

# **NOMINATING PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE TO BE PLACED ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR COUNTY OFFICES**

**PETITION MUST BE FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM ON THE  
DAY OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION (*N.J.S.A. 19:13-9*)**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Read Petition carefully. The candidate(s) must sign the Certificate of Acceptance stating that they are qualified for the office.
2. The circulator must sign their name and provide their address, and attest that they collected all of the signatures for the candidate; and have it notarized.
3. When using a joint petition for the office of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, 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.
4. 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. 19:13-4*)**

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 day of the Primary Election (*N.J.S.A. 19:13-9*).
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. 19:13-5*).
3. The circulator of the petition shall make oath by affidavit before a duly qualified officer that the petition is made in good faith, that the circulator personally circulated the petition and saw all the signatures made thereto and verily believes that the signers are duly qualified voters (*N.J.S.A. 19:13-7*).
4. The signers of the petition are qualified voters and reside in the County in and for which the officer or officers nominated are to be elected. (*N.J.S.A. 19:13-5*).
5. The circulator is not required to be a registered voter, but shall be voter eligible, which means at least 18 years of age, a resident of this State, a citizen of the United States, and not otherwise disqualified under the New Jersey Constitution (*N.J.S.A. 19:13-7*).
6. That the candidate(s) endorsed in the petition fully complete and execute one or more petitions with respect to qualification, consent and acceptance.
7. No individual shall be eligible to be a candidate unless that individual is a registered voter in Bergen 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.
8. The Candidate(s) must take the Oath of Allegiance before an officer authorized by law to take oaths.

**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)**

**Petition for:** County Office

*(See Signatures Required, N.J.S.A. 19:13-5)*

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we reside in the County of Bergen, of the State of New Jersey, and that we are legally qualified to vote for such candidate(s), and pledge ourselves to support and vote for the person(s) named in such petition, and that we have not signed any other petition of nomination for the primary or for the general election for such office, and request that you cause to be printed upon the official general election ballot the name of the candidate(s) and his/her/their designation of party or party principle.

We further certify that the office for which said candidate(s) is or are named and the residence and post-office and e-mail address of said candidate(s) so endorsed are as follows:

**FOR THE OFFICE OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOOSE 1:**  **FULL TERM**  **UNEXPIRED** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR TERM**

**CANDIDATE(S) INFORMATION**

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 hereby request that there be printed opposite his/her name on said General ballot, the following slogan:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(NOTE:** *Slogan must not exceed three words and must be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:13-4)*

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(To be signed by Candidate)*

STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

SS:

COUNTY OF BERGEN:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (1) / \_\_\_\_\_ (2) / \_\_\_\_\_ (3), the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or 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. So help me God.

**CANDIDATE NO. 1:**

**AS TO CANDIDATE NO. 1:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print Name of Candidate No. 1)*

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Candidate No. 1)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*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 NO. 2:**

**AS TO CANDIDATE NO. 2:**

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print Name of Candidate No. 2)*

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

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Candidate No. 2)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*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 NO. 3:**

**AS TO CANDIDATE NO. 3:**

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print Name of Candidate No. 3)*

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

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Candidate No. 3)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*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*

**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**

*(To be signed by Candidate)*

I, or we, the undersigned, hereby certify that I or we am/are a resident of and a legal voter in the jurisdiction of the office for which the nomination is made, and that I or we have not signed an acceptance for the primary nomination or any other petition of nomination under this chapter for such office. (*N.J.S.A. 19:13-8*)

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*Signature of Candidate (1)*

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*Type or Print Name of Candidate*

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*Signature of Candidate (2)*

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*Type or Print Name of Candidate*

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*Signature of Candidate (3)*

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*Type or Print Name of Candidate*

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

*(To be signed by Circulator) (N.J.S.A. 19:13-7)*

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 of the jurisdiction in which the candidate for whom the petition is being circulated is running for office.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

SS:

COUNTY OF BERGEN:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, being duly sworn (or affirmed) upon oath, depose and say that the petition is made in good faith, that I personally circulated the petition and saw all the signatures made thereto and verily believe that the signers are duly qualified voters.

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*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*

NOMINATING PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES TO APPEAR ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR COUNTY OFFICES – SIGNATURE SHEET

Candidate(1) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

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)