



Legal Requirements for Getting Signatures

Thank you for volunteering to collect signatures to put the California Against Slavery initiative on the ballot in November 2010. Together we can bring justice to the victims of modern day slavery.

A. By law, a Petition Circulator must...

- 1/ Be eligible to vote in California - meaning you are a US citizen, live in California, and 18 years old by the next election
- 2/ Sign the CIRCULATOR AGREEMENT form saying that you know it's a **misdemeanor** to:
 - Use the signer's information for any purpose other than qualifying the petition;
 - Misrepresent the contents, purpose or effect of the measure;
 - Make a false statement in response to an inquiry from a potential signer;
 - Prevent a potential signer from reading the petition;
 - Pay a signer for his or her signature;
 - Obscure the summary of the measure;
 - Refuse to return a section to the proponents.

Basically it's against the law to lie or use the data collected for anything other than the petition.

B. Only California registered voters may sign the petition.

- 1/ If they are eligible to vote, they can register to vote at the same time they sign the petition. **Please collect the voter registration card from them, or they'll forget to send it in.**
- 2/ They must provide accurate names and residence address (**no PO box**) on the petition. **Incorrect names or addresses will hurt us.**

C. There are 3 sections on the petition to fill out:

- 1/ COUNTY NAME. One form may include signatures from **ONLY ONE COUNTY**.
 - Multiple forms are needed if you are gathering signatures at events attended by voters from multiple counties.
 - It is not necessary for the circulator to be a resident of the same county in which the petition signers reside.
- 2/ SIGNER'S INFORMATION. All fields must be filled: name, resident address, signature, city and zipcode.
 - No abbreviation of street or city name. No PO box. No initials
 - Blue or black pens only.
 - No pre-fill dates, stamps or labels are acceptable.
 - You can cross out mistakes, but no white-out and you cannot tamper with their signature.
 - Name, address, and signature must match their voter registration. If they moved, they must update their voter registration with the new address.

All signers of this petition must be registered to vote in _____		ONE county per form	County	This Column for official use only
1. Print Your Name	Residence	Signers fill this part. No abbrev of street name/city.		
Signature as Registered to Vote	City Zip			

- 3/ DECLARATION OF CIRCULATION. For the petition to be valid, the Petition Circulator must fill the declaration on the bottom of each form AFTER the signatures are collected. Do this last.
- 4/ If you are filling out a new voter registration card, write the voter registration card # in the column to the LEFT of the signature box. If card # is not available write "NEW" in the left column. This ensures that your signature will be counted.

IMPORTANT:

- Please don't leave petitions unattended. You must witness all the signatures on that petition.
- Do not separate the signature page from the body of the initiative. The initiative is multiple pages long, and must be kept intact at all times.
- A petition is valid even if it only has one signature. Not all the signature blocks need to be filled. You can be a signer on the petition you are circulating if you're a registered voter. A voter can sign the petition only once. Duplications will count against the campaign.
- Each petition is a legal document, so please be careful to comply with all rules. Invalid signatures count against the campaign.
- Turn in all petitions to your team lead at the end of each day.

D. A petition can be thrown out if the format does not conform to legal guidelines.

- The petition is in PDF. **Simply open the PDF and press print.** The margin, font and other formats are set in accordance with legal guidelines. Please do not alter anything when printing.
- Do not make any change to page setting or format.
- Do not change the paper size, do not use print scale to decrease or increase the page
- Check the margin to make sure that there is at least one-inch margin at the top and half an inch on the bottom. A petition will be invalid if the top margin is less than one inch.