

Recall Efforts Underway

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) Supporters of an unprecedented effort to oust Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker from office said they will turn in more than enough signatures Tuesday to force the Republican into a recall election barely a year into his first term. Walker, however, has no plans to be anywhere near the Capitol when recall organizers submit their petitions. The governor is scheduled to be fundraising in New York at the time organizers say they will unload 3,000 pounds of paperwork from a truck and haul it into the state election board's offices. The signature drive started two months ago, largely in reaction to a law pushed by the governor last year that ended nearly all collective bargaining rights for most public workers. Organizers say they have gathered far more than the 540,208 signatures required to force the election against both Walker and GOP Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch. Democratic Party and union leaders say they're not concerned about not having someone actively running against Walker and trying to match his fundraising. In fact, they say it was part of their strategy. Other potential candidates include Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, whom Walker beat by 5 percentage points in 2010, retired Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk, former U.S. Rep. Dave Obey, current U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, state Sen. Jon Erpenbach and state Rep. Peter Barca.