

## PETITION CIRCULATOR TRAINING GUIDELINES

The Secretary of State's office provides specific rules for how signatures on petitions must be obtained. It is critical that you understand and follow these rules. You should think of your petition as a legal document. You must never let it out of your sight...yes even when nature calls. You should notice that at the end of the petition there is, towards the middle of the page, the statement "Affidavit of Circulator". Below this statement are 9 things that you must swear to in front of the notary you have asked to notarize your petition when you have completed getting signatures on your petition. You should read these just as carefully as the instructions on the first page of the petition. When you have completed a petition the notary must be shown your ID, driver's license, etc., not just something with your name on it, and note what this ID is on this page.

The intent of this guide is not to frighten you from the task of gathering signatures. Rather it is to emphasize that this is not some sort of casual game that is being played. We need at least 100,000 signatures and we cannot afford a mistake that would cause some or all of the signatures your petition to be invalidated.

Now for some specifics: no, you do not have to go to the SOS web page and download the circulator training guidelines in C.R.S. 1-4-111. The relevant information is listed on the other side of this page. Below 11 helpful items are listed.

- (1). You cannot sign your own petition. (You cannot witness your own signature.)
- (2). You must be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, a resident of Colorado.
- (3). Tell potential signers that you are a "Volunteer Circulator" and wear a badge (that we will provide you) that says that in big letters.
- (4). Ask permission to stand or sit near store entrances if you plan to try to get signatures at such locations.
- (5). You must witness all signatures.
- (6). A person can only sign for themselves, not for anyone else.
- (7). Use the blue ink pens for signatures. CCC will provide them for you.
- (8). Make sure you ask signers if they are registered to vote in Colorado.
- (9). Both first and last names are essential (middle name if used). Make sure they are easy to read. Their address must be the one at which they are registered to vote. This is how their signature is verified. No post offices boxes and no zip codes are required.
- (10.) If a minor mistake is made it can be corrected in that space. If a big mistake is made cross it out and go to the next signature line.
- (11). If someone wants to help as a Volunteer Circulator, ask them contact someone at Clean Campaigns Colorado where they can get a petition and some training.