

## Poll Worker Petitions, Philadelphia, 2013

### Disclaimers

- This handout is not legal advice.
- Only registered **Democrats and Republicans** can get on the Primary ballot in Philadelphia by passing nominating petitions. (For information on how others can get on the ballot, please contact Commissioner Singer's office.)

### Before you start

- Signatures can be collected only from February 19, 2013, to March 12, 2013
- **Circulator** of petition must be registered in **same division (a.k.a. precinct) and party** as the candidate. Candidate may circulate her/his own petition
- Signatures for poll worker: Judge **of Election minimum 10, Inspector of Election minimum 5**. Rule of thumb: get 3 times as many signatures as the minimum
- Fill in all blank spaces at the top before circulating.
- Clearly type or print the name of the candidate exactly as it will appear on the ballot.
- It is customary for candidate (and circulator, if it is someone different) to sign the petition

### Bring with you

- Petitions
- Clipboard
- Blue or Black Pens
- (Optional) Voter Registration Forms (available from Commissioner Singer's office)
- (Optional) Street List (available from Commissioner Singer's office)
- (Optional) Leave-Behind Literature

### Getting Signatures

- Each signer must be registered in **same division (a.k.a. precinct) and party** as the candidate
- Each signer may sign **only one petition for Judge** of Elections and **only one for Inspector** of Elections
- Each signer should sign her/his name as it appears on her/his registration card, or on the street list.
- Signer should **personally write** signature, name, voter registration address and date.
- Before signer departs, check that date (not zip code!) is written in the "date" column
- Use **blue or black pen**
- Dates should be consecutive, and should contain **month, day and year**
- **Do not use ditto marks**
- Listen! Engage! This is a great campaign opportunity!

### After All Signatures Have Been Collected

- Petitions must be signed by circulator (once) and candidate (twice) and must be **notarized, which can cost up to \$15**
- **Petitions must be turned in to Room 142, City Hall, no later than 5 pm on March 12, 2013.**

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