

Save Our State Parks

Instructions for Initiative Petition Circulators

Successful signature gatherers will:

- project a dynamic and pleasant demeanor
- be high energy - not passive; do not sit down unless unable to stand
- maintain a well-groomed appearance but wear comfortable shoes
- establish eye contact with individual people
- put aside fear of rejection - approach everyone
- avoid arguments - they waste time and energy
- use hand gestures & body language to reinforce verbal message
- maintain a sense of humor

Getting petitions signed correctly:

- Only registered California voters can sign; ask people if they are registered to vote
- voters must sign petitions only for the specific County in which they are registered
- each petition is good for only the one County you write in the upper left-hand box
- if person is not registered yet or has moved since they last registered, they can sign petitions after filling out a voter registration card
- voters must sign name as they are registered and print name and address completely and legibly
- signers themselves must fill out all info completely in their own hand.
- address on petition must be voter's physical address as registered (PO Box is not a valid address)

Your legal rights as a petition circulator:

- You have a Constitutional right to circulate ballot petitions on public sidewalks as long as you do not obstruct the flow of traffic.
- If you run up against a non-cooperative store manager or police officer contact your area coordinator or campaign staffperson.
- Shopping malls are required to allow us "reasonable" access in order to petition. This means we have the right to be inside and at a decent location. Malls usually require that an application be filled out.