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## TONY BUSHALA, CHRIS THOMPSON & PETITION CIRCULATORS

## HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AT LEAST 7 TIMES

**FULLERTON, CA-** True to form Tony Bushala and his bullies have managed to get themselves arrested at least seven times by the Fullerton police department for trespassing while circulating recall petitions.

Documents secured through the California Public Records Act and interviews with the complaining parties indicate that seven citizensâ€<sup>TM</sup> arrests of Bushala, Thompson, and their paid circulators have occurred since September 9 when the recall petitions were certified for circulation.

Nestled in between the personals and platonic, Bushala has been advertising for paid circulators on Craigslist – possibly to backfill his paid circulators that have been arrested. Voter records indicate that Thompson has moved one non-Fullerton resident into his home and re-registered her (possibly committing fraud) to circulate petitions

"Bushala has said he will spend \$130,000 on this recall making him the largest special interest in Fullerton. For that much money he should offer a course in common decency before imposing his mercenaries on the community,†declared committee chairman Larry Bennett.

Bushala is currently under investigation by the Fair Political Practices Commission for failing to properly report over \$30,000 in donations trying to influence the November 2010 Fullerton city council elections.

As part of our ongoing campaign to educate Fullerton about Tony Bushala and Chris Thompsonâ€<sup>™</sup>s motivations and behavior during the circulation phase of the proposed recall, we have mailed the attached flier to voters throughout the city.

 $\hat{a}\in \mathfrak{E}$  My conversations with the individuals that filed the trespassing charges reflect a group of people that behaved like thugs and offended customers at local supermarkets, leaving the private property owners no option but to call the police. Bushala and Thompson say they support private property rights when it suits them. These are seven cases currently under review at the District Attorney $\hat{a}\in \mathbb{T}^{Ms}$  office, $\hat{a}\in$  stated Bennett. $\hat{a}\in$ 

"This is no way for school board trustee Chris Thompson to behave. He should be setting an example for our kids by staying out of jail,†concluded Bennett.

Each pending case at the DAâ€<sup>™</sup>s office carries a penalty of up to six months in jail or \$1000 fine.

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