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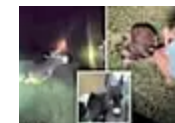
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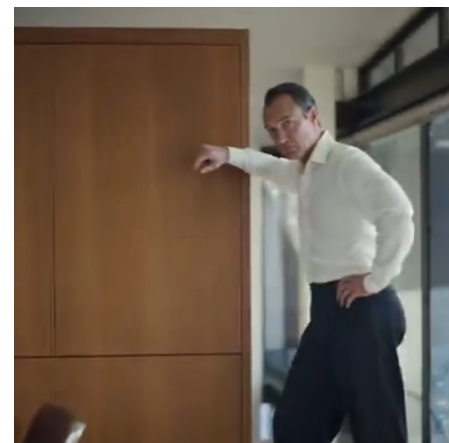
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Pasadena school district president launches Hail Mary bid to dodge recall after scandal

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A California school board president **accused of secretly pushing** a school contract is trying to kill a recall campaign before voters can weigh in.

Pasadena Unified School District Board President Tina Fredericks has turned **legal showdown** over allegations she conducted **district business behind closed doors**.

Recall organizers accuse Fredericks of violating California's Ralph M. Brown Act by holding meetings and a series of communications with other board members about school consolidation.



Pasadena Unified School District Board President Tina Fredericks has turned to the courts to stop the effort to oust her.

They also claim she advanced her own “Consolidation 2027” plan while pres
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Recall organizers accuse Fredericks of violating California's Ralph M. I
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Fredericks denies the allegations.

She reportedly said no more than two or three of the seven board members participated in any communication and that “Consolidation 2027” was a collection of personal notes never circulated.

However, the case takes an unusual turn.

Her original court filing included 124 unidentified “Doe” parties, matching the number of residents who signed the notice of intention to circulate the recall petition.

Recall proponents believed the filing meant Fredericks intended to sue each of them, Pasadena Now reported.

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Fredericks denies the allegations leveled at her by recall organizers.

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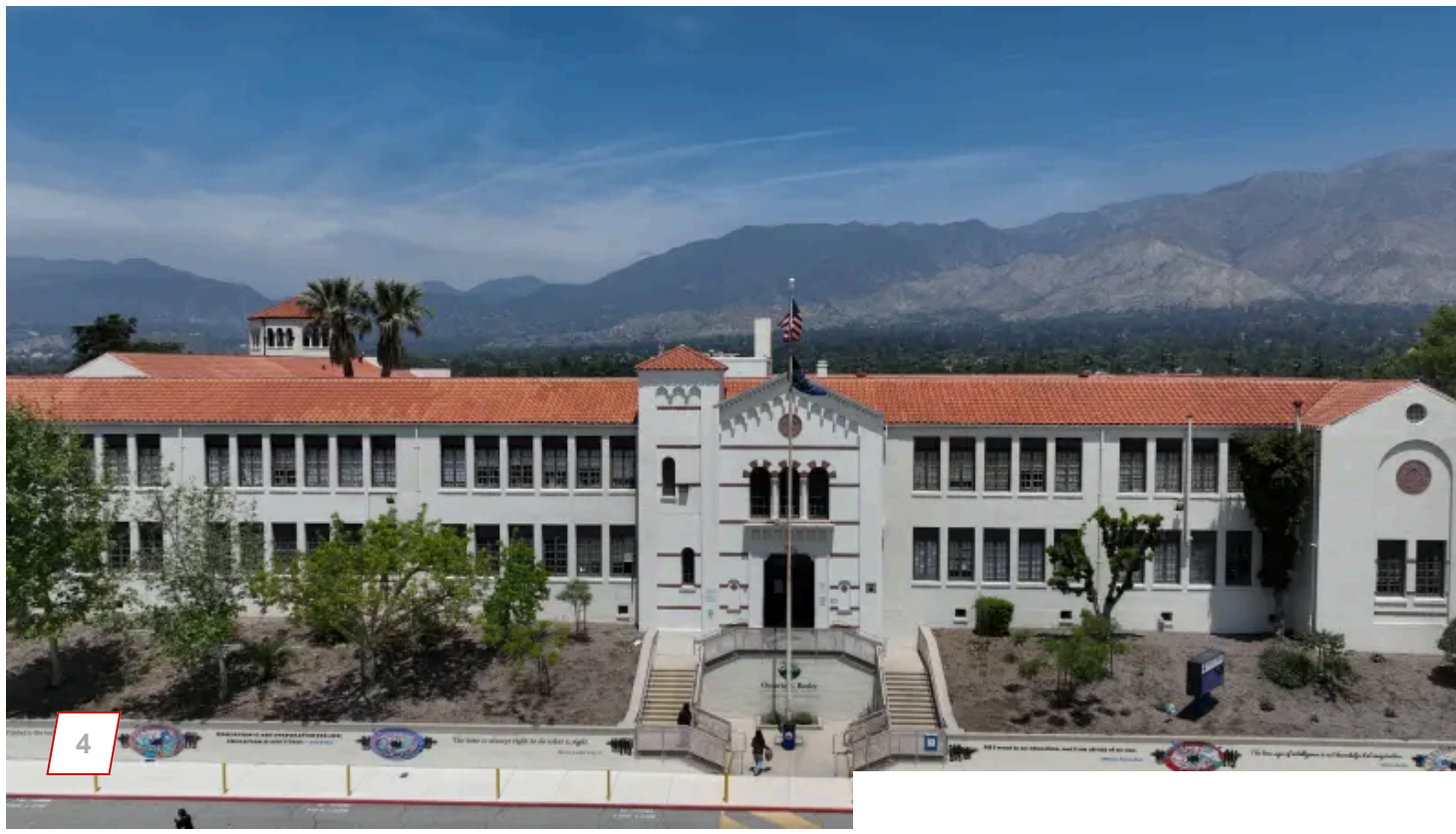


