



Petition Gathering Dos and Don'ts

GO When gathering petitions for our ballot initiative, please **DO**:

- Be respectful and friendly with a positive demeanor.
- Confirm potential signers are registered to vote in Michigan, are signing the correct petition for the county in which they reside, and complete ALL required fields (no abbreviations) on the form accurately.
- Witness every signature.
- Be prepared by having all your materials on hand and well-organized.
- Establish eye contact with individual people.
- Prepare to hear “no” a lot - don't take it personally!
- Go door to door, but don't go to doors that have a “No Soliciting” or “Do Not Disturb” sign.
- Refer to the talking points and other campaign materials if you receive questions.
- Encourage folks to follow us on Facebook, and X and sign up for our email blasts on our website www.micitizenschoice.org.
- Fill out the Certificate of Circulator at the bottom of each petition form **AFTER** you have collected - be sure to date and sign after all signatures you have witnessed are completed.
- Give to your county captain or mail in all signed petition sheets to the campaign at: P.O. Box 14309 Lansing, MI 48901.
- Get permission from private businesses, churches, etc. before collecting signatures outside. You technically do have the right to collect signatures in any public space as long as you are not blocking the flow of traffic, but please be respectful and use good judgment.
- Practice safety first. If a business owner asks you to leave, please do so and inform your county captain.
- Collect signatures at any public event such as farmers' markets, outdoor festivals, etc.
- Remember that you are an ambassador for the campaign and you want everyone to leave feeling good about their interaction with you.

STOP When gathering petitions for our ballot initiative, please **DO NOT**:

- Sign for anyone but yourself.
- Collect petitions from citizens who tell you that they are not registered to vote – those forms will be invalid.
- Leave petitions unattended for people to sign.
- Just stand there. Walk up to people!
- Allow people to date their signatures as their birth date - this is the #1 error, and the signature will be disqualified.
- Allow people to sign a county sheet where they are not registered to vote, be sure they are signing the correct county sheet where they live. Remember, only one county per petition sheet.
- Debate with opponents of the initiative; instead, thank them for their time, and move on.
- Answer questions you don't know the answer to. Instead, refer them to our website, or take down their contact information and let them know you will get back to them with a clear answer.



Sample script to utilize while signature gathering:

Hi! My name is _____ and I'm with the Citizens for Local Choice ballot campaign; do you want to have a voice when it comes to whether wind or solar projects come to your community? <if yes>, We'd love to have you sign this petition to restore local control of wind and solar siting in Michigan.
Are you registered to vote in Michigan?
What county are you registered in?

Or:

Hi! My name is _____ and I'm working to ensure the state does not take control of when and where solar and wind operations go in Michigan. Would you like to join our effort and ensure you have a voice in the process? <if yes>, We'd love to have you sign this petition to restore local control of wind and solar siting in Michigan.
Are you registered to vote in Michigan?
What county are you registered in?

If they are hesitant, you can tell them that "Your signature just helps us get this on the ballot so people can vote on it."

If folks have questions, point them to our website:

www.micitizenschoice.org

Scan QR code to watch, share & spread the word about our efforts:

