

Circulator Instructions: Referendum to Place Parking On November Ballot (3.12.24)

The Circulators of the Petition must live in the Paso Robles City limits and be a registered voter or eligible to register. If you are not currently registered to vote you may do so online at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

VALID SIGNATURES

- The signor must use a pen (BLUE preferred)
- The signor must be a registered voter living in the city limits of Paso Robles at the time of signing
- The signor must use the name they registered with (ex. Maiden Name vs Married Name)
- The signor must write their own name, address, city and the date, and signature.
- The signor is the only person who may fill out their information, NO ONE else is permitted to fill in any part of the required information
- A Circulator may sign one time only on his/her petition

INVALID SIGNATURES

- Anyone NOT registered to vote
- Anyone who lives outside Paso Robles city limits
- Anyone that has already signed a “Repeal Paid Parking” petition Only ONE signature per registered voter.
- Incomplete information (missing name, date, address, city, etc)
 - No PO Boxes. Physical address ONLY.
- Unreadable information
- Not written in pen
- Written outside of the specified areas (may need to write small to fit in the specified box)

The Circulators may have signs or wear T-shirts promoting “Repeal Paid Parking”. Please keep all “advertising” positive. We are not against any of our fellow neighbors, we are against the paid parking program!

Circulators may collect signatures in or outside of Paso Robles city limits. You may want to verify the signor is a Paso Robles registered voter. You may set up tables and chairs or some form of signing station. If you are in front of a business please get approval and DO NOT interfere with their business.

Circulators will be provided with pens, clipboard, and signature pages. People will often take something that is presented to them, handing over a clipboard and pen while encouraging them to sign. Once a person agrees to sign, you may leave them with the clipboard and move on.

You may say what you feel most comfortable with when addressing someone. DO NOT lie, attack or disparage anyone. A few suggestions are provided below when approaching someone...

“How do you feel about paid parking downtown?”

“Are you a registered voter? In Paso Robles?” [if “no”: “We can register you now”]

“Will you sign our petitions to get paid parking on the ballot?”

“This is just to get paid parking on the ballot in November so we can vote on it.” [This is how you get signers that want paid parking. Even though the petition says “Repeal Paid Parking”]

“You are not voting right now, we are gathering signatures to get parking on the November ballot to vote”

Places to Petition

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If you choose to gather signatures in front of businesses, it is in your best interest to speak with a manager or property owner (grocery stores, Walmart, Smart & Final, downtown businesses, etc). Public locations including parks, sidewalks etc do not require permission unless you are gathering in a "permit only area".

Paso Robles Businesses

City Parks, Playgrounds, Horseshoe pits, ...

Library - who is willing to staff the Library during open hours?

Sit near the ballot drop box. Notify the Librarian where you are if someone asks...

HOA meetings - eg. Sierra Bonita HOA, March

Organization Meetings

Church

.....Wherever people gather: Concerts, festivals, parties, ...

We can promote "signing parties", for anyone that wants to sign:

City Council Meeting - 6:30-8pm at the City Hall

Other city meetings - early in the meetings

City Park, schedule - who wants to be available, at what times, at a certain place in the park???

Circulators, think about:

Friends

Neighbors - people that live near you, or houses/people you haven't met yet.

Family -

Groups that you belong to:

Sports teams

Senior Center

Line dancing

Happy hours

Dinners with friends, etc

Book clubs

Shopping trips

Birthday gatherings

Anniversary gatherings

We will be setting up locations with dates and times for people to sign. These will be advertised using all resources.

Example: Park Cinemas, Friday March 16th 1100am-900pm

Saturday March 17th 1100am-900pm

Sunday March 18th 1100am-900pm

If you own or manage a business that you will be able to have the signature page available for your customers let us know so we can refer people to you.

Please let us know where and when you will be gathering signatures so we can try to do our best to inform the community and not overlap door to door.

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This map is for reference because some people don't know if they are inside the city limits.

