

Petition Circulation Instructions

Read Carefully

Petition circulators:

- (1) must be a U.S. citizen over 18 years of age and may reside anywhere;
- (2) cannot circulate petitions of candidates of more than one political party in the same election;
- (3) must personally observe each person sign so you cannot share petition sheets;
- (4) do not need to have someone sign in every blank – a petition with one signature is valid;
- (5) must fill in all blanks on circulator statement and personally appear before a notary public (circulator cannot notarize a petition that he or she circulated);
- (6) **must not number the petition pages** – this will be done later after all petitions have been collected.

Petition signers:

- (1) must be a registered voter within the district in which the candidate is seeking nomination;
- (2) must personally sign petition in the same manner in which they signed their voter registration form;
- (3) cannot sign a petition on behalf of someone else;
- (4) must sign in ink;
- (5) cannot sign petitions of candidates of more than one political party in the same election;
- (6) should fill in their full address (no ditto marks or abbreviations) but the circulator can fill it in for them;
- (7) are not obligated to vote for our candidate – they are just helping get the candidate on the ballot so that people can vote for them.

Best practices

- (1) Ask each signer if they are a registered to vote at their current address. If they are registered at their current address, continue to (2) below.
- (2) Ask the signer if they live in the District (use a map). If the signer lives in the district have them sign the petition.
- (3) Remember to be polite and professional. If the person does not want to sign or is rude to you please remember that they are a potential voter for your candidate and you do not want to give them a negative opinion of your candidate by your actions.
- (4) Door-to-door circulation is generally more effective as public places often have a significant population from outside the district.
- (5) **Please keep your petition as clean as possible.**

Thank you for your assistance.