

Petition Verification Process

Maricopa County Elections Department
Community Network Meeting
June 29th, 2011

- Timeline of petitions process
- Recap legislative changes in 2011
- Verifications so far in 2011
- Petition trends 1996-2011
- Statutory Requirements
 - A presentation by Jasper Altaha
- Process & Procedures
 - Staff training presentation
- Q&A

Topics



Timeline of petition process

- File campaign finance paperwork
- Circulate petitions
- Submit petitions to filing agent
- Signature verification process
- Certification of petitions
- Challenge period
- Ballot creation

Timeline

- Candidates must get qualified voters to sign their nomination petitions in order to get their name on the ballot.
- The signature requirements are based on number of registered voters or votes cast (depending on type).



Nomination Petitions

- Initiative & Referendum signature requirements are based on votes cast for Governor.



- Nomination petitions are based on voter registration.
- Recall requirements are based on 25% of the total votes cast for that office at the last election.

Signature Requirements

**2010 Signature Requirements
Maricopa County
Primary Election - August 24, 2010**

3/1/2010

OFFICE / DISTRICT	REPUBLICAN			DEMOCRATIC			LIBERTARIAN			16-341* "INDEPENDENT"		
	VOTER REG TOTALS	MINIMUM REQUIRED	MAXIMUM REQUIRED	VOTER REG TOTALS	MINIMUM REQUIRED	MAXIMUM REQUIRED	VOTER REG TOTALS	MINIMUM REQUIRED	MAXIMUM REQUIRED	VOTER REG TOTALS	MINIMUM REQUIRED	
COUNTY WIDE OFFICE	703,151	3,516	70,316	561,285	2,807	56,129	15,958	80	1,596	586,276	17,589	
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE CONSTABLE												
	DIST											
AGUA FRIA	20	9,110	183	911	21,706	435	2,171	803	17	81	18,055	542
ARROWHEAD	14	58,911	1,179	5,892	37,242	745	3,725	709	15	71	38,061	1,142
DOWNTOWN	5	2,586	52	259	8,664	174	867	261	6	27	6,803	205
EAST MESA	4	41,489	830	4,149	22,537	451	2,254	556	12	56	27,257	818
ENCANTO	2	11,658	234	1,166	18,425	369	1,843	655	14	66	12,657	380
ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN	1	38,632	773	3,864	34,077	682	3,408	984	20	99	36,177	1,086
HASSAYAMPA	23	47,220	945	4,722	31,536	631	3,154	475	10	48	37,011	1,111
IRONWOOD	7	1,089	22	109	977	20	98	33	1	4	981	30
KYRENE	19	31,263	626	3,127	32,750	655	3,275	943	19	95	31,350	941
MANISTEE	8	17,065	342	1,707	19,393	388	1,940	718	15	72	17,366	521
MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN	15	72,291	1,446	7,230	39,215	785	3,922	934	19	94	47,846	1,436
NORTH VALLEY	11	50,008	1,001	5,001	31,643	633	3,165	938	19	94	37,347	1,121
SAN MARCOS	3	50,573	1,012	5,058	37,113	743	3,712	911	19	92	42,465	1,274
SOUTH MOUNTAIN	17	10,297	206	1,030	31,630	633	3,163	627	13	63	21,575	648
UNIVERSITY LAKES	18	20,569	412	2,057	20,583	412	2,059	762	16	77	19,868	597
WEST MCDOWELL	22	3,632	73	634	10,389	208	1,039	505	11	51	7,922	238
WEST MESA	21	7,156	144	716	8,106	163	811	276	6	28	9,155	275

*Name appears on the
General Election Only

Signature Requirements



2012 SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Signature requirements will be available after March 1, 2012. State law requires the figures to be calculated using the registration totals as of March 1st.

<http://recorder.maricopa.gov/web/signatures.aspx>

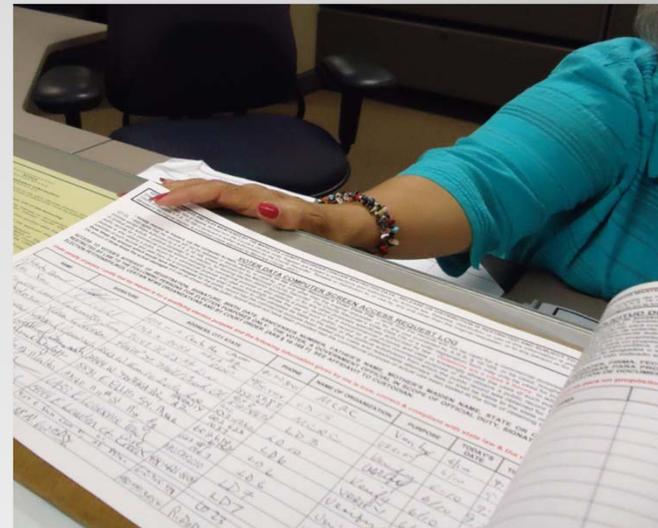
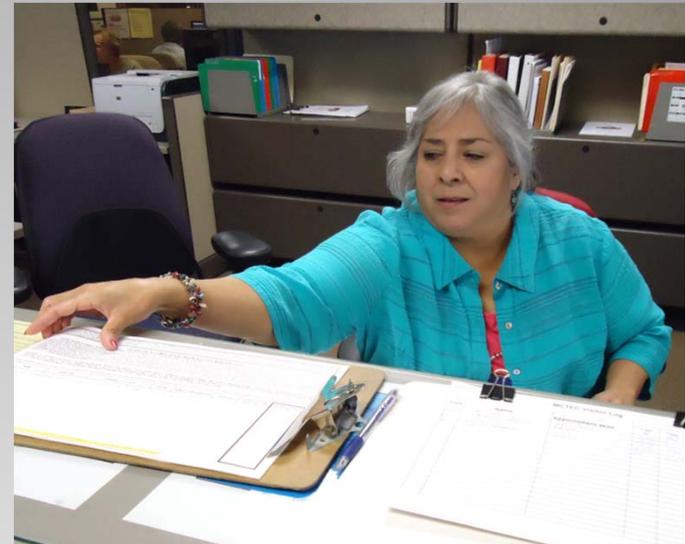
Signature Requirements 2012

- Candidates/PACs bring in their petitions.
- Each page is numbered and the total number of signatures on that page noted.
- A totals tape of the signatures being submitted is run and a receipt given.



