

What's a Valid Signature?

All signers on the nominating paper must be **REGISTERED VOTERS** from the **SAME COUNTY**. They can be from any party, or unaffiliated/independent.

A. PREAMBLE

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH:

We, the undersigned, all of whom are qualified electors of Pennsylvania, of the County, and of the electoral district(s) designated below, hereby nominate the persons designated in "B" below as candidates representing the minor political party named herein.

1. Name of Minor Political Party GREEN PARTY

2. County of Signers _____

*Fill in the **county name** at the top of the paper (in pen please!) before you start collecting.*

You can collect signatures from residents of other counties, but you must maintain **SEPARATE PETITIONS** for **EACH COUNTY**.

What Else Affects Validity?

All boxes must be filled out **legibly and correctly**. It helps to talk signers through the process. “Please *sign your name* as you did when you registered to vote, then *print*. ... Use the *street address* where you are registered. ... Make sure to write your **municipality** (not your post office) ... Today's *date* is _____”

C. SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS					
SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	PLACE OF RESIDENCE			DATE OF SIGNING
		House No.	Street or Road	City, Boro or Twp.	
1.					

Double Check Addresses & *Don't* Accept Ditto Marks!

Not everybody outside of a city knows their **municipality** offhand. Prompt them for their *township* or *borough* -- not their post office. "It's where you pay your local taxes" sometimes jogs memories.

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Ditto marks are a no-no, as is shortening the name of the municipality ("D-town, U. Makefield")

No ZIP Code Needed!

Do check for legibility & completeness every time. A common mistake is to put a ZIP code in the date box. If you don't catch that right away, others may repeat the error. **Pro Tip:** stick a post-it note right on the petition with the date.

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If you spot any mistakes, strike out the entire entry with a single line and have the signer re-enter all the information.

How Do I Invite People to Sign?

1-2-3 approach

1. **"Are you a registered voter in --- County?"** *This immediately identifies eligible signers -- and sets up positive momentum if they say "yes."*
2. **"Will you help me get candidates for U.S. Senate & PA Governor on the ballot in November?"** *Some people will immediately understand & eagerly sign the petition. Others may want more information.*
3. **"Our Green Party candidates need the signatures of thousands of registered voters (regardless of party affiliation) just to appear on the ballot.** Signing does NOT commit you to supporting them -- though of course they would also appreciate your votes in November!"

“Tell Me More About This Candidate/The Green Party”

Mention our 4 Pillars: Ecology, Peace, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy

Don't go into a ton of detail. Refer the curious to our candidates' websites and www.gpofpa.org for more information.

Keep a sign-up list on hand to collect contact info from folks who want to get involved with their local Green Party. Follow up by sharing this information with your county local!

Encourage folks who are interested in the campaigns to sign up at the Green Party of PA website and get involved. (www.gpofpa.org/volunteer)

Strategies for Maximizing Petition Signatures

- If circulating in a crowd, approach groups of two or more people, so several people hear your explanation about the petition at once.
- If tabling, stand in front of the table and actively invite people who pass by to sign the petition, instead of sitting behind the table waiting for people to approach you.
- Smile! Be friendly & enthusiastic whether people agree to sign or not. Remember, you are an ambassador for the Green Party of PA!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if someone asks a question I can't answer?

A: Don't be afraid to say "I don't know!" Encourage them to visit candidate websites or www.gpofpa.org

Q: What if someone says they're not interested in signing?

A: Remain polite and move on. Don't spend a lot of time on any one signer.

Q: What if someone doesn't want to provide all the requested information?

A: Let them know that only complete signatures will be counted (and that the GP of PA will not use their info in any way). If they refuse, thank them and move on.

PETITIONING ROADMAP



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- Begin with **people you know**. Take petition **everywhere you go** (work, school, worship, stores you frequent) for **1 full week**. Have a goal of 50 signatures. You'll have a completed petition to mail in before you know it!

Friends & Family

**Earth Day:
April 22**

**Primary Day:
May 15**

**Best locations
for registered
voters?**

- **AM & PM M-F:** Commuter train stations
- **Lunch M-F:** County courthouse at lunch hour

Evenings M-F: Public meetings at your municipal building (check your municipality's website)

Saturday mornings: Outside local library or post office

- Attend an **Earth Day** event. Bring a clipboard & circulate, or table for your local. Emphasize the Green Party's commitment to the environment!

- Plan to **table at your local polling place on May 15** or **collect signatures for a state legislature candidate at one of theirs**.

WE CAN DO IT!

8,000 SIGNATURES BY

JULY 15

How Do I Submit Completed Petitions?

Complete “Statement of Circulator” *after* petition is full -- never before! - and submit to your County Coordinator, OR mail to:

Ballot Access 2018

% Bucks County Green Party
91 West Ashland St
Doylestown PA 18901

Note: It is legal to submit a nomination paper with fewer than 50 signatures on it, but it is *much easier* for tracking purposes if we receive petitions that are full or mostly full.

Fill Out "Statement of Circulator" *Last - Never Before!*

Note: This section asks again for the **county** where the **signers** reside. You do not have to live in this county.

Address where you are registered to vote, with the **municipality** (not your post office) listed.

D. STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I state that my residence is as set forth below; that the signers to the foregoing nomination paper signed the same with full knowledge of the contents thereof; that their residences are correctly stated therein; that they all reside in the county specified below; that each signed on the date set opposite his or her name; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the signers are qualified electors of the electoral districts designated in this nomination paper.

By signing below, I agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, regarding any case or controversy arising out of my activities while circulating papers, which shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

_____, County
County of Paper Signers Residence

I, _____, state that I am the person whom I represent myself to be herein, and I state that the information set forth in this section is true and accurate and made subject to the criminal penalties imposed by law for violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).
Printed Name of Circulator

Signature: _____ Date: _____
MM/DD/YY

Address of Circulator: _____
Number Street
City, Boro or Twp. State Zip Code

NOTE: THIS STATEMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AFTER ALL SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.

THANK YOU!



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**Our grassroots campaign
is 100% volunteer.**

We can't do it without you!