



California Against Slavery Training for Petition Circulators

Volunteer Petition Circulator Instructions

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.

PART 1: Legal requirements for getting signatures.

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 (Please note that CAS requires all our Petition Circulators be registered voters before circulating to avoid confusion.)
- 2) Sign the CIRCULATOR AGREEMENT form saying that you know that 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 name and residence address (no PO box) on the petition. Incorrect names/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 _____ County		This Column for official use only
1. Print Your Name	Residence Address ONLY	
Signature as Registered to Vote	City	Zip

ONE county per form

Signers fill this part. No abbreviation of street name/city.

Fill in new voter registration card # if applicable.

- If the signer is filling out a new voter registration card at the same time – write the voter registration card # in the left column to the **LEFT** of the signature box. It is very important that you **DO NOT** fill in the right column.



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- 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.

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.

- If you are downloading the petition from the internet, 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.

PART 2: Approaching a Signer.

A. To collect signatures, you will need:

- Multiple copies of the petition
- Blue/black ballpoint pens and a clipboard (or cardboard cutout with rubber bands)
- A handful of voter registration cards (nice to have)

B. Approaching a Signer

The CAS Rules of Engagement: **CAS**—**C**atch their attention, be **A**ssertive not aggressive, and **S**mile

- Make eye contact, smile, and say "Hello". Be polite and respectful even if people do not agree with you. **FIRST** ask **"Pardon me, are you a registered California voter?"**
 - **If yes:** "Great! We are getting signatures to strengthen California's human trafficking laws. May I ask you to sign it?" If they hesitate, add "You are not voting on it at this time. This is just to put it on the ballot to give voters a choice next November." Also add any relevant information if you think it can help you tip the balance.
 - **If no,** "Can I help you register now?"
 - If yes, give them a Voter Registration Card to fill out at the moment
 - If no again: "Thanks anyway."
- If they are resistant, simply say "Thank you, have a nice day." The goal is to get signatures, not to convince people. Move on to the next person who might be more interested.
- If they are willing to sign, ask "In what county are you registered to vote?" Then make sure you pass them the form with the right county name.
- Let them know that the information they provide on the petition is protected by law and is only used for this petition and nothing else. Invalid signatures will count against the campaign.



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- Once the signer is done, do a quick check:
 - No PO Box or blanks allowed.
 - Make sure it's legible and accurate before they walk away, so read it back. *"Let me check on this; That's John Doe, D-O-E, and your street address is 1234 Main Street, Sacramento 95815 right?"*
 - You can cross out badly written information and start in a new box, but **no white-out** is allowed and you cannot tamper with their signature.
 - Remember to say *"Thank you"* and smile!
- Never leave your petitions forms unattended.

C. Be Informed—Quick Talking Points on Human Trafficking:

- There are 27M slaves in the world today. In 2007, slave traders made more money than Google, Nike, and Starbucks combined
- Over 17,000 slaves are brought into the United States every year—80% female and children
- At least 100,000 American minors are victims of domestic sex trafficking (Shared Hope Int'l)
- Human trafficking flourishes where the law is weak. Current California law does not hold traffickers accountable nor reflect the severity of the crime. Under state law, human trafficking carries a sentence of 3-5 years (4-8 for minors), which is lighter than rape and kidnapping.

D. Highlight of the Initiative

- Mandatory 2-hour human trafficking training for law enforcement (SEC 8 of initiative)
- Inclusion of sex trafficking of minors in the state definition of human trafficking (SEC 4)

- Increased penalty and fines (SEC 4) – from the current 3,4,5 or (4,6,8 for minors) to:
 - 6, 12, 16 years and up to \$300k fine for forced labor/service of any person and sex trafficking of adults
 - Minor sex trafficking:
 - 5, 8, 11 years and up to \$300k fine with no force
 - 15 years to life and up to \$500k fine with force
- More rights for victims:
 - Longer timeframe to bring civil suit (SEC 1)
 - Allocation of forfeited assets and additional fine for victim services with at least 50% to community organizations (SEC 3, SEC 7-253)

E. Where to collect signatures

- Start with people you know, of course.
- Locations where people are familiar with each other are terrific, like in front of your church/synagogue/temple, campuses, dorms, associations.
- On buses or trains where people are sitting in commute
- Stand in high traffic areas and public locations, public sidewalks and main entrances. Do not trespass private properties. Work with local store managers to get permission to stand in front of the store.
- Locations where people are waiting are great. Possible locations: on bus/metro stations, movie theaters, concert lines, shopping centers, amusement parks, near bathrooms (though the smell won't be as great).