Nomination Petitions

- The public is able to purchase copies of petitions (nomination, initiative, recall, etc.) and use public terminals to verify the signers eligibility.
- They must first sign in and swear it is for elections purposes.



Public Access



- During times of heavy traffic (challenge period after filing) the public can reserve time on the public terminals in 2 hour slots.
- This public access does not provide the entire voter's file—just basic information such as name, address, party, date of registration, etc.

Public Access



- Access to the actual voter's signature is only available with the oversight of one of MCED's staff.
- This ensures that the user does not take photos of signatures or attempt to capture the image which is not allowed.

Public Access

- Nomination petition signatures are only verified if they are challenged.
- The challenger must note the page, line, and reason why a signature is being challenged.
- MCED then researches those signatures to verify if they are, in fact, valid or not.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Lincoln".A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Picasso".A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Bauer".A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Swit".A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Einstein".A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guise".A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy".

Petition Verification



D	17842	15-Jun	1:00 p.m.
D	17840	15-Jun	3:00 p.m.
R	17914	15-Jun	3:00 p.m.
D	17886	16-Jun	10 a.m.
G	17920	16-Jun	10:00 a.m.
	17816	16-Jun	1:00 p.m.
D	17816	"	"
D	17816	"	"
16-341	17816	"	"
D	17834	16-Jun	3:00 p.m.
D	17838	17-Jun	8:00 a.m.
R	17635	17-Jun	10:00 a.m.
16-341	17889	17-Jun	10:00 a.m.
R	17814	17-Jun	1:00 p.m.
16-341	17815	17-Jun	1:00 p.m.
R	19503	17-Jun	3:00 p.m.
R	17915	17-Jun	3:00 p.m.
D	17637	18-Jun	8:00 a.m.
	17818	18-Jun	8:00 a.m.
R	17818	"	"

2010 Challenges & Court Dates

- For other types of petitions a percentage is verified:
 - Party Recognition: 100%
 - Recall: 100%
 - Initiative: 5% random
 - Referendum: 5% random

Petition Verification

Petition challenge succeeds

Nesvig's council bid 89 signatures short

Challenge filed against Ariz. affirmative action ban

Trust-land initiative tossed due to lack of signatures

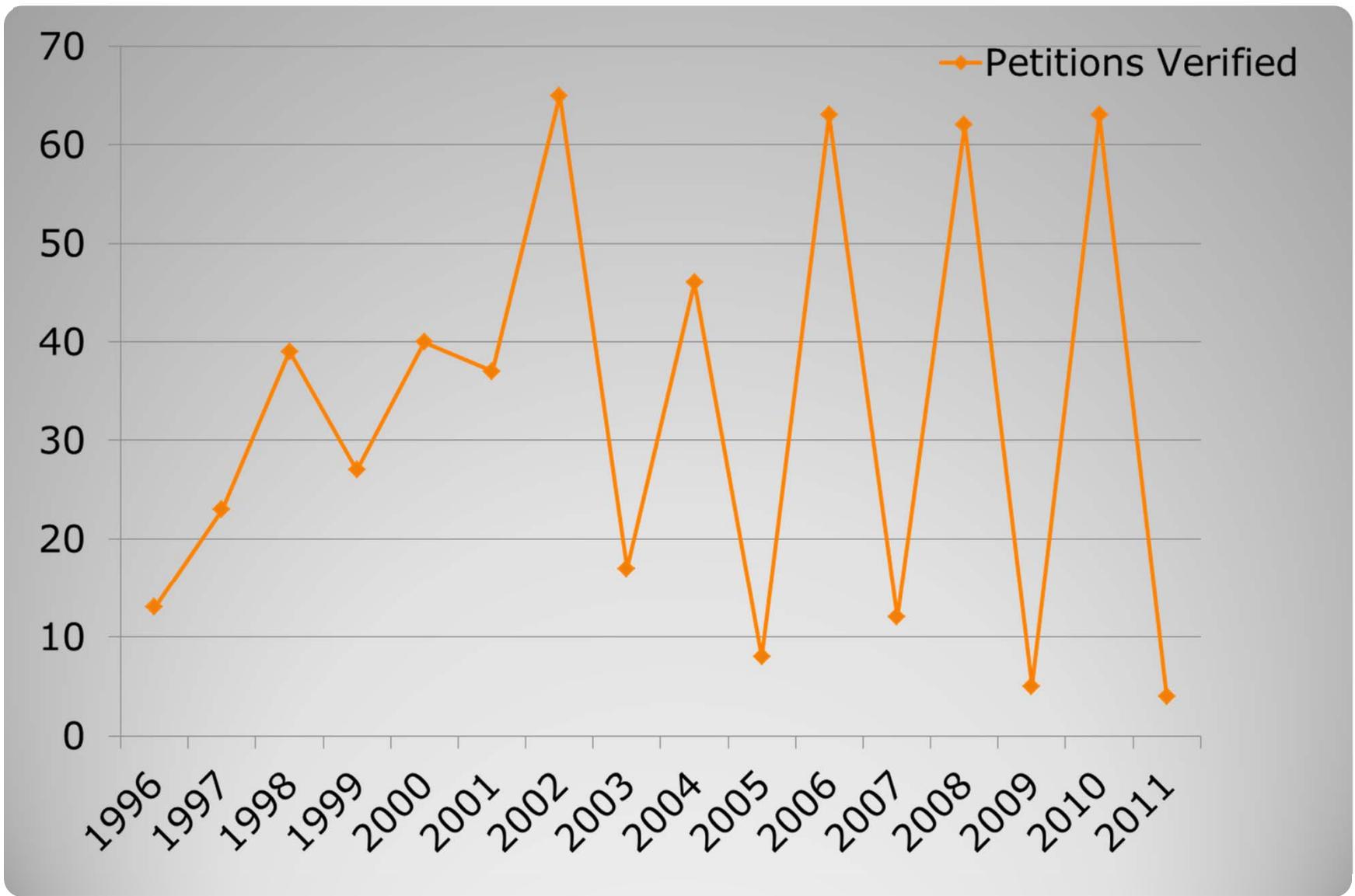
Petition challenge knocks Peoria council candidate off ballot

