

## — Fire the Mayor Petition Blazes Forward —

In a decision delivered in the afternoon on July 10th, King County Superior Court Judge Mary Roberts granted approval to a group of petitioners calling for the recall of Seattle mayor Jenny Durkan.

Citing Mayor Durkan's persistent violation of duties, the petitioners' recall effort, known locally as *Fire the Mayor*, started online where it quickly garnered over 30,000 names and moved towards the courtroom.

"Jenny Durkan's abuses of power, lack of foresight and failure to protect the public — and the peace — in Seattle leaves us with no choice," lead petitioner Elliott Harvey said. "This is exactly the kind of case a recall is intended to address."

Despite the Mayor's assertion that she "operated without the benefit of hindsight", the petitioners challenged that perspective by referencing the legal precedents established following the infamous 1999 WTO protests.

"Twenty years is a sufficient time frame to gain the hindsight needed to respect the legal rights and protections of the public," petitioner Harvey said.

Mayor Durkan's legal representation is being helmed by Rebecca Roe, a Seattle-based trial lawyer representing Schroeter Goldmark Bender.

According to Mayor Durkan's Opposition to Petition brief, Ms. Roe argued that "the breadth of the Petition makes responding to each of its facial allegations and legal conclusions nearly impossible". Ms. Roe then contradicted that argument by stating that the charges were "insufficient".

*Fire the Mayor is a grassroots campaign promoting justice and accountability during a moment in American history where both principles are vital. Our intention to Fire the Mayor creates an opportunity for collective voices to be heard while offering an unprecedented opportunity to change. For more information or to volunteer, please visit [firethemayor.org](http://firethemayor.org).*