

# Campaign Circulator Guidelines

Any person seeking to run for public office has to prove he or she has enough community support to justify being placed on the ballot. The signatures of voters we collect prove that our candidate is supported by the community in our efforts to improve government.

Prior to being submitted to the campaign, each completed petition must be notarized by a Notary Public after the circulator has filled out the information on the bottom portion of the petition (Circulators Affidavit). The completed petition must be notarized in your presence (required by the Illinois Election Code).

Pick a spot within a precinct to park your car so that you may walk the streets of the precinct in a circular route so that you wind up back at your car.

**If they don't want to sign or want to talk to you for 20 minutes about any particular issue, get their phone number and let them know the campaign will contact them, then politely say goodbye and move on to the next house so you can get what you came for – signatures.**

Signers should sign a *signature* and also *print their name* (unless they always print their name.)

Circulator has to see registered voter sign with the circulators own eyeballs.

Only registered voters can sign a petition.

To sign someone else's name is a felony. (Mom can't sign for Dad or grandpa).

Registered voter should sign not use initials – they should sign their full name.

Signers have to use the address at which they are currently registered.

Only one circulator to a sheet. You can't do half and have someone else do half.

Only fill out the bottom of the petitions that you personally circulated.

Circulators need to sign their petitions in the presence of the notary.

To circulate a petition in a government building is a misdemeanor crime.

To circulate while working on government time is a misdemeanor crime.

Be legal and be careful.

If you have any questions contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.