Challenges filed in bid to knock candidates off Arizona primary ballot

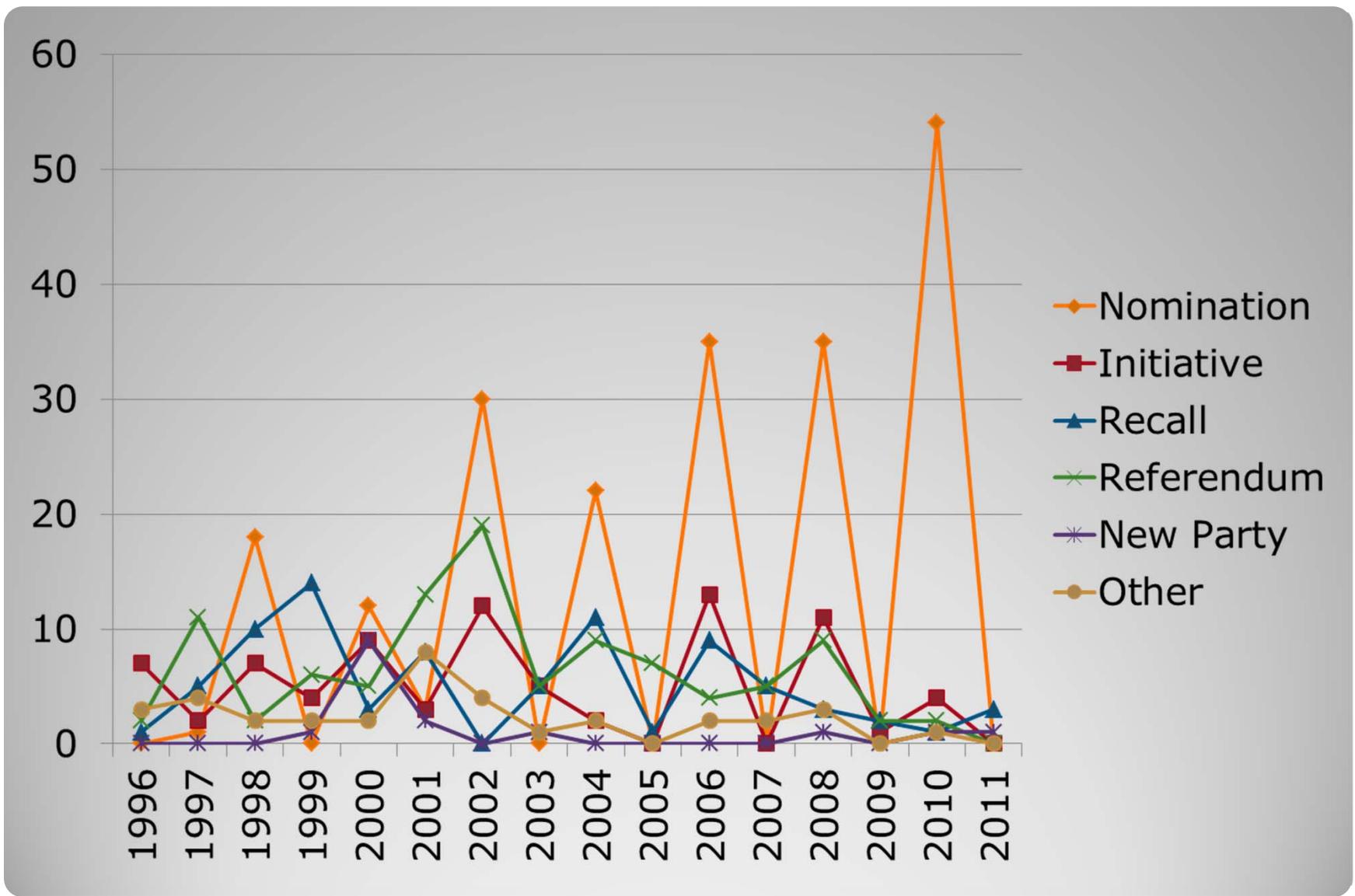
Petition trends 1996-2011

- 528 separate petitions
