



## **PETITION IN LIEU INFORMATION SHEET**

This is a form generally utilized by candidates who wish to gather signatures instead of paying the full filing fee. Petitions may be circulated only amongst the voters within the candidate's election jurisdiction. Each signature has a predetermined value as calculated per election codes. These signatures can then be applied to the reduction of, or waiver of, the filing fee for that elective office.

Candidates are urged to file the petitions as early as possible to allow time for the Elections Official to determine whether any submitted signatures are insufficient.

**NOTE:** A candidate is issued only one form to use as a master form to reproduce the necessary number of copies at his/her own expense. (The candidate should not collect signatures, write or mark on this master form).

It is preferred that a candidate file Petitions in Lieu in batches of 50-100 signatures.

Copies or reproduced signatures are not valid.

## **FILING DEADLINES**

### **Board of Supervisors**

01/06/2022 – 02/09/2022

### **All Other Candidates**

01/03/2022 – 02/09/2022

## **RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND SIGNATURE VERIFICATION**

### **No Fee**

No fee or charge shall be made or collected by any officer for verifying any nomination document or circulator's affidavit.

### **Voters may only sign once**

If a voter signs more candidates' petitions than there are offices to be filled, the voter's signatures shall be valid only on those petitions which, taken in the order they were filed, do not exceed the number of offices to be filled.

### **Receipt**

Upon the receipt of an executed nomination document, the county elections official shall give the person delivering the document a receipt, properly dated, indicating that the document was delivered to the county elections official.



## TIPS REGARDING PETITION SIGNERS AND CIRCULATORS

- ✓ Voters must print their physical residence address. Business or mailing addresses are not acceptable. All addresses other than residence, including PO Boxes, will be marked “Insufficient Address” and will not be considered valid. If no residence address is indicated on the petition, the signature cannot be counted.
- ✓ The Affidavit of Circulator must be completed and signed on any type of petition. An incomplete or unsigned Affidavit of Circulator could invalidate all signatures on the petition page.
- ✓ If the petition only affects a certain jurisdiction such as supervisorial district, school district, special district, etc., the signers must be registered voters within that jurisdiction. Any signers outside the jurisdiction are invalid.
- ✓ Signers must print their own name and residence address clearly. Many times a signature cannot be counted because the elections official cannot read the name and/or the residence address.
- ✓ No pre-printed addresses for the signers or circulators are acceptable nor are any pre-printed circulation dates. These must be handwritten by the signers or circulators.
- ✓ Be aware of the signing deadline for the petition. Any petition filed after the given deadline cannot be counted.
- ✓ If a person registers to vote the day of signing the petition, verify that their registration card is complete. There are instances when missing information on the registration card invalidates the signature on the petition because a person is not legally registered to vote until all the required information on the registration card is supplied and signed.
- ✓ Circulator must be 18 years of age.