



GREEN PARTY OF TEXAS

Petitioning Basics

Petitioning starts Wednesday, March 10 and runs for 75 days. We must turn in all signatures by May 24th to the Secretary of the State.

The petition form can be downloaded from txgreens.org.

The rules for signers:

Must be registered to vote

Must NOT have voted in the Primary for either Dems or Repubs or participated in the convention of another party

If a person meets both criteria above, then that person can sign. By signing they are ONLY saying that they support the Green Party's right to have our candidates listed on the November ballot.

Signers cannot sign the petition of more than one party, but can sign both a petition for an independent candidate and one party.

Signing does not make them a member, nor does it imply support of the party or even agreement with the party. The information they are providing is public information that the Secretary of State already has. We will not sell the information we gather.

You MUST get their date of birth if they do not have their Voter Registration Number "VUID" – most will not have this number! Without it we cannot verify they are a registered voter and the Secretary of State will throw out their signature.

*****IMPORTANT*****

You, as the petitioner, must not put your signature on the bottom of the petition until you are in front of a notary.

You can legally collect signatures on public land, i.e. sidewalks (as long as you don't obstruct passage), in front of libraries, in parks, at the courthouse, etc., and anywhere where you have permission. Sometimes it is better to apologize and leave than to ask permission, however. Big events like Fiesta parades, Art Car Parade, etc. and college campuses are great locations – high volume in short time. Check the calendar at txgreens.org for events around the state. Do your best to avoid arguments or long discussions when you are collecting at big events.

Even if you don't get volumes of signatures, every one you do get will put us closer to our goal. Most everyone knows at least ten registered voters who didn't vote in the primary, so ask everyone you know, everywhere you go!

Regarding notarization, you can staple all your petition forms together and notarize only the top page – you do not need to notarize every page this way. If you choose this method, ensure you number the pages in the space provided in the top right corner, i.e. 1 of 10, 2 of 10, etc. Most banks will notarize for their customers for free. There are also Green notaries in most counties, contact your local for details.

*****MOST IMPORTANT*****

RETURNING YOUR PETITIONS, EVEN IF YOU ONLY HAVE ONE SIGNATURE, IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE! If you don't have a local party to return them to, mail them to PO Box 271080, Houston, TX 77277-1080 - as soon as possible and BEFORE May 23rd.