- 603,270 petition pages
- 724,251 signatures

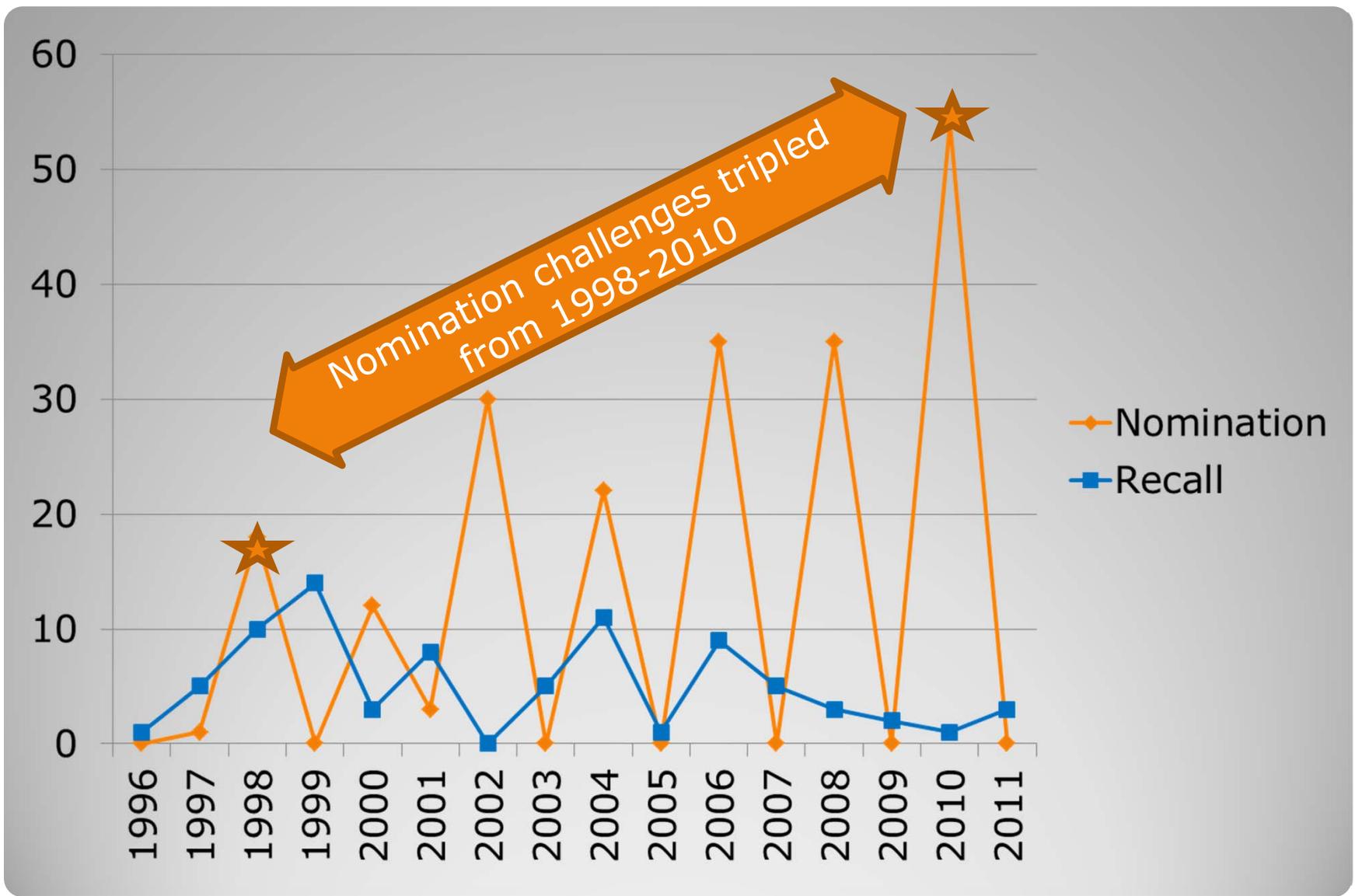
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