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**Unofficial Tally Shows Recalls Succeeding**  
*City Clerk Announces Recall*  
*for Councilmembers Hernandez and Ruelas*

On January 13, 2009, residents of the City of San Fernando cast their ballots to decide whether to recall San Fernando City Councilmembers Jose Hernandez and Julie Ruelas. The results of the unofficial tally show that the recall is Yes for Councilmember Ruelas and Yes for Councilmember Hernandez.

City Clerk Elena G. Chávez reported that these results are unofficial and preliminary: "The official canvass will begin on Wednesday and will continue until we have counted all the ballots." The City Clerk has until the fourth Friday after the election, February 6, 2009, to complete the official canvas. Ms. Chávez anticipates completing the official canvass in time to certify the results to the City Council at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 20th.

Once the official canvass is complete, the City Clerk will certify the results to the City Council, which will then declare the results of the election. The City Clerk will issue a certificate of election to the replacement candidates receiving the highest number of votes. At that point, Councilmembers Ruelas and Hernández will be removed from office, and the replacement candidates (Ernesto Hernández and Brenda Esqueda respectively) will complete the remainder of his or her term.

Councilmember Hernandez' term expires in March 3, 2009, when the regularly scheduled general municipal election will take place. Two Councilmembers and the City Treasurer positions will be on the ballot for that election.

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