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BAKER RECALL PETITION APPROVED BY COUNTY ASSESSOR

– Candidate Petition Nominating Doty Also Receives Go-Ahead –

LITTLETON, CO (August 14, 2003) – Arapahoe County Assessor Ed Bosier said today that, following a statutory two-day review process, he has approved a petition calling for the recall of Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Tracy Baker. Bosier also confirmed that he received and approved the first of what could be multiple petitions nominating candidates to replace Baker should he in fact be removed from office.

The recall instrument was formally submitted under the name of the Committee to Recall Tracy Baker, as represented by Scott Laudenslager of Centennial, Larry Strohl of Littleton and Dan McEachrin of Aurora. Now that the petition has been approved in form, the Committee can begin circulating it in an effort to collect within 60 days the 34,603 signatures necessary to force a recall election. The question stated on the petition – which must be reprinted verbatim on the recall ballot should an election be held – reads as follows:

“Shall Arapahoe County Clerk And Recorder, Tracy K. Baker, Be Removed From Office Because He Has Consistently Demonstrated Gross Mismanagement Of The Office, Misuse Of Taxpayer Dollars, Outrageous, Embarrassing And Hostile Conduct In The Workplace By His Willful Disregard For State And Federal Laws Protecting Employees From Workplace Harassment Including Sexual Harassment?”

The candidate petition was submitted on behalf of Nancy A. Doty, a Republican from Centennial and currently chief fiscal officer to Colorado Governor Bill Owens. Doty supporters must gather signatures equal to 20% of the votes cast for Republican candidates for the Clerk’s office during

the last primary election, which occurred in 2002. Because there were 22,194 votes cast in the Republican primary that year, Doty needs 4,439 signatures to get her name on the ballot.

Candidate petitions must be completed and filed with Mr. Bosier's office no more than 15 days after the County Commissioners meet to set the date of the recall election.

About the Arapahoe County Assessor's Office

The Assessor's Office discovers, lists, classifies and values all real and personal property in Arapahoe County. The Office is also responsible for maintaining public records, including ownership and parcel maps; submitting the Abstract of Assessment to the Colorado Division of Property Taxation; certifying values to taxing entities; and producing the warrant roll. The Arapahoe County Assessor, Ed Bosier, began working for the Office in 1987 as a certified appraiser/supervisor in Land Development. Voters first elected him to the Office of the Assessor in 1995. He is currently serving his third term, which expires January of 2007.

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