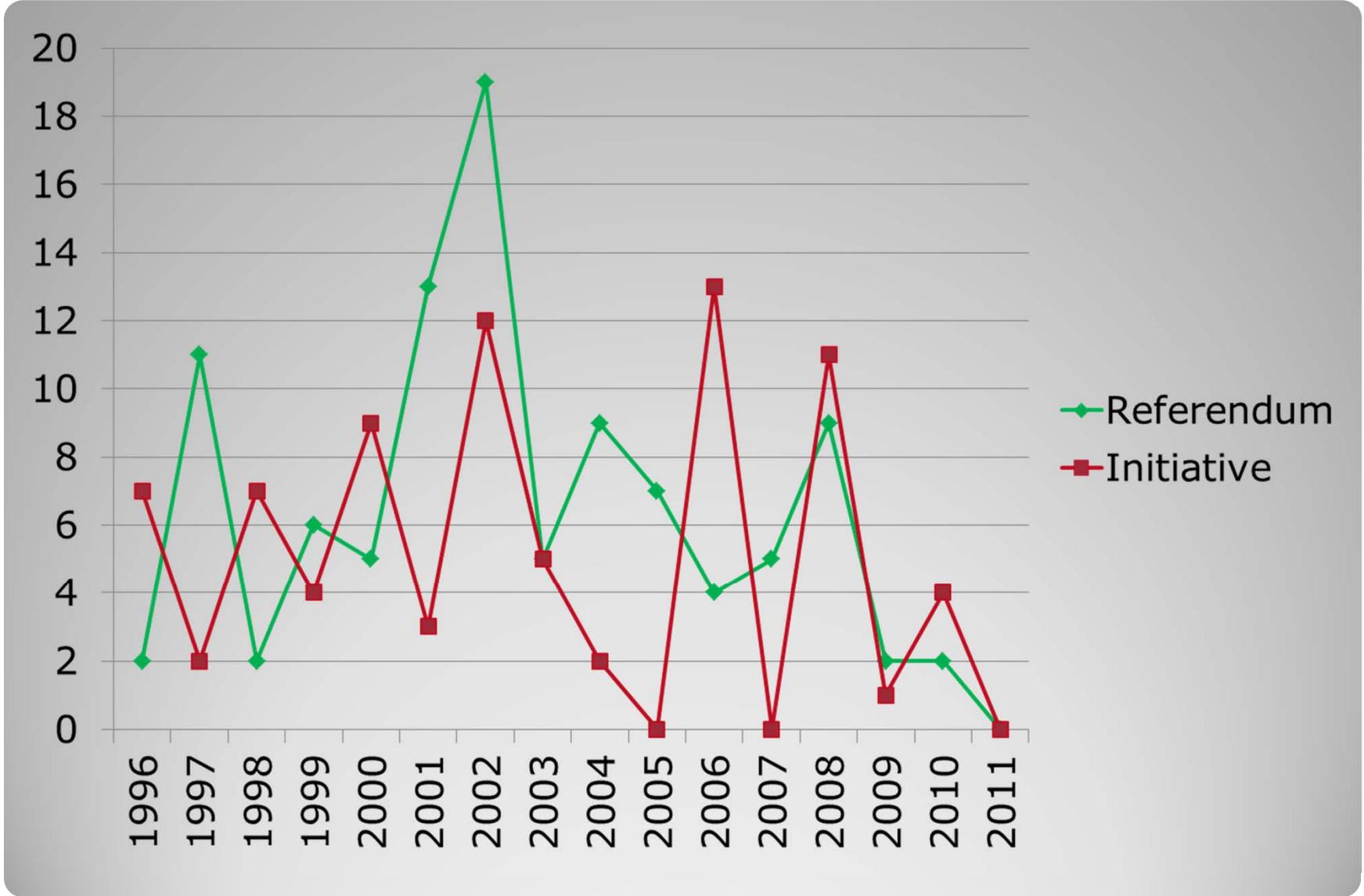
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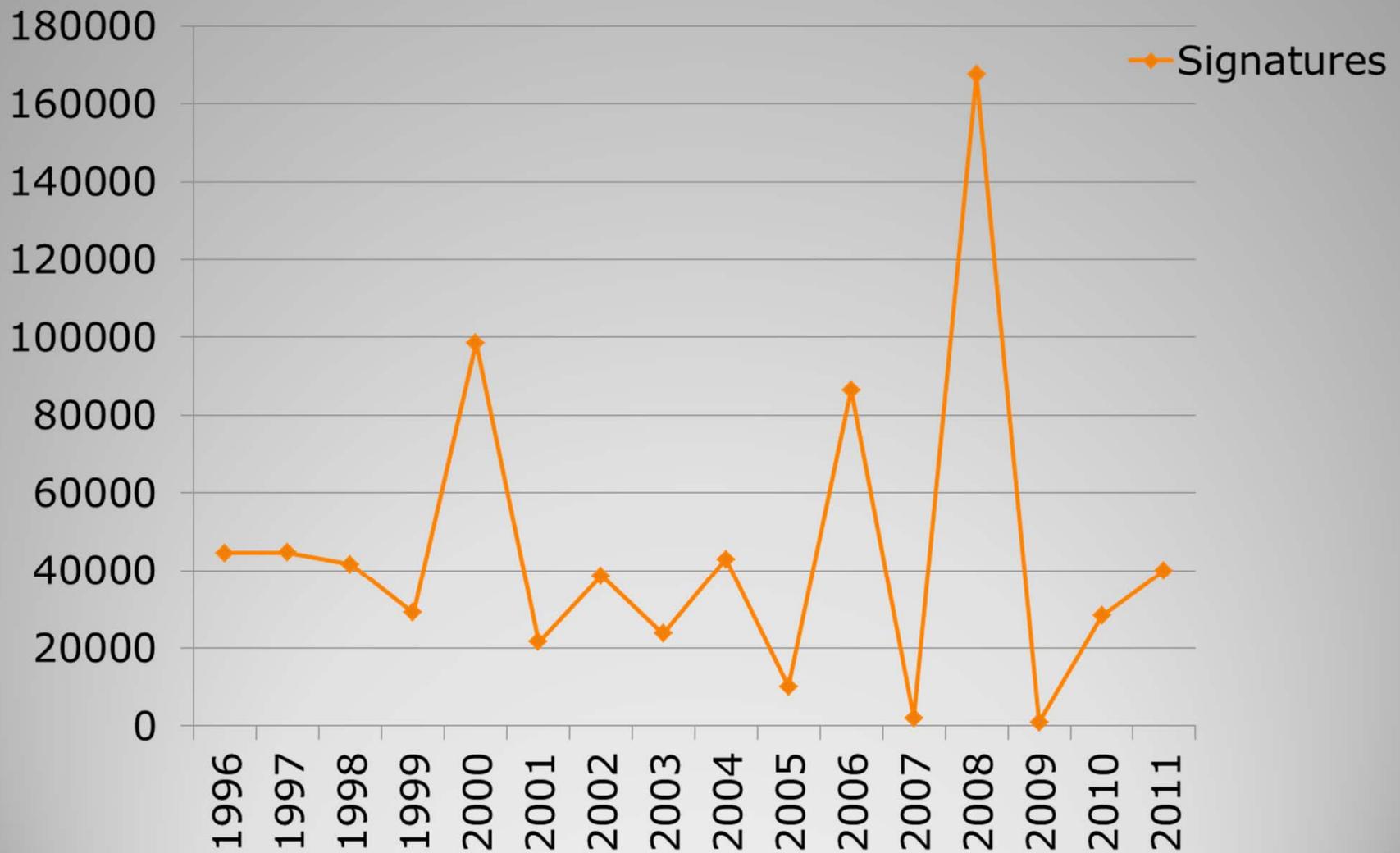
Types of Petitions 1996-2011



