

# **Collecting Valid Signatures FAQ**

## **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

Do not write anything on page 1 and 2. Only collect signatures on page 3.

Note that there is A DATE STAMP at the top of page 2 and NO SERIAL NUMBER at the bottom. <u>DO NOT WRITE ON</u> THIS PAGE

There is NO date stamp at the top of page 3 and the serial number is already printed in the bottom right box. <u>THIS IS THE PAGE PEOPLE SIGN</u>

**Important Notes: Do not complete anything on the back of the petition form at this time.** The back must be filled out in front of a notary after you gather signatures.

After all the petitions are turned in to the Secretary of State, the validity of each signature will be verified. Below are some questions and answers about signature compliance.

## What should I do if the person signing abbreviates their city?

Let it be: trying to correct it in a tiny space could make it illegible.

## What should I do if the printed name or address is illegible?

Ask the signer to cross out the line and start over in the next row.

What if a petition signer starts filling in the information on another signature line for a companion (e.g., a wife writing her husband's name and address)?

Ask the signer to cross out the line. Each signer must complete all of their information on the signature line.



### What should I do if someone is physically impaired and cannot write?

If they ask you for help, it is OK to fill in the information on their behalf, but you must allow them to mark their signature. If you do assist someone in this way, it's important to document it; please fill out one of the "declarations" page here if you do so. Or scan this QR code and fill out the form there.

The petition just asks for first and last name. Should they include their middle initial if this is what is on their voter ID?

Yes. The signer's name should always appear as it does on their voter ID.

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# What if people signing include their city and zip code next to their street address?

It is OK, just leave it. However, be sure they write their city and zip code in the correct box too.

## What if people scratch or scribble out some of their information?

If there is NO room to write down correct information next to the scribble, start them on a new row. If there IS room to write the correct information, they must also initial next to the mistake.

## Does it really matter to be so strict with compliance?

Yes. Any signature that is invalid actually works against SOS Arizona It costs money for us to print each petition. It costs a lot more money to defend the signatures.

## What if someone says they plan to change their last name in the near future?

Signatures must match their voter ID cards at the date of signing.