

GENERAL Election Petition Nominating Candidates for MUNICIPAL Office

Office Sought: _____ **Term:** Full Unexpired **Years:** _____

To: Joanne Schwartz, Burlington County Clerk

Each signer of this petition certifies that the following statements are true:

1. I reside in the State of New Jersey in the County of Burlington and in the municipality and, when applicable, ward, of which I am a candidate for the nomination;
2. I am a qualified voter therein;
3. I endorse the person hereinafter mentioned as a candidate for the nomination;
4. I have not signed any other petition of nomination for the primary for the general election for such office;
5. I request that you cause to be printed upon the official general election ballot of the said party the name of said person(s) as the candidate(s) for such nomination.

Name of Candidate(s)	Residence Address	Post Office (Mailing) Address

Joint Petition Candidates - Check here that you intend to be associated together in the order presented above and under the same slogan and waive your right to have your ballot positions drawn separately.

Candidate's Request for Slogan (Optional)

(Please give two choices in order of preference)

The candidate(s) herein having been indorsed for the office mentioned in this petition, does/do hereby request that there be printed below the name of the candidate(s) on the said general election ballot the following designation of party or principle. Designation of the party of principle must not exceed three words and must be in accord with N.J.S.A. 19:13-4. The designation shall not contain the designation name, derivative, or any party thereof as a noun or an adjective of any political party entitled to participate in the primary election.

First Choice

Second Choice

Petitions may not be circulated without the candidate(s)'s name, address, and office sought written on the petition.

- Print the petition on one-sided pages.
- Carefully review the petition and fill in all the blank spaces.
- Please write clearly. Do not type, pre-fill, or e-sign signatures.
- Candidates must be registered voters; at least 18 years old; and have lived in the municipality or, for ward candidates, the ward, for at least one year before the General Election (Chapter 94 Laws of 1980).
- No candidate so named shall sign such acceptance if he has signed an acceptance for the primary nomination or any other petition of nomination for such office (N.J.S.A. 19:13-8)
- Candidates filing jointly can associate under the same slogan/designation and waive being drawn individually.
- Candidates seeking different offices and/or terms of office must file separate petitions.
- Every candidate must sign one Certificate of Acceptance and Oath of Allegiance, which must be notarized.
- P.L. 2018, Chapter 66 requires each candidate to provide a personal or campaign email address. Candidates should not use official government email addresses.
- The person whose presence the petition was signed (the circulator) **MUST** be one of the petition signers and make an affidavit before a notary or other officer authorized by law to take the affidavit.
- Per P.L. 2014, Chapter 83, the person who circulates the petition shall be a registered voter in this State.
- Petitioners must sign their names in their own handwriting, ensure their signature matches those on their voter registration, and provide their correct address in front of the person witnessing the signatures.
- Candidates may circulate and sign their petitions. Candidate signatures count toward the total required signatures.
- The circulator (the person gathering signatures) **MUST** sign the petition and indicate where they signed.
- Only legally qualified voters in New Jersey who reside in the same municipality or, for ward candidates, in the same ward, are allowed to sign the petition.
- Each voter is allowed to sign for the same candidate only once and must not sign for more candidates than the available seats.
- The Burlington County Clerk's Office will hold a public ballot draw at 3 PM on the 61st day before the Primary Election, at the County Clerk's Office located at 50 Rancocas Road, 3rd Floor, in Mount Holly.
- The petition must have signatures from at least 2% of the legally qualified voters who voted for the General Assembly in the last election in the district or political division in and for which the officer or officers nominated are to be elected, but no more than 100 signatures are needed in total (as per N.J.S.A. 19:13-5).

Recommendations for Petitioners

- Begin the process and submit your petition early.
- Check with your municipal clerk to verify the number of signatures required.
- Obtain 10% to 20% more signatures than the minimum required.
- Make sure everything is signed and notarized correctly, and that all requested information is included. If you want a nickname or alternate name to appear on the ballot instead of your legal name, include a letter requesting this with your petition.
- Questions? Contact the Burlington County Clerk's Office at 609-265-5229.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION AND
WITNESSES SIGNATURES**

The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the signatures on this petition. The witness must take the affidavit for each set he/she solicits and sign in the presence of a person authorized to administer affidavits (e.g., notary public, attorney-at-law), but may sign only one signature sheet endorsing the candidate. A candidate may sign and circulator their own petition. The circulator is not required to sign as a petitioner but may do so as long as they are a registered voter of the jurisdiction in which the candidate for whom the petition is being circulated is running for office.

State of New Jersey :

: **SS.**

County of _____ :

I _____ being duly sworn (or affirmed), upon
(Print Name of Circulator/Witness)

my oath say that I personally circulated this petition; that such petition was signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own proper handwriting; that each of such signers is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a legal voter of the jurisdiction of the office for which the nomination is made, and that such petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the person herein named in order to secure his or her nomination.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at
_____, NJ,
this ____ day of _____, 20____
_____ <small>(Notary, attorney, or officer taking oath)</small>

_____ <small>(Signature of circulator / witness)</small>	
_____ <small>(Street address of circulator / witness)</small>	
_____ <small>(City or town)</small>	_____ <small>(Zip Code)</small>

19:13-9. Petitions must be filed with the County Clerk’s Office on or before 4:00 p.m. of the day of the holding of the primary election for the general election.

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATES

To The County Clerk:

I, or we, the undersigned, hereby certify that I or we am a/are resident(s) of and legal voter(s) in the jurisdiction of the office for which the nomination is being made; and that I, or we, have not signed an acceptance for the Primary nomination or any other petition under this chapter for such office. (R.S. 19:13-8)

In accordance with P.L. 2018, c. 66, every candidate listed on the petition must provide a valid personal or campaign email address. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY BE considered a petition defect. Candidates must supply a personal or campaign email address and should not use an official government email address, including those from local schools, fire departments, and other government agencies.

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NOTICE: All candidates are required to comply with the provisions of the “New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act.” For further information, please call (609) 292-8700 or go to www.elec.nj.gov

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