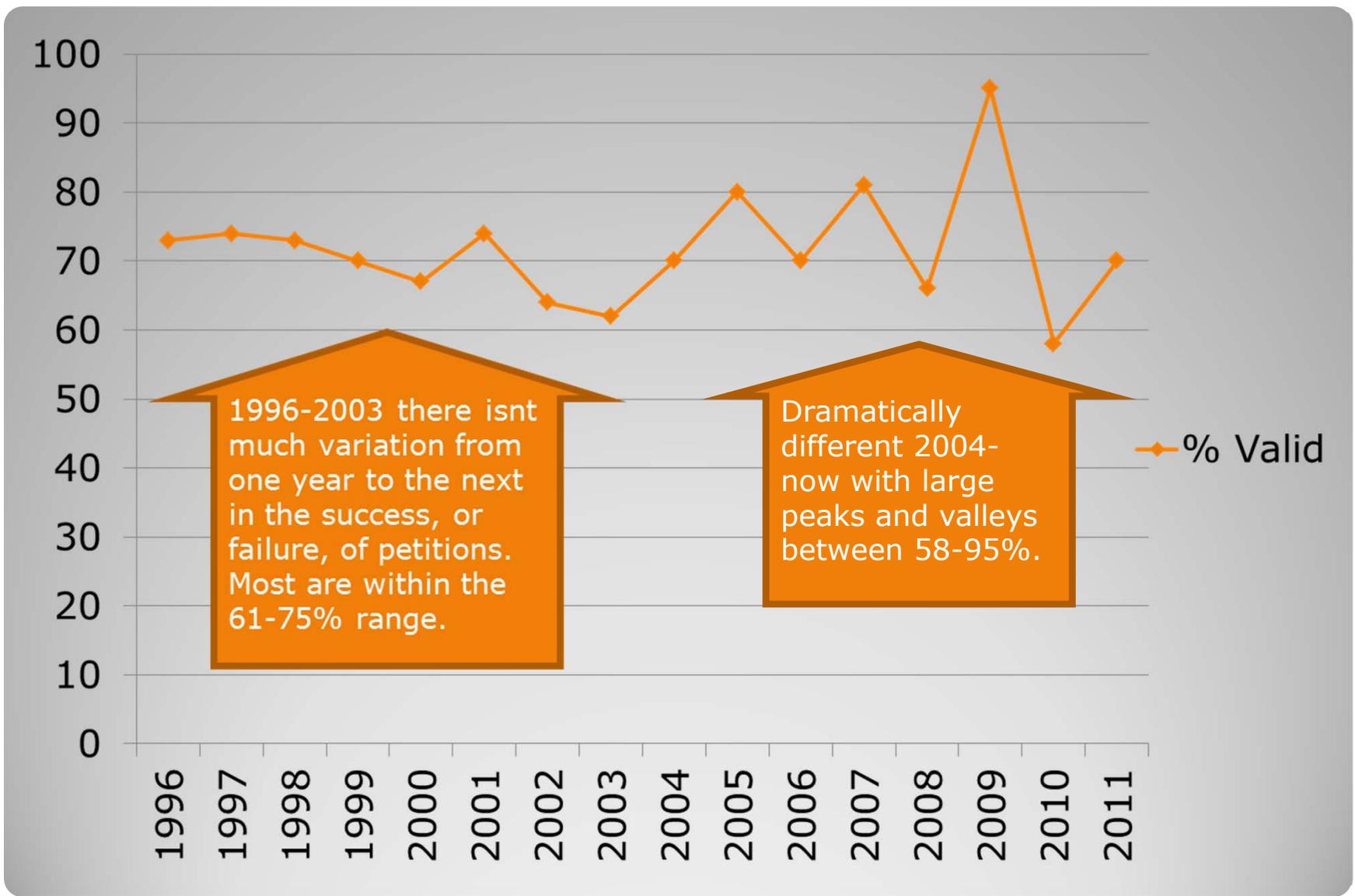
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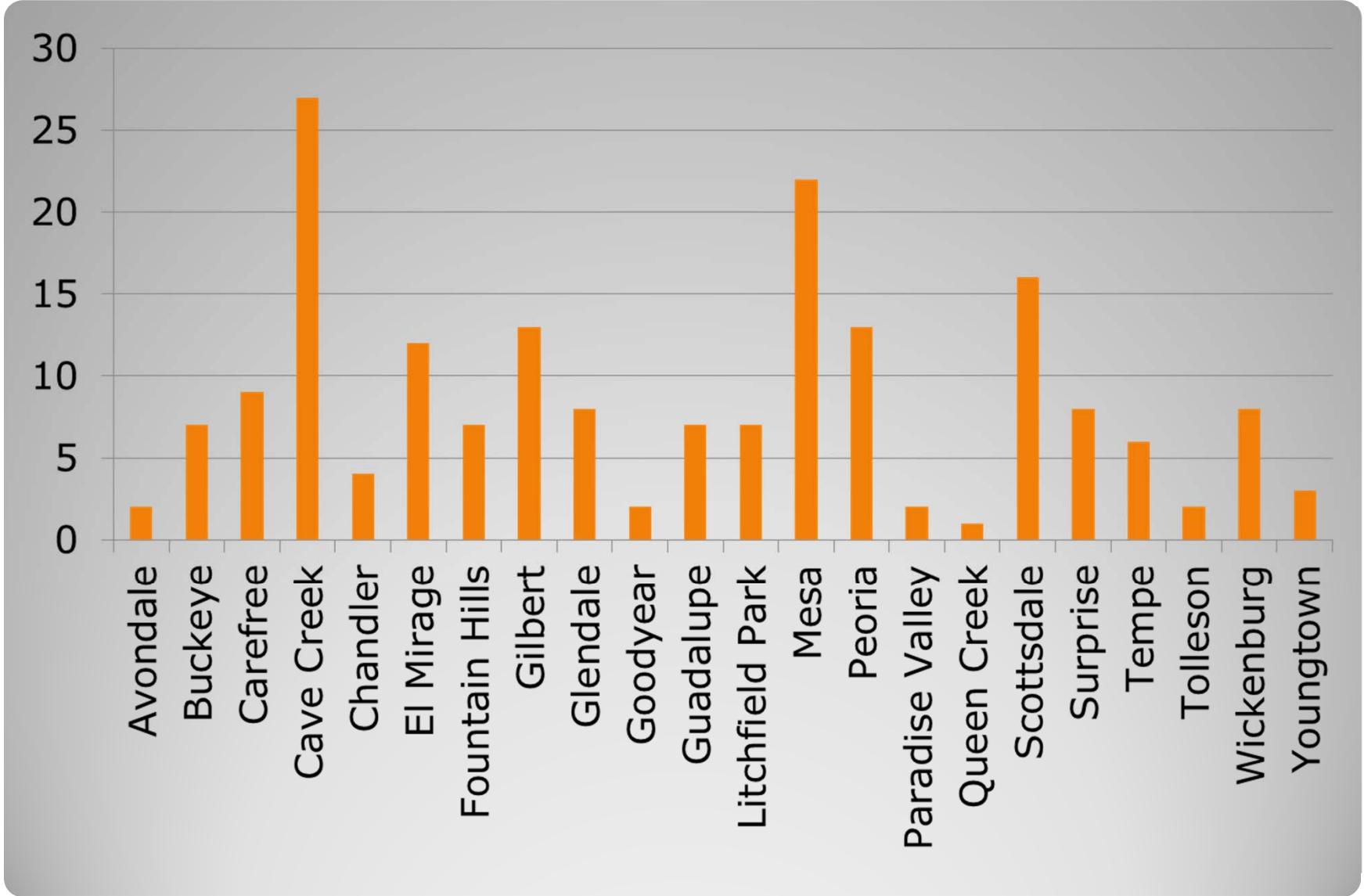
Issue Petitions 1996-2011



