

Petition Circulator Instructions

These instructions are for if you are **collecting** signatures. You can print the petition file double-sided and you will have everything you need to circulate candidate-specific petitions for:

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- Nicola Henry-Taylor
- Mik Pappas

REMEMBER:

- Signers must write their municipality, which is not always their mailing city (e.g., Franklin Park, not Wexford).
- Signers must write the **full date** (e.g., 2/16/21) in the last column. They should **NOT** write their zip code. The date **MUST** include the year (21 or 2021).
- You must personally witness every signature.
- After collecting signatures, you must fill out 1-5 of “Statement of Circulator” on the back.

PETITION COLLECTION FAQs:

How do I witness someone signing a petition?

The signer must fill out the entire line. You cannot fill it out for them - they must sign it themselves.

The signers must **sign the first box** and **print clearly and legibly in the second**. If they mix this up the signature will be invalidated. 2. Signers should use the address at which they are registered to vote. 3. Signers should not abbreviate. For example, “Pittsburgh” is acceptable but “PGH” is not. 4. Dates can be written in numbers or text: “2/13/21” and “February 13, 2021” are both acceptable. But **the year** must be included.]

Once you’ve seen them fill out the entire line, you’ve witnessed their signature.

QUESTIONS?

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Why have I received Republican and Democratic petitions?

All the candidates are running on both the Republican and Democratic ballots, so they need to get signatures from both parties' voters. Because judicial elections are not meant to be partisan, most candidates run on both tickets.

What if I see someone make a mistake while signing?

If you catch someone make a mistake while they're filling out the petition, draw a line through the entire row and have them sign correctly on the row below.

Who can sign the petition?

Only **voters registered as Democrats or Republicans in Allegheny County** can sign the petition. If someone is not registered to vote, or is registered with a third party, they can register or change their registration immediately at votespa.com. Once they register online, they can immediately sign. They cannot sign the petition if they have not yet registered.

How many petitions can someone sign?

Signers can sign every petition for the party they're registered. So a Democrat can sign all three Democrat petitions, but none of the Republican petitions.

What do I do when I'm done getting signatures?

You must sign the circulator statement at the end of the petition after you've finished witnessing signatures on a petition. You cannot collect additional signatures once the statement has been filled out. **We have to throw out the entire sheet if you don't sign the statement at the end of the petition.**

We will be driving petitions to Harrisburg on March 5, so we need to receive all petitions by March 4. You can return your petitions at any time at 7008 Willard St, Pittsburgh, PA or 5630 Phillips Ave, Pittsburgh PA, or call Kirsten at 773-332-9644 to schedule your petitions being picked up.

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