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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR WITNESSES OBTAINING CYNTHIA NIXON SIGNATURES IN NEW YORK

1. The petitioner (also called the Witness) must be a registered Democrat anywhere in NY State, or a notary. The signer must be a registered Democrat.
2. **All signatures must be in ink**, preferably black or blue.
3. The signer must sign his or her own name in the presence of the witness. The signer or the petitioner can then print name under the signature. **No one** may sign for another person. The witness **must actually see** the petition being signed. You cannot witness someone else's petition or "finish" a sheet someone else started. It is ok if every line is not filled in.
5. A person may **not** witness his or her own signature. **You must therefore sign a petition witnessed by another person.**
6. The dates should be filled in at the time the voter signs (preferably by you). The dates of the signatures must be in chronological order, and must include the month and day. Do not "fill out a sheet" in advance
7. Make sure the signer's place of residence is completed in full. **No P.O. boxes. In NYC** add the county on the right hand column. **Out of NYC** write in the Town of City
8. Never use ditto marks.
9. Each name should be **signed in full (no initials)**, but **titles (Mr., Mrs., Dr., etc.) should not be used.**
10. **Do not erase** if there is an error. Even if in doubt, just neatly cross out the entire line and have the signer sign correctly on another line.
11. If you have left the voter, you may make corrections to the date and address but you may never correct errors in the signature. **Note:** Any alterations to the date **must be initialed** by the witness in the left margin.
12. Return petitions to your petition leaders as soon as possible, preferably the same day. IF you are petitioning on your own, mail them back to Cynthia Nixon 2018, 225 Broadway #1902, NY, NY 10007.
13. **Statement of Witness:** Fill in **only** your printed name and address when you start petitioning. **Don't** fill in any other information and **don't sign or date it** until you are ready to return it. **Never** fill in the sheet number (at the bottom of the petition). If you are working with a group fill in the witness statement and sign in the presence of your petition leaders. **Do not simply drop off unsigned petitions or give them to someone else to deliver or sign.** If you are mailing your petitions you can sign the witness statement; call the campaign at 212-285-1400 for assistance.

### How do I get signatures?

1. Approach people in high-traffic pedestrian locations like commuter spots, supermarket/pharmacy parking lots, busy sidewalks, movie theaters, tailgates, outside post offices. Ask them if they are registered Democrats and if they have 20 seconds to sign the petition or petitions you are carrying.
2. Attend Democratic Party events, petition on Congress primary days, where everyone is a registered Democrat.
3. Go door-to-door with a "walk list" of registered Democrats. The campaign can help you with walk lists, which are lists of registered Democrats at a particular address.
4. Explain to people that signing a petition is not voting, or a commitment to vote for Cynthia but the signature will allow them to compete in the election.

### What should I have when I am collecting signatures?

1. A Petition attached to a Clipboard
2. Blue or Black Pens (bring more than one!)
3. Literature (with information about Cynthia) and Volunteer Cards
4. A map of your District (especially important outside NYC to help ensure the correct town or city is entered)
5. Voter Registration Forms (newly registered voters shouldn't sign, but we want them to vote in September.)

### Helpful Hints

\*Neatness counts! Try to make your own writing readable and encourage your signers to print their name and address legibly.

\*Remember: **You are a representative of the campaign** – be cheerful even if people don't want to sign your petition. Many people will be Republicans, Independents, or uninterested in politics, so don't be surprised if they don't want to sign. Have fun! You're getting out and meeting the voters who are going to deliver crucial votes for our candidate