

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING A PETITION

Each county Registrar of Voters office will **compare signatures** and verify the name and address of both the signer(s) and the petition circulator. Signatures will not be counted unless they match.

- **Registered voters:** Only voters **currently** registered in California may sign a petition. A person must re-register if they move or change their name. A teenager who is not a registered voter cannot sign the petition.
- **Sign only for yourself:** IMPORTANT! Do NOT let anyone complete **any part of the petition** for you, including your spouse. This will invalidate the signature.
- **Ink color:** Use black or blue ink.
- **Each petition is county specific:** This means that a petition signer must sign on a petition that is for residents of his/her county. Be sure to fill in the name of the county above the first signature. *See example 1.*

## Example 1:

Write County Name Here

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.

All signers of this petition must be registered in  County.

SAMPLE	Print Your Name: <i>John E. Doe</i>	Residence Address ONLY: <i>123 Any Street</i>	<i>This column for official use only.</i>
	Signature As Registered to Vote: <i>John E. Doe</i>	City: <i>Any Town</i> Zip: <i>55555</i>	

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**Easy Steps:**

Follow instructions carefully or signatures will not be valid.

**1** Fill in County here.

- **Name:** Sign the petition as you are registered to vote. If a person doesn't remember how they filled in the voter registration form, they should sign the petition using their full name.
- **Address:** This address must match the address used on the voter registration form. The address on the petition must be a residence, NOT a P.O. Box.
- **Sign once:** Each registered voter is allowed to sign a petition only once. Duplicate signatures are disqualified. Multiple signings by the same person will cause the County Registrar of Voters office to deduct a percentage of the *valid* signatures.
- **Mistakes:** If a mistake is made by a signer, simply mark through both lines on the box and have the signer start over in the next box. This does not invalidate the entire petition.

## DEADLINE TO RETURN PETITIONS TO CAMPAIGN – Early Nov.

**Please mail to:**  
 Privacy for All Students  
 660 J Street, Suite 250  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

- **BE SURE THAT ALL 5 PLACES IN THE SIGNATURE BOX ARE FILLED IN:** (See Example 2.)

**Example 2:**

↓ 1	↓ 2	
<p><b>SAMPLE</b></p> <p>Print Your Name: <u>John E. Doe</u>      Residence Address ONLY: <u>123 Any Street</u></p> <p>Signature As Registered to Vote: <u>John E. Doe</u>      City: <u>Any Town</u>      Zip: <u>55555</u></p>		<p><i>This column for official use only.</i></p>
↑ Write affidavit number here.	↑ 3	↑ 4      ↑ 5

- If someone signing the petition has also registered to vote at the same time, be sure to write the red affidavit number from the registration form in the blank box to the left of the name on the petition. (See Example 2 above.)
- Mail the completed voter registration form, within three days to the County Registrar of Voters office on the outside of the form.

**DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR SECTION** (See Example 3 below.)

If you ask someone to sign a petition, or you sign your own petition, **you must** fill in the section at the bottom of the petition called the “DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR.” This section **must** be completed even if there is only one signer on a petition, or the entire petition will be invalid. The entire section must be completed by hand. Typing or photocopying is not allowed.

**The DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR has 8 blanks that MUST be completed:**

1. Print your name as you are registered to vote. Always include your entire name if unsure of how you registered to vote.
2. Write the County where **you** are registered to vote. A registered voter is allowed to collect signatures for **any** California county.
3. Write the complete address where you are registered to vote. NO P.O. Boxes.
4. Write the date you started collecting signatures. If you happen to forget the date, write an approximate date, but be sure it is not a date later than the date in box 5.
5. Write the date you finished collecting signatures. It may be the same start and finish date if you collected all of the signatures in one day.
6. This date is after the last person signed the petition or the date when you complete the form.
7. Write the county you are in while completing this section.
8. SIGN YOUR NAME AS YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE OR THE ENTIRE PETITION IS INVALID.

**Example 3:**

↓ This entire box (lines 1-8) must be completed or the entire petition will be invalid. ↓

**DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR** (If you are the only person signing this petition, or if you ask someone to sign this petition, you must fill in this box.)

I, ①, am registered to vote in the County (or City and County) of ②, or am qualified to register to vote in California. My residence address is ③.

I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of ④ and ⑤.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on ⑥, at ⑦.

**MUST BE SIGNED HERE ALSO** SIGNATURE: ⑧ Email:

PRINT NAME      COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY  
RESIDENCE ADDRESS      CITY      STATE      ZIP  
MONTH / DAY / YEAR      MONTH / DAY / YEAR  
MONTH AND DAY      YEAR      COUNTY AND STATE  
COMPLETE SIGNATURE INDICATING FULL NAME OF CIRCULATOR      EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)