

PETITION

IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF LOREN KING, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT I

TO:

City of Deltona, Florida

Attention: City Manager
Heidi K. Herzberg, Mayor at Large
Anita Bradford, Vice Mayor, District 2
Maritza Avila-Vazquez, District 3
Dana McCool, District 4
Victor M. Ramos, District 5
Julio David Sosa, District 6

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We, the undersigned, citizens of the State of Florida and West Volusia National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the City of Deltona, Florida and/or County of West Volusia as well as, families and friends, do hereby request the **IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF LOREN KING** who represents District I as a City Commissioner in the City of Deltona, Florida.

Florida Statutes: 100.361 - Any member of the governing body of a municipality or charter county, hereinafter referred to in this section as "municipality," may be removed from office by the electors of the municipality. When the official represents a district and is elected only by electors residing in that district, only electors from that district are eligible to sign the petition to recall that official and are entitled to vote in the recall election. When the official represents a district and is elected at-large by the electors of the municipality, all electors of the municipality are eligible to sign the petition to recall that official and are entitled to vote in the recall election.

We understand that according to Florida Statutes 112.51 the Governor may suspend from office any elected or appointed municipal official for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, habitual drunkenness, incompetence, or permanent inability to perform official duties.

As citizens of Deltona, Florida the following facts are presented in support of our petition:

1. Loren King was elected as a Deltona City Commissioner, District I in 2018.
2. Loren King has publicly stated to be a member of the Oath Keepers
3. Oath Keepers are a large but loosely organized collection of right-wing anti-government extremists who are part of the militia movement, which believes that the federal government has been coopted by shadowy conspiracy that is trying to strip American citizens of their rights.

4. Oath Keepers accept anyone as members, what differentiates them from other anti-government extremist groups is their explicit focus on recruiting current and former military, law enforcement and first responder personnel.
5. Oath Keepers are essentially self-organized, and form official, semi-official or informal groupings of Oath Keepers.
6. The Oath Keepers were particularly active in 2020, participating in various anti-lockdown protests, providing vigilante-style “security” for local communities and businesses during the Black Lives Matter protests that spread in the wake of the killing of George Floyd, and warning about a potential takeover by the “Marxist left” during the 2020 election.
7. Members of the Oath Keepers have been arrested in connection with a wide range of criminal activities, including various firearms violations, conspiracy to impede federal workers, possession of explosives, and threatening public officials.
8. At least nine people associated with the Oath Keepers have been charged with conspiracy in connection with the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol
9. Oath Keepers confront discrimination and secure justice such as hate crimes, religious freedom, free speech, race and racial justice, criminal justice reform, education equity, women’s equity, voting rights, LGBTQ rights and Immigrant & Refugee rights.
10. Oath Keepers fight Antisemitism, combat extremism and hate, support Israel: A Jewish and Democratic State

The citizens, families and friends of the Deltona community are requesting the immediate resignation of Loren King, Commissioner, District I. Due to his involvement with the Oath Keepers, we are deeply concerned with his ability to govern rationally as an official in the city of Deltona.

Sincerely,

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