Petition Signatures 1996-2011

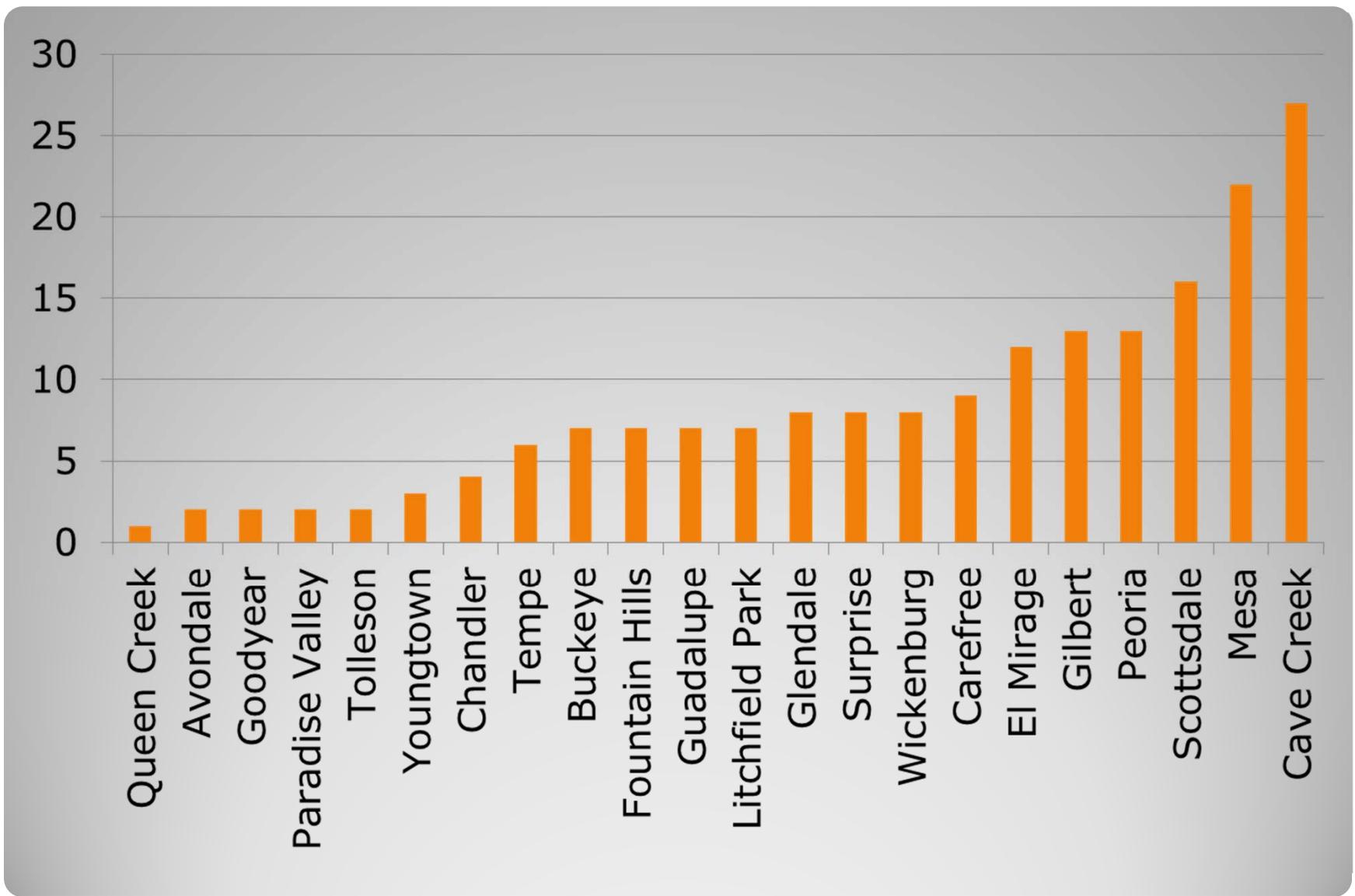


Success Rates 1996-2011



City/Town Petitions 1996-2011

Alpha



City/Town Petitions 1996-2011

Rank



Legislative changes in 2011

Recap of May's Presentation

HB 2304

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2. Circulator IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE BUT OTHERWISE must be qualified to register to vote in this state AND, IF NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, SHALL REGISTER AS A CIRCULATOR WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

3. Circulator's name shall be typed or printed under such person's signature.

4. Circulator's actual residence address or, if no street address, a description of residence location shall be included on the petition.

