

PRIMARY -- INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITIONS

READ DIRECTIONS REGARDING SIGNING PETITIONS AND WITNESSING SIGNATURES CAREFULLY

1. Petitions may not be signed before February 27, 2024. They may be signed on Sundays and Holidays.
2. Only members enrolled in the political party of the petition you are carrying may sign your petition.
3. Signers should not sign using initials. Do not sign "Mrs.", "Mr." or "Dr."
4. A wife must sign her own given name. She should sign Ann B. Smith, not Mrs. John R. Smith.
5. A signer must date and sign his or her signature. The address and town may be completed by the witness.

AS TO SUBSCRIBING WITNESS:

1. Witness must be enrolled in party for petition you are carrying or a Notary Public.
2. You must personally witness every signature.
3. The date on each line must be the date on which you secured the signature.
4. You must not sign a petition obtained by someone else. **DO NOT SIGN AS A WITNESS UNLESS YOU PERSONALLY SECURED ALL THE SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION.**
5. **YOU MUST NOT PERMIT ANYONE TO SIGN FOR SOMEONE ELSE.**
6. An alteration or correction on a signature line, which is not initialed and is not to the signature or date, shall not invalidate the signature provided that the new information is correct.
7. As a witness you can fill in the address, if the signer does not.
8. There should be no blank spaces on the petition. Fill in all information in the witness statement: **NAME, ADDRESS, NUMBER OF SIGNATURES, DATE AND SIGN.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The petition shall not name more Candidates than are allowed for a particular office.

Petition must be signed in INK.

Petition does not need to list a committee on vacancies; however, the failure to list a committee on vacancies shall invalidate the petition for a specific office if a vacancy occurs which must be filled by such committee. An Opportunity to Ballot petition **MUST** have a Committee to Receive Notices and the members of such Committee to Receive Notices must file an acceptance.

THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS SHOULD BE LISTED UNDER THE RESIDENCE COLUMN.

The column of TOWN refers to the Township in which the signer resides in, i.e. Clarkstown, Haverstraw, Orangetown, Ramapo or Stony Point.

Any signature obtained prior to February 27, 2024, shall not be counted. We recommend that you obtain more signatures than the designated number of signatures in case some of the signatures are challenged and/or invalidated.

Pages shall be numbered consecutively.

Failure to provide a Committee to Receive Notices (3 people) on an Opportunity to Ballot petition renders it invalid. Each member of the Committee must complete an acceptance, which shall be filed with the petition.

Petition consisting of 10 or more pages must have a cover sheet and pages must be bound.