

**NOMINATING PETITION FOR PRIMARY CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE**  
**PETITION MUST BE FILED WITH MUNICIPAL CLERK NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM ON THE 64<sup>th</sup> DAY**  
**PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION (*N.J.S.A. 19:23-14*)**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Read Petition carefully. The Candidate or Candidate(s) must sign the Certificate of Acceptance and the Oath of Allegiance stating that he/she are qualified for the office and a member of the stated political party on the petition.
2. The Circulator must sign his/her name & provide his/her address, and attest that they collected all of the signatures for the Candidate; and have it notarized.
3. File the petition with the Municipal Clerk and file the Request for Position on Ballot form with the County Clerk and provide a copy of the Request for Position on Ballot form to the Municipal Clerk not more than two (2) days after the same.
4. Two candidates who wish to share the same slogan and be bracketed on the ballot may circulate and file a joint petition only if: (a) two seats for the same office are open and (b) the term of office for both of those seats is the same. Candidates filing a joint petition must make it clear to signers of their 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. The order of the candidate names on the petition will dictate their order as a unit in the ballot draw; therefore, if multiple petition books are circulated, be sure to keep the candidate names in the same order on all such petitions. Candidates may not file jointly for separate office seats or same office seats with different terms, e.g. mayor and council, or a 3-yr terms council seat and 2-yr unexpired-term council seat.

**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 64<sup>th</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*). Candidates should contact their Municipal Clerk to determine the required number of signatures by municipality and political party.
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. That the signers are qualified voters and reside in the Municipality 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 that municipality and or ward, that individual has been or will be a resident of the municipality and or ward 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)**

**MUNICIPAL CLERK'S USE ONLY**

Voter ID(s): \_\_\_\_\_ # of Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Political Party)

**Petition for:** Municipal Office (See Signatures Required, N.J.S.A. 19:23-8)

We the undersigned hereby certify that we reside in the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey and that we are qualified voters therein; that we are members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, and that we intend to affiliate with the said party at the ensuing election; that we endorse the person(s) named as candidate(s) for the nomination for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ that we request that you cause to be printed upon the official ballot of said party the name(s) of said person(s) as the candidate(s) for such nomination (N.J.S.A. 19:23-7); we further certify that the said person(s) so endorsed is or are legally qualified under the laws of this State to be nominated for said office and is or are a member or members of the political party named in this petition.

We further certify that the office and term for which said candidate(s) is or are named are as follows:

**FOR THE OFFICE OF** \_\_\_\_\_ **WARD (IF ANY)** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**

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

**CANDIDATE'S REQUEST FOR SLOGAN**

The above candidate(s), 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:

**NOTE: Slogan must not exceed six words** and must be in accordance with R.S. 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.

**CANDIDATE(S) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(To be signed by Candidate)*

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

SS:

COUNTY OF BERGEN :

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*candidate no. 1*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (*candidate no. 2*), 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 CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**

*(To be signed by Candidate)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am a member of the political party named in the foregoing petition; that I am qualified for the office mentioned in the foregoing petition; that I consent to stand at the ensuing election as candidate for the office as nominated in the foregoing 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 the Municipality hereinbefore set forth.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Type or Print Name of Candidate No. 1*

**CANDIDATE CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**

*(To be signed by Candidate)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am a member of the political party named in the foregoing petition; that I am qualified for the office mentioned in the foregoing petition; that I consent to stand at the ensuing election as candidate for the office as nominated in the foregoing 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 the Municipality hereinbefore set forth.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Type or Print Name of Candidate No. 2*

**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 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  
*(Print name of Circulator)*  
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 in the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ in 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*

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

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

**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(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Municipality** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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) \_\_\_\_\_