

Fact Check #5

Myths on recall elections and changes of city leaders

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Political turmoil according to Nexsen:

Mayor Nexsen quote 12/10/13; “*Our citizens understand that if we are to bring in new investment to our town, it will not happen without a City Council that can work together for the common good of the community and without private agendas. We saw the devastating impact on our City just a few years ago when there was so much local political turmoil and personal agendas.*”

Clearly this was in reference to the former administration and the [total recall](#) election of a clean sweep for the challengers in early 2005. And yes, Havasu loves [recalls](#). The city’s first election was in 1981 and the first recall election was in 1982. There was another recall in 1989 and another in 1993. So, three recall elections in the first fifteen years of the incorporation of the city and another in 2005.

Research the facts:

I did some research to see just what was “*the devastating impact on our City*” and the “*political turmoil*” of the recall and changes in 2005.

The questions I researched were; Did the 2005 recall and changes in the position of mayor and council members, have any negative impacts on the economy of Havasu, sales tax revenues, population growth, numbers of building permits (commercial and residential), dollar value of those permits, unemployment rates, numbers of people employed, per capita income, and other key economic demographic bench marks?

With most of 2005 and the start of 2006, Havasu was booming. All of the key economic indicators were awesome. So much for “*the devastating impact on our City.*”

What about the “*political turmoil*”? Well...the incumbent mayor lost in a landslide. You can bet with a spanking of that magnitude, there was some turmoil. Only a few people (losers) are still griping about that recall.

Conclusions:

1. To improve the economy of Havasu, start a recall election.
2. If an incumbent can draw only 26% of the vote on election night, 2014 might be a good year for a challenge to Nexsen. Which he will see as having a “*devastating impact on our City*” and for sure, a cause of “*political turmoil.*”

I’d like to hear your opinions on such subjects and I need your help. Please contact me: Email dbu@dbuhomes.com Cell 928.716.3014 Video at www.BillUllery.com