

PRIMARY Election Petition Nominating Candidates for MUNICIPAL Office

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

To the Clerk of the Municipality of _____

We, the signers of this petition, hereby certify that we reside in the municipality indicated above, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, and that we are legally qualified voters therein; that we are members of the _____ Political Party and that we intend to affiliate with said party at the ensuing election; that we endorse the person(s) herein mentioned as candidate(s) for election to the office mentioned herein and that we request that you print upon the Official Primary Ballot of the said party the name(s) of the person(s) as candidate(s) for such office; we further certify that the residence and post office address of said person(s) is/are as stated above. We further certify that said person(s) so endorsed is/are legally qualified under the laws of the State of New Jersey to be elected to said office and is/are member(s) of the political party named in this petition.

| Name of Candidate(s) | Residence Address | Post Office (Mailing) Address |
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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 request for designation on the official Primary Ballot (Optional)

The candidate(s) herein having been endorsed for the office mentioned in this petition, do hereby request that there be printed with the names of the candidates on the said Primary Ballot, the following slogan/designation not to exceed six words.

Slogan/Designation

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, be 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).
- Candidates filing jointly can associate under the same slogan or designation and waive their right to be drawn individually.
- Candidates seeking different offices and/or terms of office must file separate petitions.
- Every candidate must sign a 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 in (the circulator) MUST be one of the petition signers and must make an affidavit as an Affiant before a notary or other officer authorized by law to take the affidavit.
- Under P.L. 2014, Chapter 83, the person who circulates the petition must be a registered voter in this state and must belong to the same political party as the one named in the petition.
- Petitioners must sign their names in their own handwriting, ensure their signatures match 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 number of signatures required.
- The circulator (the person collecting signatures) MUST sign the petition and specify 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 primary ballot will be arranged by office position instead of by column or row, with each office on the ballot ordered randomly based on the ballot draw.

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 your municipal clerk's office first, then the Burlington County Clerk's Office at 609-265-5229 if necessary.

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CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATES

To The Municipal Clerk:

I, or we, the undersigned, hereby certify that I or we are a member of the _____ Party and qualified under the laws of this State to be nominated for the office mentioned in this petition; that I, or we are residents of and legal voters in the jurisdiction of the office for which the nomination is being made; that I, or we, consent to stand as candidates for nomination in the ensuing Primary Election, and that if nominated, I, or we, agree to accept the nomination.

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

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

The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the names on this set of signatures or several sets of signatures. 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), but must sign only one signature sheet endorsing the candidate.

The person who circulates the petition shall be a registered voter in this State whose party affiliation is the same as that of the political party named in the petition.

State of New Jersey :

: **SS.**

County of _____:

I _____ being duly sworn, upon my oath say
(Print Name of Circulator/Witness)

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 belongs to the political party named in said petition, 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.

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| <p>Subscribed and sworn to before me at</p> <p>_____, NJ,</p> <p>this ____ day of _____, 20____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Notary, attorney, or officer taking oath)</p> |
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| _____ (Signature of circulator / witness) |
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Per N.J.S.A. 19:23-14 Petitions shall be filed with municipal clerks before 4:00 p.m. of the 71st day next preceding the day of the holding of the primary election for the general election.



PRIMARY PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE – Version 2026
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| <p>BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE 50 Rancocas Road, P.O. Box 6000, Mount Holly, NJ 08060 countyclerk@co.burlington.nj.us 609-265-5122</p> |
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