

Petition to Recall Ken Kesselus, City of Bastrop Mayor

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bastrop, we, the undersigned registered voters of the City of Bastrop, Texas, hereby petition for a recall election to allow City of Bastrop voters to vote for or against the removal of Mayor Ken Kesselus. The reasons for Kesselus's removal include:

In 2015, Mayor Ken Kesselus ignored then City Councilman Joe Beal's flagrant impropriety to peddle Bastrop's water for export, without any disclosure by Beal that he was then a paid consultant for End Op, L.P. and its investors. Six months after Beal was term limited from the Council, Kesselus appointed Beal to the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) board that handles millions of tax dollars for local development, including authority to finance water projects. Also in 2015, Kesselus brazenly attempted to appoint his own employer, Mark Rose, then General Manager of Bluebonnet Electric Coop, to the Bastrop Economic Development Board in clear violation of the City of Bastrop's Ethics Ordinance. When this attempt was stopped, Kesselus tried to appoint Rose's wife to a city commission, another violation. Kesselus insisted the Ethics Commission revisit their rulings against him a second time, and when they refused to change their stance, Kesselus fought to remove the Ethics Commission chair, a respected District Judge. In 2016, on numerous occasions, Kesselus has engaged in behavior unbecoming an elected official by publicly berating the City Manager, the city's attorney and City Secretary as well as Bastrop citizens who exercise their rights to free speech and free access to their elected officials during Council meetings. On June 20, 2016, Kesselus held an improperly called "special meeting" (in Executive Session, behind closed doors) involving several violations of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BASTROP CAN SIGN THIS PETITION.

Date	Name and (please print, must be legible) Signature (if you don't sign, it won't count!)	Street Address	Date of Birth Or Voter Reg #	Email Address (optional) Phone (optional)
Date ____/____/____ 2016	Name _____ Signature _____	----- Bastrop, Texas 78602 * Bastrop County	Birthdate __/__/19__ Or "VUID" # No. _____	email _____ Phone _____
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IF YOU ARE CIRCULATING THIS PETITION BEYOND YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

I _____ (print your name as the circulator of this petition) have personally circulated this petition and all the signatures were made in my presence and I believe them to be genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

Printed Circulator Name: _____ Signature of Circulator: _____
 Address of Circulator: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Voter Registration Number of Circulator: _____ OR Date of Birth: _____ Petition page number (leave blank) _____

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