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Fredericks filed the lawsuit July 2 against the Los Angeles County Reg

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Fredericks later removed the residents from the case, saying they included the requirements.

“I had no intention of suing them,” she told Pasadena Now. “From the beginning and that’s it.”

Fredericks — who represents Trustee Area 6 — filed the lawsuit July 2 against the recall petition and prevent it from circulating while the court considers her challenge.

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She submitted an amended petition Sept. 2 striking the 124 signers from the filing.

The case is scheduled for a hearing Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. before Judge Tiana J. Murillo at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles.

Fredericks is representing herself in the proceedings.

The Registrar-Recorder approved recall petitions against Fredericks and Trustee Scott Harden for signature gathering on August 13.

Supporters now have until December 11 to gather signatures from 20% of eligible voters in each trustee area, according to the outlet.

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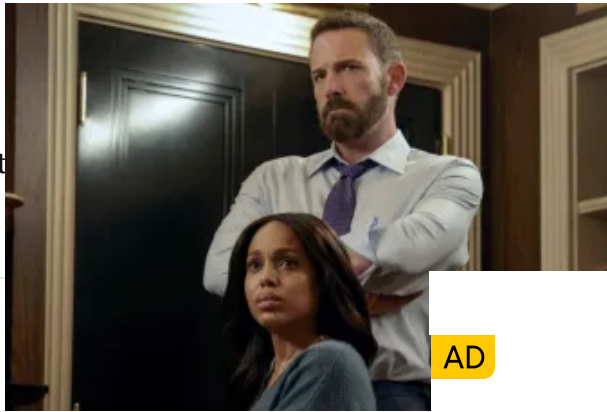
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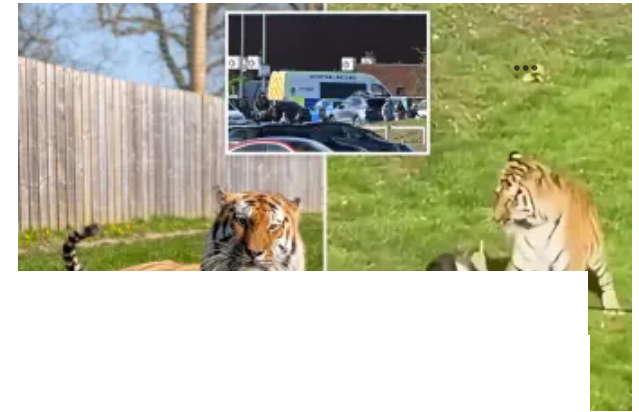
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