

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 an expressive voting method that would allow us to skip the partisan primary and have all the candidates on one ballot in November. You score candidates 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.

**If your favorite can't win, your vote automatically transfers
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!
 - **Charter Amendment with the full Ballot Title on the back.**
 - Frequently Asked Questions.
 - Instructions for Gathering Signatures and Canvassing Script.
 - STAR Voting email list sign up.
 - Handouts or zines.
 - **A good pen** and a spare. (Black or blue.)
 - Donation envelopes. (Name and contact info required for all donations and **all the info on the envelope must be collected for donations over \$100.**)
 - Clear plastic cover sheet to protect from rain.
- **Give accurate information.** If unsure, consult the FAQ, or say: "I'm not sure, but you can check our website for more information." **Be polite. Never argue!**
- Only take signatures from **people currently registered to vote in the correct city or county for each petition.** They should sign the same way they signed on their registration using their current address that day. **Tell them to print clearly and let them focus!** Check it when they're done. If it's illegible cross it out and try again!
- **People who may have already signed should not sign again!** An invalid signature that is caught is worse than none at all.
- 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.** If you are asked to move on say okay.
- **Only one circulator** can circulate each signature sheet and must witness all signatures. PDX and PtlId 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 team@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.**