

A Greedy Mayor

- (1) Citizens of a suburb near Juno, Alaska are circulating a petition to withdraw the town's mayor, alleging she has used her political influence as mayor for her personal advantage.
- (2) A representative for the group that is spearheading the recall effort told a local newspaper that the mayor had given city jobs with large salaries to several of her relatives and family friends.
- (3) She had also used her authority to manipulate zoning laws in favor of a proposed shopping mall.
- (4) While the mayor has refuted any connections with the project, she allegedly owns a substantial amount of stock in the company which will build the shopping center.
- (5) To top things off, she has spent campaign money on personal shopping, updating her wardrobe, and furnishing her new office.
- (6) So far, volunteer workers have amassed half of the 12,000 signatures needed to initiate a recall election.
- (7) Should this recall take place, it will be the first ever in Alaskan history.

語注

- (1) Juno ジュノー; アラスカ州の州都 circulate 回覧する、配布する petition 請願書、嘆願書 withdraw 退かせる allege 申し立てる
- (2) representative 代表 spearhead 先頭につく、陣頭指揮をとる relative 親戚
- (3) authority 権限 manipulate 操作する zoning law 都市計画[区画]法
in favor of …に有利に
- (4) refute 反論する、意義を唱える allegedly 申し立てによると、伝えられるところによると substantial かなりの、多くの
- (5) top things off おまけに campaign money 選挙資金、運動資金 furnish 家具などを備え付ける
- (6) so far これまで amass 蓄積する、収集する signatures 署名 initiate 始める
- (7) take place 起こる、行われる