

An ad hoc "Save the Mendel" lobby is organizing a referendum petition to force a binding referendum on the Mendel/Remail issue.

Our goal: To enlist 240 or so citizens to each obtain 100 signatures, thereby surpassing the required 23,660 total (i.e., 1/10th of the population) as specified by the city clerk.

With 2,600 signatures already on the *SaveTheMendel.org* website and two media polls indicating roughly 70% of
respondents *against the proposed Remail Gallery,*
we anticipate plenty of support for the petition.

If you'd be willing to take a petition sheet, send an e-mail to savethemendel@sasktel.net . Simply provide your name, address, and phone number and we'll get back to you. Meanwhile, please spread the word about this pro-Mendel initiative.

At issue: Would you rather have \$4.6-million in civic taxes go to an expanded, refurbished Mendel (see city's 2009 Budget) or \$34-million in civic taxes toward the \$84-million Remail Gallery (parkade included). That cost-differential would bankroll a new Traffic Bridge - or a lot of road maintenance.

No politician could publicly oppose an initiative that seeks to find out whether or not there's grassroots support for the Remail Gallery. If there is—fine. Let it proceed. If not, the civic administration could then re-direct its energies where it was a few years ago—i.e., to enlarging and renovating the Mendel Gallery on the riverbank—as per 111(1) of The Cities Act.

Please consider taking one of our petitions. It's not too late to stop the un-wanted, un-needed, and unaffordable Remail. And may the voice of the people be heard.