

STAR Voting Canvassing Script:

Lead in.

Would you like to sign our petition to get STAR Voting on the ballot?
Are you registered to vote in Multnomah County?

Intro:

STAR Voting is a new voting system that would allow us to skip the partisan primary and have all the candidates on one ballot in November. You give candidates a score from 0 - 5, like a five star rating.

Unless they are ready to sign, explain STAR Voting:

Rather than only voting for one candidate, the STAR ballot allows you to show how much you like **each** candidate, no matter who the front runners actually are. Voters only need to vote once, but the ballots are counted in a simple two step process. STAR stands for Score Then Automatic Runoff:

Check out this sample ballot:

First you score the candidates.

All the scores are totaled and the two highest scoring are finalists.

Your ballot already shows which finalist you scored higher.

Your vote goes to the finalist you preferred.

- With STAR Voting, you can vote your conscience and you don't have to worry about splitting the vote or having your vote backfire.
- Even if your favorites don't have enough support to win, your vote will still make a difference and help prevent your worst case scenario.
- STAR Voting is one of the only systems that is highly fair and accurate with any number of candidates.
- STAR Voting levels the playing field and gives every voter an equally powerful vote, no matter what! That's why our organization is called Equal Vote!

Instructions for Gathering Signatures

- Make sure your clipboard has everything you might need:
 - **Signature sheets with the cover sheet on the back.** Plus extras!
 - **County Charter Amendment with the full Ballot Title on the back.** Required by law!
 - Frequently Asked Questions.
 - Instructions or Gathering Signatures with the Canvassing Script on the back.
 - STAR Voting email list sign up.
 - Handouts.
 - **A good pen** and a spare. (Black or blue.)
 - Donation envelopes. (Name and contact is required for all donations and **all the info on the envelope must be collected legibly for donations over \$100.**)
 - Clear plastic cover sheet to protect from rain.
- **Give accurate information.** If unsure of how to answer a question, consult the FAQ, say you don't know, or qualify your answer, for example: "I'm not entirely sure about that, but you can check our website for more information." **Be polite and never argue!**
- Only take signatures from **people currently registered to vote in Multnomah County.** They should sign the same way they signed on their registration. They must use the address that's current when they sign your petition. **Tell them to print clearly and let them focus!**
- **People who may have already signed should not sign again!** An invalid or illegible signature that is caught is worse than none at all. If it's illegible cross it out and try again!
- You can gather signatures on public streets or property if you don't impede pedestrians, but **you must get permission to gather signatures on private property.**
- **Only one circulator** can circulate each signature sheet and must witness all signatures. **Watch while people sign. Check to make sure it's all legible and complete.** PDX and PtId are okay.
- **Don't sign for anyone.** If someone is disabled and needs help printing clearly, you can help. Have them sign their signature afterwards. Their signature has to match the one on record. **Don't alter what a signer has written,** unless the signer authorizes and initials the change.
- **Don't fill in the sheet number at the bottom right of the page!** This must be done by the Chief Petitioner at the end of the campaign.
- **When the page is full, sign and fill in your information as the circulator at the bottom.** If you are canvassing or tabling with others it's a good idea to print your name on your sheet so you don't get your clipboards mixed up but **you can not sign and date your sheet until after the date on the last signature. Turn in your completed sheets ASAP!**
- **Email pdx@equal.vote to turn in completed sheets and to get more supplies.** Signature sheets must be printed b&w on **at least 20 pound, uncoated white paper.**