a pattern of poor decisions as it relates to reopening schools. CUSD, a renowned district, significantly underperformed compared to most of its neighbors, causing massive inequity, social and emotional damage among children, and deep frustration, anxiety, and stress amongst parents and its community. CUSD parents deserve a Board member who can push back on the unions, follow health guidelines, force the hard discussions, make decisions, challenge the Superintendent and Board when necessary, and always fight for ALL children first. Vote YES on the recall. The names of 10 proponents of the recall are as follows: Michael Chu, Patricia Lee, Eran Gilat, Avital Derazon, Valentin Ryabov, Adrian Mikolajczak, Lucy Chu, Sunil Joshi, Aarti Ranade, Evelyn Horng.

The answer of the officer sought to be recalled is as follows: Dear Voter, Please do not sign this petition. It will cost Cupertino Union School District approximately \$1,000,000 (one million) to put this recall on the ballot. This is money that would be taken away from students. This money should stay in our classrooms. I was the leading voice on the five-member CUSD board calling for in-person learning for our highest-needs students; they've been returning to classrooms since November 2020. I support CUSD's plan to reopen safely by April 5, 2021 for in-person learning for all students. Improved safety metrics mean this is the right time to offer families this choice. This plan meets CDC recommendations and all California Department of Public Health requirements. As a CUSD parent, I share everyone's frustration about California's lack of a comprehensive school reopening plan, but penalizing our students with an expensive recall is not the answer. For 11 years, I have dedicated my time and energy to children in CUSD. As a parent volunteer, school and district leader, and now as a CUSD board member, I have worked tirelessly to ensure our 15,700 students receive the renowned education our community is known for. I will continue fighting for our kids. Best, Lori Cunningham

### **NOTICE TO PUBLIC: THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.**

Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the Cupertino Union School District of Santa Clara County, California

1.	Print Your Name _____ Your Signature As Registered To Vote _____	Residence Address ONLY _____ City _____ Zip _____	
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#### DECLARATION OF PERSON CIRCULATING SECTION OF RECALL PETITION (MUST BE IN CIRCULATOR'S OWN HANDWRITING)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following: 1. That I am 18 years of age or older. 2. That my residence address, including street and number, is \_\_\_\_\_. (If no street or number exists, a designation of my residence adequate to readily ascertain its location is \_\_\_\_\_.) 3. That the signatures on this section of the petition form were obtained between \_\_\_\_\_ (Month and Day), 2021 and \_\_\_\_\_ (Month and Day), 2021; that I circulated the petition and I witnessed the signatures on this section of the petition form being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at \_\_\_\_\_ (City or Community Where Signed), California.

Circulator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_