Press release from: Will Frohlich, Victor Mayor.

I am confident that the voters of Victor, come November, would defeat the recall petition that has been filed against me. That being said, I do not believe it to be in the best interest of the City to be embroiled for months in the defeat of the recall election, when so many more pressing issues face us. Additionally, after learning who is behind the recall effort and who is financing it, I believe the unfounded personal attacks will only persist. Out of respect for my family, our city, the community I care deeply about, and the responsibilities of my full-time career, I have decided I am no longer willing to remain involved in this dynamic.

For the above reasons, I am resigning as mayor of Victor, effective July 1st, 2026.
It has been my honor to be involved in City government for 15 years, and as your mayor for the past 7 years. During my time in office, we have accomplished a lot together that we can be proud of. There has been much change in that time, and the continued growth trajectory persists.

With regards to the City Council's decision that it would be in Victor's best interest to build its own, state of the art wastewater treatment plant, let me be clear; It is. This is true for many reasons, but first and foremost because the Teton River is our Valley's Crown Jewel. The Driggs plant, under a Federal Consent decree requiring a complete rebuild, has been shown to be a chronic polluter. The Idaho Conservation League ranks the Driggs plant among Idaho's 3 worst performing facilities. The EPA has documented over 3,700 Permit violations. In both 2022 and 2023, the plant discharged 36,000 pounds of ammonia into the Teton, which exceeds permitted limits by roughly 25 times.

From a financial standpoint, The Inter City Agreement of 2011 between Victor and Driggs required annual independent audits of shared wastewater finances. The first audit (narrow in scope) did not occur until 2024 and revealed serious and ongoing irregularities. Those financial irregularities, coupled with a prolonged failure by Driggs to communicate, form the basis of Victor's lawsuit against Driggs. The lawsuit was only filed after a 9-hour failed mediation in which Driggs was unwilling to entertain a fair and equitable path forward on a joint plant. The request for a joint plant from Victor remains on the table still today. Driggs leadership needs to stand behind the decisions they have made. The public deserves to know the truth on how we got to this point.

It has been implied that I have been the barrier to negotiations between Victor and Driggs. I wholeheartedly disagree with this assertion, and look forward to seeing how things go following my departure.

We have been fortunate to have an excellent and highly qualified Staff at the City of Victor. I am very proud to have worked alongside them. They work hard and at the direction of the City Council. The personal attacks and smears lobbed against some members of staff for simply doing their jobs, by these so called "Victor Watchdogs" are reprehensible and tell you everything you need to know about that group.

Going forward, regardless of what happens next, I believe Victor rate payers will be paying more than they otherwise would be if City Council's decision to build a stand-alone facility, owned and operated by Victor had been timely implemented. Sadly, this did not happen due to the short-sighted efforts of a few who pretend to be "watching" over Victor. When rates inevitably rise, you will know who to thank.

Under the current agreement between Driggs and Victor, Driggs is obligated to treat Victor's wastewater until 2041. In the interim, it is my hope that the city, through its duly elected council will continue to work towards building its own independent cutting-edge facility so that one day the ratepayers of Victor will control their own City infill development and future.

My parting hope is that the residents of Victor prioritize the long-term health of the Teton River and responsible growth of this Valley. Building state-of-the-art infrastructure will ensure that the river stays clean for future generations, as well as give Victor the ability to provide transparent financials and accurate record keeping. If I have done my part to help facilitate that end, then I am happy to step down. Someday, it is my hope that the only excrement the people of Victor are concerned with is that coming out of the mouths of the "Victor Watchdogs."