

PETITIONS FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE PERSONS REQUIRE

10 SIGNATURES

** February 15, 2022 is the first day to start circulating petitions for signatures **

1. **Do not** use **ditto marks** anywhere on the petition.
2. All blank spaces which appear at the top of the front page of the nomination petition **must be completed BEFORE signatures are obtained.**
3. Type or Print the name of the candidate on the face of the petition **exactly** as the candidate wants it to appear on the ballot. A nickname is allowed only if a derivative of the legal name. If you choose to use a nickname, that name must be approved by the Northampton County Election Division.
4. Circulators are encouraged to read the “Statement of Circulator” on the back of the petition before circulation. After the signatures on the petition have been collected, the circulator must fill out the “Statement of Circulator”; this section no longer needs to be notarized. A candidate may circulate his/her own petition. If someone other than the candidate circulates the petition, make sure the circulator meets the qualifications. Circulators must be of the same party as the candidate and be a qualified elector of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
5. Each signer of a petition must be a registered and enrolled elector of the same party as the candidate and of the electoral district referred to in the petition and may sign petitions for as many candidates for each office as they are permitted to vote, and no more.
6. Each signer must **personally** insert the information signature, printed name, date of signing and list their address exactly as it appears on their registration. The date of signing may be listed in numbers or words; e.g. February 27, 2022 or as 2/27/2022. Given name of a married woman must be used by the signer; e.g. Mary Jones, not Mrs. John Jones.
7. Petitions must be filed at the Northampton County Election Division, 669 Washington St, Easton, before **4:30 P.M. on March 8, 2022**. It is to your advantage to file before this date so that petitions can be examined and corrections made, if necessary.
8. Recommendation that petitioner / circulator obtain more than the 10 required signatures. If you have multiple petitions, please number the petitions: Example: 1 of 3.
9. **County Committee Persons:** Please print out the Candidate’s Affidavit and sign in the presence of a notary. The Candidate’s affidavit must be completed and notarized before filing. Please NOTE there is NOT a Notary in the Election Office

Please note - The Secretary of the Commonwealth, pursuant to advice received from the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General in Villa v. Aichele, No. 13-cv-06374 (E.D. Pa 2013), decided to *cease enforcing that part of section 909 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §2869, that requires the circulator of a nomination petition to be a resident of the relevant political district.*

The part of Section 909 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2869, that requires the circulator of a nomination petition to be a resident of the relevant political district in the petition will not be enforced pursuant to advice received from the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General in Villa v. Aichele, No. 13-cv-06374 (E.D. Pa 2013).

ELECTION CALENDAR

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions	February 15
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions	March 8
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions ..	March 23
Last day to REGISTER before the primary	May 2
Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot before the primary	May 10
GENERAL PRIMARY	May 17

SPECIAL ATTENTION:

Casting of lots for position on the ballot for all candidates will be held March 17, 2022, at 12:00 noon in the Election Office, Northampton County Election Division.