

**NOMINATING PETITION FOR PRIMARY CANDIDATES  
FOR COUNTY OFFICE(S)**

PETITION MUST BE FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM ON THE  
71<sup>st</sup> DAY PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION (*N.J.S.A. 19:23-14*)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Print Petition single sided.
2. Read Petition carefully. The candidate(s) must sign the Certificate of Acceptance and Oath of Allegiance stating that they are qualified for the office and a member of the stated political party on the petition.
3. The circulator must sign his/her name and provide his/her address and attest that they collected all of the signatures for the Candidate; and have it notarized.
4. File the petition with the County Clerk and file the Request for Position on Ballot form with the County Clerk not more than two (2) days after filing the petition.
5. When using a joint petition for the office of the County Board of Commissioners, the order of the candidate names on the joint petition will dictate their order as a unit in the ballot draw; therefore, if multiple joint petition books are circulated, be sure to keep the candidate names in the same order on all such petitions. The candidate names should also be listed in the order that they are to appear on the ballot. Candidates filing a joint petition must make it clear to signers of their joint petition that the signer is supporting each of the candidates named in the joint petition, and thus may not sign another candidate's petition for the same race.
6. The Candidate(s) must take the Oath of Allegiance before an officer authorized by law to take oaths.

**INFORMATION ON CIRCULATING AND FILING A PETITION (*N.J.S.A. 19:23-10*)**

One or more petitions may be circulated and filed on behalf of candidate(s) providing:

1. That all petitions are filed on or before 4:00 p.m. on the 71<sup>st</sup> day prior to the Primary Election (*N.J.S.A. 19:23-14*).
2. That in the aggregate the number of valid signers of the petition(s) equal or exceed the number required by Law (*N.J.S.A. 19:23-8*).
3. The circulator of the petition must complete affidavit portion and must witness signatures he/she is gathering (*N.J.S.A. 19:23-11*).
4. The signers of the petition are qualified voters and reside in the County for which the Candidate is the nominee for office (*N.J.S.A. 19:23-7*).
5. The circulator does not have to be a signer of the petition but must be a registered voter in the State of New Jersey whose party affiliation is of the same political party named in the petition (*N.J.S.A. 19:23-11*).
6. That the candidate(s) endorsed in the petition fully complete and execute one or more petitions with respect to qualification, consent and acceptance (*N.J.S.A. 19:23-7*).
7. No individual shall be eligible to be a candidate unless that individual is a registered voter in the County, that individual has been or will be a resident of the County for not less than one (1) year prior to the date of the next general election, and that individual is 18 years of age or older.

**NOTICE: All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act." For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission at 609-292-8700 or toll-free within New Jersey at 1-888-313-ELEC (3532)**

COUNTY OFFICE SOUGHT \_\_\_\_\_ POLITICAL PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one:    FULL TERM    UNEXPIRED \_\_\_\_ YEAR TERM

*We the undersigned, each a signer of this petition, hereby certify that we reside in the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey and that we are qualified voters therein; that we are members of the above indicated political party, and that we intend to affiliate with the said political party at the ensuing primary election; that we endorse the person named as candidate for the nomination for the office and term indicated above and that we request that you cause to be printed upon the official ballot of said political party the name of said person as the candidate for such nomination (N.J.S.A. 19:23-7); we further certify that the said person so endorsed is legally qualified under the laws of this State to be nominated for said office; we further certify that the residence and post-office address and e-mail address of said candidate(s) so endorsed are as follows:*

**CANDIDATE(S) INFORMATION IN ORDER THEY WISH TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name must appear the same as registered to vote)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name must appear the same as registered to vote)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name must appear the same as registered to vote)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CANDIDATE(S) REQUEST FOR SLOGAN**

The candidate(s) herein, having been endorsed for the office mentioned in this petition, does or do hereby request that there be printed opposite his/her/their name(s) on said primary election ballot, the following slogan:

\_\_\_\_\_  
***(MUST NOT EXCEED SIX WORDS)***

**NOTE:** Slogan must not exceed six words and must be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:23-17. Candidates wanting to use an official "county party slogan" must gain approval from the political party's campaign manager. If the candidate(s) want to use a slogan that includes the name of an individual other than the candidate(s) or incorporated association of this State, written consent must be attached.

