

Instructions for Circulating the California Bill of Rights

Please take your time to read and contemplate these instructions until they are fully understood. We implore you not just skip to the bottom.

Please do not cheat yourself of the information you need to make the petitions you circulate valid.

Your ability to do so will either assure success for this initiative, or else could invalidate **all** signatures collected on your forms. This information that follows will also serve you well in any other plebiscite initiative you might also decide to support. The very frank and direct instructions and comments below come from the **Water For Fighting PAC's** experience gathering signatures during 2010. At that time, we were surprised that even attorneys and accountants could not successfully comply with the instructions necessary gathering signatures for such a document. It is unfortunate, but often over 35% percent of all signatures collected on petitions by layperson circulators are frequently invalidated because they are either incorrectly printed or are erroneously completed. This form was earlier available to download for circulation, but errors in printing and handling of the petitions added further to the percentage of forms invalidated.

No matter your thoughts or feelings regarding professional paid initiative circulators, they collect signatures at an incredibly high rate of success, mostly because they have professionally prepared forms and are there to guide the signatory through the process. You must also assume such professionalism, being sure to interrupt your petition signer if he or she is incorrectly completing their information or signature.

The forms are now available, shipping included, at a price far less than what it would cost you to have prepared at your local 24 hour printer at: www.CaBillOfRights.Org. Of course, we encourage you to make the purchased forms go as far as possible by trying to see that each one has the seven possible signatures.

Circulating Instructions

This form has been professionally designed for success, with key instructions and fields in more than one color to guide both circulators and signatories across the form on legal sized (8 ½" X 14") paper. Each form is just one double-sided page, with the text of the initiative on one side. On the other side, you will find the Title and Summary section from the State of California, as well as the information and signature blocks for each person to sign. Finally, at the bottom of the page is the Declaration of Circulator information block.

Often, a petition circulator is collecting signatures at an event or place where they have little or no control of the environment. Noise, competing conversations, or the inattention of those waiting in line to sign, are all factors affecting your success. Many such events may have you assigned on the other side of a table, away from your potential signatories.

While in these or even more advantageous circumstances, we believe you should be on the same side of a table or otherwise standing aside your signers. A legal sized clipboard could be helpful. This will allow you to speak directly to each signer, and correctly point out each spot needing their information. From our experience, this can be difficult when separated by a table and reading upside down. We believe most people find this a more personal approach as well. When helping, signers give firm but friendly instructions so that their information is correct. If asked questions about where appropriate information goes, have a second pen or pointing device available to point to the proper place. Remember, doing so is all about having each voice added in support of the initiative!

Step 1: County Information

This first field should be completed before anyone signs. It goes without saying that all signees on any given form must be from the same county. **Doing otherwise invalidates the signatories from any other county.**

or signatures will not be valid.

1	County.
23 Any Street	this column

Fill in County name here.

Step 2: Personal Information Field

While the field appears self-explanatory, please know that the residence address must be that where the signee is registered to vote and physically resides. **An incorrect address or Post Office Box address instead of a residence address will invalidate the signer.** Have each individual complete and sign the Personal Information Field.

1.

Print Your Name:	Residence Address ONLY:
Sign As	
Registered To Vote:	City: _____ Zip: _____

Have other family and friends, employees and customers who are registered voters in the same county sign today. (All lines need not be completed for petition to be valid. Fill in as many as possible today.)

Step 3: Additional Signees

Continue completion of each Personal Information Field, ensuring that each is a resident of the county assigned by the County information in **Step 1. Doing otherwise invalidates the signatories from any other county.**

Steps 4 and 5: Declaration of Circulator Block

In this area, whoever circulates the petition must print their name in the appropriate field and include their physical address where they are registered to vote. The circulator must also indicate in the designated places what the range of dates all signatures were obtained.

<p>DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR (<i>To be completed in your own hand after above signatures have been obtained</i>)</p> <p>I, <input style="width: 100%; height: 1.2em; border: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;" type="text"/> <small>(print name)</small>, am a voter or am qualified to register to vote in the State of California.</p> <p>My residence address is <input style="width: 100%; height: 1.2em; border: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;" type="text"/> <small>(address, city, state, zip)</small>.</p> <p>this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this document is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. The signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of <input style="width: 100px; height: 1.2em; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 20px;" type="text"/> <small>(month, day, year)</small> and <input style="width: 100px; height: 1.2em; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 20px;" type="text"/> <small>(month, day, year)</small>.</p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.</p> <p>Executed on <input style="width: 100px; height: 1.2em; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 20px;" type="text"/> <small>(month and day)</small> <input style="width: 100px; height: 1.2em; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 20px;" type="text"/> <small>(year)</small>, at <input style="width: 100px; height: 1.2em; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 20px;" type="text"/> <small>(place of signing)</small></p> <p>MUST BE SIGNED HERE ALSO </p> <p style="text-align: right;">Complete Signature Indicating Full Name of Circulator (<i>May be repeat of name on previous page</i>)</p>

When completed, an example of the date range could look like this:

Executed on January 12, 2012 at Monterey, California
(month and day) (year) (place of signing)

Step 5: Signature Indicating Full Name of Circulator

Finally, there is the last item of a signature of the Petition Circulator. It could happen that the circulator could have also signed the petition as a signer in one of the signer fields above. In any case, the Petition Circulator **must sign here as well. Not signing here, completing the Date Range, or completing the Declaration Statement invalidates the entire document.** When completed, the Petition Circulator area could look like this:

MUST BE SIGNED  **HERE ALSO**

John J. Smith

The Water For Fighting PAC would like to thank you for your attention to these instructions and suggestions. Many of you will have found them rudimentary and easy. However, we have found that many brilliant and wonderful people just “don’t do forms.” We also wanted to show everyone the expectations the State of California assigns to the ***completion*** of our petitions for this effort. Please direct those also interested in the California Bill of Rights to this page so that they might also obtain these same guidelines and suggestions. Finally, be sure to follow the instructions at the bottom of the page about returning your completed forms:

Fold Petitions in half & mail in large envelope to: Oscar A. Braun,
1589 Higgins Canyon Road, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 Only place
petitions from one County in each envelope. Write County name in
lower left front corner of each envelope.

**Thank you for helping restore California through your support of the
California Bill of Rights!**