



Thank you for your interest in joining the petition drive to get Steve on the ballot!

We must collect around 4,000 signatures to insure we have over 2,000 valid ones in order to be certain we qualify for the primary ballot.

Petitioning is a chance to help reinvigorate participation in our democracy, to meet neighbors, and to give people an opportunity to take action to further Steve's campaign. If they want to know more, encourage them to visit: schwartzbergforcongress.com

Petitioning is a process with strict rules:

First, some requirements for you, the petition circulator:

- To collect signatures, you must be 18 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen.
- You must witness all the signatures on the petition sheet yourself. You will have to execute a sworn statement to this effect on each sheet you submit, and executing a false oath may lead to criminal charges.
- Do not share sheets with anyone. Again, you must sign an oath stating that you were the petition circulator, and witnessed every signature personally.
- You may not circulate petitions for more than one political party. If you collect signatures for Steve, you cannot also pass any petitions for a Republican candidate, since Steve is a Democrat.

Second, collecting the signatures. The best way is to go door-to-door in your neighborhood. Going in pairs is ideal so you may want to take a friend.

- ONLY VOTERS REGISTERED AS DEMOCRATS IN THE 5TH DISTRICT may sign a petition for Steve. A person may only sign petitions for one political party for the same election. A signer MAY NOT sign petitions for candidates running in multiple parties in the same Primary Election. So, a signer can sign Steve's petition as well as any other Democrat's, but they cannot also sign a Republican, Green, or other party candidate's petitions for the 2018 primary.
- Signing a petition does not obligate the signer to vote for Steve – this just gets Steve's name on the ballot.
- Signatures must be in ink, preferably dark blue or black.
- The signer must be registered to vote at the address at which they are currently living. If the voter is registered at a different address but moved and has not yet re-registered, the signature will not be valid.

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- A petition signer must be registered to vote at the address shown opposite their signature on the petition.
- Standard abbreviations (“St.,” “Blvd.,” etc.) may be used in writing out the address.
- More than one person at the same address may sign a petition, but they must sign in separate rows on the petition sheet. No one may sign for anyone else. Signers may not use ditto marks (“”) on the form – they must write out the address completely on the row they signed.
- Signers must sign their name as it appears on their voter registration. They cannot print their name unless printing is their method of signing. (There is a column to print their name – make sure the voter fills out each column appropriately.)
- As a petitioner, you may fill in a signer’s address for them but you **CANNOT** sign their name for them.
- **DO NOT** number the sheets in the space provided on the petition. This will be done later by the campaign.
- The petition sheet does not have to be full. Even a sheet with just one signature is valid and should be sent back to the campaign.
- Each petition needs to be notarized by a licensed public notary. Do not sign at the bottom of the sheet until you are with the notary.
- If someone makes a mistake, you (the circulator), should cross off the entire line and initial next to it. They can then fill out the next line on the sheet correctly.

Third, Notarizing the Signature Sheets.

To be valid, each signature sheet must be signed by you and witnessed by a Notary Public. There are many places to get petitions notarized for free or inexpensively – banks are a good first stop

- Make sure that you **DO NOT FILL OUT AND SIGN** the bottom of your sheet(s) **UNTIL** you are in the presence of the notary.

Fourth, Submitting the Signature Sheets.

We need original notarized signature sheets sent to the campaign office in order to submit them to the Board of Elections.

- We can only submit original petition sheets to the Board of Elections. Thus, they must be sent back via U.S. mail. By November 15th, send notarized sheets to:

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Chicago, IL 60640

To find out if an address is in the 5th district:

<http://www.elections.il.gov/districtlocator/addressfinder.aspx>

For an excellent expandable and searchable map of the 5th district:

<http://www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/VotingInformation/PDF/2011Districts/2011CongDist5.pdf>

Questions? email: office@schwartzbergforcongress.com.