CAMPAIGN COPY Petition Circulator Compliance Agreement

I am _____ (printed name) and
I reside at _____ (street address), in _____ (city), _____ (zip)
and can be reached at _____ (phone number) and _____ (email), and
that I am at least 18 years of age at this time on _____ (today: day, month, year) and

I make these statements under penalty of perjury:

X _____ (signature).

I have received instruction and direction on the requirements and prohibitions imposed by state law with respect to the circulation of petitions and the gathering of signatures. I understand that I shall not collect or use any personal information from any Petition for any use of any kind, personal, business, or political. If I gather volunteer and recruiting information, I will do so on a separate clearly identified sign-up sheet that the new person must provide by their own hand, with clear attention that there is no obligation or need to help work on our Campaign. Any collection of volunteer/recruiting information must be on clearly identified Campaign Letterhead and/or clearly identified Campaign Sign-up sheets.

I agree not to use any information from our Initiative Petition for a purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. (Section 9607) The Petition may be circulated by a number of individuals carrying separate, identical parts of the Petition, or sections. As a petition circulator who intends to obtain signatures for California Against Slavery, I have personally completed the attached declaration to the Petition. I have not used pre-printed dates or generalized dates in any form.

I will sign my declaration under penalty of perjury, at the completion of each Petition I submit to California Against Slavery as completed by me, by my hand in ink from a pen. In accordance with Code Civ. Proc. Section 2015.5 and Section 9609, before I started circulation of any Petition for the collection of any signatures for California Against Slavery, I provided my word and promise to the person, company official, or other organizational officer who is in charge of signature gathering that:

I, _____ (printed name), acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than the qualification of the measure for the ballot.

X _____
(Signature of Circulator)

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__ at _____ (city), _____ (county)

I authorize California Against Slavery to hold my promise and statement on file for not less than eight months after the certification of the results of the election for which the petition qualified or, if the measure did not qualify, for eight months after the deadline for submission of the petition to elections officials.

RETURN FORM TO YOUR TEAM LEAD OR MAIL TO P.O. Box 7057, Fremont, CA 94537 OR E-MAIL SCANNED COPY TO form@CaliforniaAgainstSlavery.org.

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Volunteer Liability Release Form

I, _____, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless California Against Slavery and their respective officers, volunteers, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, and all persons conducted directly or indirectly, the activities surrounding my involvement as a volunteer from any and all claims, rights, demands, actions, causes of action, expenses and damages, which I or my heirs, personal representative, successors, assigns or anyone claiming by, through or under me ever had, now have, or may have against the parties identified above arising from any injury, act or omission relating to my participation as a volunteer.

I understand that I am to receive no payment for services from California Against Slavery. I am not an employee. I will not be entitled to and will not receive Worker's Compensation benefits or other similar payments from California Against Slavery under the law of the State of California in the event that I am injured.

I also hereby consent that California Against Slavery can copyright, publish, use, sell or assign any and all photographic portraits or pictures, television spots, movie films, videotapes and/or sound records or any part thereof, that they may take of me during my work as a volunteer in which I may be included in whole or in part whether separate or in conjunction with, illustrative or written manner, story or news item, motion pictures, television or radio spots or for publicity, advertising or any other lawful purpose whatsoever, in conjunction with my name or in anonymity. I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect and/or approve the finished product or advertising copy that may be used in conjunction therewith or the use to which it may be applied.

I have carefully read this Release Form and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and I sign of my own free will.

Print Name

Signature

Date

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