

Thank you for volunteering to ensure that our next governor, Winsome Earle-Sears will have her name on the ballot this year. The petition process is one that requires broad grassroots support from all 11 Congressional Districts. Virginia law states that the candidate for Governor must secure at least 10,000 valid signatures of qualified Virginia voters and with-in that number at least 300 in each Congressional District. *Our goal is to have 15,000 signatures state-wide and 800 in each district.*

Where Do I Start?

Petition gathering begins no sooner than January 1st, 2024. The campaign will provide these to you on full legal sized paper with the required candidate information listed, the form must be printed front and back, no exceptions. You will need several sheets at all times, a clipboard/protective case, *black or blue ink pen only.*

Make sure that ALL information is completely filled out in each box, this is the address where they are registered to vote, include their FULL LEGAL NAME, the city(note abbreviated)/state/zip in its If the signer will list the last 4 of their social that is beneficial, it is not a dealbreaker. If you are unsure whether they are qualified to sign the petition, refer to the 'Petition Rules' sheet.

Signatures By Locality

The campaign asks that you keep signers of the same locality on the same physical sheet of paper, for example Culpeper County should be on a separate form than Madison County and the City of Roanoke kept separate from Roanoke County or Harrisonburg City be separate from Rockingham County. In localities with split congressional districts such as the City of Chesapeake, please do your best to ask if a voter lives in the 2nd (Kiggans) or the 3rd (Scott). A helpful note: Towns such as Leesburg or Purcellville will classify under the county of Loudoun. It is a good idea to try to become familiar with your locality and the geography of the area. A helpful tool to find where a signer lives is found on www.congress.gov/members/map.

Where To Collect?

Signatures can be collected at large events, small events, door to door or even just friends/family. Remember that Virginia does not have party registration and all legal voters are eligible to sign if they choose. Examples Include:



-Parades, Church/Temple, Civic Meetings, Political Gatherings, Gun Shows, Sporting Events, DMV (with approval), Public Parks, University Campus.

Notary

It is mandatory per state law that each signature be witnessed by the petition gatherer. At the bottom of the back page there is a Circulator Affidavit in which you must compete and have signed by a notary. If you need assistance finding a notary please contact the campaign. Once the notary has signed your form, no additional signatures may be added. You can just use a fresh page.

Tracking And Submitting Petitions

It is essential that the campaign knows how many signatures are collected each week for tracking purposes. Please stay in contact with your campaign representative on reporting your progress and submitting your petitions to HQ.

If you have any questions regarding the petition process please contact the campaign at <u>richard@winsomeforgovernor.com</u> or by calling (940) 435-5520.