

PETITION

In the exercise of citizens' constitutional right of assembly and in exercise of the power granted by Section 8 of the City of Holyoke Charter, which states, "General meetings of the citizens qualified to vote may from time to time be held, according to the right secured by the constitution of the Commonwealth, and all such meetings may, and upon the request in writing of fifty qualified voters, setting forth the purposes thereof, shall be duly called by the city council," at least fifty (50) duly registered and qualified voters in the City of Holyoke in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts do hereby call for a meeting of the Holyoke City Council to hold a public hearing to decide upon the removal "for cause" and for the good of the Geriatric Authority of Holyoke of any or all of the board members of the Geriatric Authority of Holyoke by the power vested in the Holyoke City Council through 1971 Mass. Acts 554, § 3 and G. L. c. 39, § 8A.

These registered and qualified voters do believe that the "for cause" standard has been met due to the failure of the Geriatric Authority of Holyoke to recognize and pay its debts to the City of Holyoke, including, but not limited to, the burden now being unfairly placed upon the taxpayers of Holyoke and upon the tax levy in the form of approximately \$465,000.00 in unpaid retirement appropriations that should have been paid by the Geriatric Authority of Holyoke.