

## Do's and Don'ts for Circulating Petitions

1. **Do** be a registered voter or, if not actually registered, be qualified to be a registered voter of the jurisdiction covered by the petition.
2. **Do** feel free to circulate petitions on any public property, with some exceptions such as schools and post office property.
3. **Do** make sure that all persons signing the petition are registered to vote in the jurisdiction covered by the petition.
4. **Do** always be courteous and pleasant when asking people to sign the petition and hand them your clipboard with the petition on it and pen as you speak to them, which makes them more likely to listen and sign the petition.
5. **Do** watch as each person signs the petition and, if they make a mistake, cross out the erroneous information with your pen and have them move to the next lower signature block to sign properly.
6. **Do** make sure that no one signs the petition twice because duplicate signatures will be penalized heavily in the final count.
7. **Do** make sure that you sign the petition yourself if you are a registered voter or qualified to register as a voter of the jurisdiction covered by the petition.
8. **Do** follow the basic Description for Petition Circulators (available in the instructions) which summarizes the substance of the petition and do not vary from the description provided.
9. **Do Not** misrepresent or make any false statements about what is in the petition or what the petition purports to do.
10. **Do Not** refuse to allow potential signers to read the petition on request.
11. **Do Not** obscure the official title and summary that appears at the top of the petition.
12. **Do Not** offer money or any other item of value in exchange for anyone agreeing to sign the petition.
13. **Do Not** let anyone else circulate and obtain signatures on your petition.

14. **Do Not** go into shopping centers and malls and begin circulating without checking first - petitioners do have a limited right to go onto and inside properties of large shopping malls, but such malls have the right to impose reasonable restrictions and to control time, place and manner of such circulating, which usually requires a permit to be obtained ahead of time.

15. **Do Not** go to free-standing stores, such as COSTCO, Wal-Mart, Trader Joe's, and Target, without first getting permission from the management, since circulators do NOT have any legal right to circulate in front of such stores without express permission.

16. **Do Not** go on and/or circulate petitions on any private property without the permission of the private property owner.

17. **Do Not** block or obstruct any walkways, passageways, driveways, streets, or sidewalks while circulating on any public property.

18. **Do Not** go closer than 100 feet from a polling place if circulating on any election day.

19. **Do Not** lose your cool if confronted by individuals who are trying to convince individuals not to sign the petition; just continue in a calm and rational way to request people to sign and to explain what the petition is all about.

20. **Do Not** hesitate to call the police immediately if any serious problems occur that might involve any threat to any person or property.

21. **Do** remember to complete ALL of the information in the Declaration of Circulator on the last page of the petition after you have finished collecting ALL of the signatures you plan to collect on that petition and before you turn in the petition.

22. **Do** return your completed petitions, even if you have not filled up all of the signatures lines, no later than April 17, 2008.