**COMMITTEE ON VACANCY**

The names and mailing and e-mail addresses of the three members named as a committee on vacancies are as follows:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name must appear the same as registered to vote)*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name must appear the same as registered to vote)*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name must appear the same as registered to vote)*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**  
*(To be signed by Candidate(s))*

STATE OF NEW JERSEY:  
COUNTY OF BERGEN:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (1) / \_\_\_\_\_ (2) / \_\_\_\_\_ (3),  
sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the  
State of New Jersey; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established  
in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people.

**CANDIDATE 1:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print Name of Candidate 1)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Candidate 1)*

**AS TO CANDIDATE 1:**

**Subscribed and sworn before me**  
**this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of notary, attorney or other  
officer authorized to take oaths in the  
State of New Jersey*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Typed or printed name of notary, attorney or  
other officer authorized to take oaths in the  
State of New Jersey*

**CANDIDATE 2:**

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print Name of Candidate 2)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Candidate 2)*

**AS TO CANDIDATE 2:**

**Subscribed and sworn before me**  
**this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of notary, attorney or other  
officer authorized to take oaths in the  
State of New Jersey*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Typed or printed name of notary, attorney or  
other officer authorized to take oaths in the  
State of New Jersey*

**CANDIDATE 3:**

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print Name of Candidate 3)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Candidate 3)*

**AS TO CANDIDATE 3:**

**Subscribed and sworn before me**  
**this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of notary, attorney or other  
officer authorized to take oaths in the  
State of New Jersey*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Typed or printed name of notary, attorney or  
other officer authorized to take oaths in the  
State of New Jersey*

**CANDIDATE CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**

*(To be signed by Candidate; N.J.S.A 19:23-15)*

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am a member of the political party named in this petition; that I am qualified for the office mentioned in this petition; that I consent to stand at the ensuing election as a candidate for the office as nominated in this petition; and that, if nominated, I agree to accept the nomination. I do hereby further certify that I am a resident of, and am a legal voter registered to vote in, Bergen County.

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*Signature of Candidate 1*

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*Type or Print Name of Candidate 1*

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*Signature of Candidate 2*

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*Type or Print Name of Candidate 2*

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*Signature of Candidate 3*

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*Type or Print Name of Candidate 3*

SUBMIT AS NEEDED; ONE PER EACH WHO COLLECTED SIGNATURES

**AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION AND WITNESSES SIGNATURES***(To be signed by Circulator; N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)*

The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the signatures on this petition. The circulator must take the affidavit for a petition set of signatures he/she solicits and sign in the presence of a person authorized to administer affidavits (e.g., *notary public, attorney-at-law*), but may sign only one signature sheet endorsing the candidate. A candidate may sign and circulate his/her own petition. The circulator is not required to sign as a petitioner, but may do so as long as he/she is a registered voter in the jurisdiction in which the candidate for whom the petition is being circulated is running for office.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

COUNTY OF BERGEN:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, being duly sworn  
*(Type or Print Name of Circulator)*

or affirmed upon oath, depose and say that I saw each of the signatures made hereto and such petition has been signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own proper handwriting; that each of said signers is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a legal voter of the County of Bergen of the State of New Jersey, as stated in said petition, 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 therein named in order to secure his/her nomination or selection as candidate for the office as stated in said petition; and I further swear (or affirm) that I am a registered voter in the State of New Jersey, whose party affiliation is of the same political party named in the petition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Circulator*

**Subscribed and sworn before me**  
**this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address of Circulator*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of notary, attorney or other  
 Officer authorized to take oaths in the  
 State of New Jersey*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Municipality, NJ, Zip Code*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Typed or printed name of notary, attorney or  
 other officer authorized to take oaths in the  
 State of New Jersey*

**NOMINATING PETITION SIGNATURE SHEET**

**Candidate 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Party:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate 3** \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)

3) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)

4) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)

5) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)

6) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)

7) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)

8) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)

9) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)

10) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (Number, Street, City/Town)