C. The secretary of state shall prepare sample nomination petition forms and distribute such forms to all election officers.

D. CIRCULATORS WHO ARE NOT RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE MUST BE REGISTERED AS CIRCULATORS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE BEFORE CIRCULATING PETITIONS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE FOR A METHOD OF RECEIVING SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THOSE PETITION CIRCULATORS WHO REGISTER PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ESTABLISH IN THE INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES MANUAL ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-452 A PROCEDURE FOR REGISTERING CIRCULATORS AND RECEIVING SERVICE OF PROCESS.

- Circulators have to be residents or register with SOS

HB 2304

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B. An individual who receives contributions or makes expenditures of more than five hundred dollars for the purpose of determining whether the individual will become a candidate for election to an office in this state shall designate in the format prescribed by the filing officer a political committee to serve as the individual's exploratory committee. The individual shall make the designation pursuant to this subsection before making any expenditures, accepting any contributions, **CIRCULATING ANY PETITIONS** or distributing any campaign literature.

designation of a candidate campaign committee.

G. AFTER DESIGNATING AN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE, A CANDIDATE MAY LAWFULLY COLLECT SIGNATURES ON NOMINATION PETITIONS AND RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.

C. H. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil

- Clarification on petition circulation & exploratory committee

~~C. If the number of valid signatures as projected from the random sample is less than one hundred five but greater than ninety-five per cent of the minimum number required by the constitution, the secretary of state shall order the examination and verification of each signature filed and shall so notify the county recorders. The county recorder's certification shall be in the form prescribed by the secretary of state.~~

D. C. If the number of valid signatures as projected from the random sample is less than ~~ninety-five~~ ONE HUNDRED per cent of the minimum number required by the constitution or if the actual number of signatures on the remaining sheets after any such subtraction from the random sample or after certification fails to equal or exceed the minimum required by the constitution, the secretary of state shall immediately return the original signature sheets, in the form filed by him under section 19-121, to the person or organization that submitted them, together with a certified statement that, for the following reasons, the petition lacks the minimum number of signatures to place it on the general election ballot:

- Does away with the convoluted math

16-801. Representation of new party on ballot at primary and general elections

A. A new political party may become eligible for recognition and shall be represented by an official party ballot at the next ensuing regular primary election and accorded a column on the official ballot at the succeeding general election ~~upon~~ ON filing with the secretary of state a petition signed by a number of qualified electors equal to not less than one and one-third per cent of the total votes cast for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected. FROM THIS NUMBER, AT LEAST FIVE DIFFERENT COUNTIES SHALL BE INCLUDED AS THE COUNTY OF REGISTRATION AMONG THE REQUIRED TOTAL OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS AND AT LEAST TEN PER CENT OF THE REQUIRED TOTAL OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS SHALL BE REGISTERED IN COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS OF LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS. The petition shall:

- New party petitions

SB 1471

~~1. Bear the certification of the county recorder of each county that the signatures on the petition have been examined and that these are signatures of qualified electors of the county.~~

~~2.~~ 1. Be verified by the affidavit of ten qualified electors of the state, asking that the signers thereof be recognized as a new political party. The status as qualified electors of the signers of the affidavit shall be certified by the county recorder of the county in which they reside.

~~3.~~ 2. Be in substantially the form prescribed by section 16-315.

~~4.~~ 3. Be captioned "petition for political party recognition".

B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, ON RECOGNITION AS A POLITICAL PARTY THAT IS REPRESENTED BY AN OFFICIAL PARTY BALLOT AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND ACCORDED A BALLOT COLUMN AT THE SUCCEEDING GENERAL ELECTION, A NEW POLITICAL PARTY IS ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION AS A POLITICAL PARTY ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT THROUGH THE NEXT TWO REGULARLY SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RECOGNITION OF THE POLITICAL PARTY. AFTER THESE TWO REGULARLY SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE THE POLITICAL PARTY IS INELIGIBLE FOR FURTHER REPRESENTATION ON THE BALLOT UNLESS IT QUALIFIES FOR CONTINUED REPRESENTATION ON THE BALLOT AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-804 OR IT FILES A NEW PETITION FOR RECOGNITION AS A NEW POLITICAL PARTY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTION 16-803.

□ New party recognition extended

B. A petition for recognition shall not be submitted ~~for signature verification~~ to a county recorder or a city or town clerk, as the case may be, later than one hundred eighty days before the primary election.

~~C. The county recorder shall verify and count all signatures of qualified electors within thirty days after submission.~~

C. ON RECEIPT OF A PETITION FOR STATEWIDE RECOGNITION, THE COUNTY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS FROM EACH OF THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THE PETITION WAS FILED SHALL SUBMIT THE PETITIONS AND SIGNATURES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REMOVE THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION BY MARKING AN "SS" IN RED INK IN THE MARGIN TO THE RIGHT OF THE SIGNATURE LINE:

- New party petition processing

1. IF THE SIGNATURE OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR IS MISSING.
2. IF THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OR THE DESCRIPTION OF RESIDENCE LOCATION IS MISSING.
3. IF THE DATE ON WHICH THE PETITIONER SIGNED IS MISSING.
- D. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DURING THE SAME FIVE BUSINESS DAY PERIOD PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C, SHALL SELECT, AT RANDOM, TWENTY PER CENT OF THE TOTAL SIGNATURES ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION BY THE COUNTY RECORDERS OF THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THE PERSONS SIGNING THE PETITION CLAIM TO BE QUALIFIED ELECTORS. THE RANDOM SAMPLE OF SIGNATURES TO BE VERIFIED SHALL BE DRAWN IN SUCH A MANNER THAT EVERY SIGNATURE ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION HAS AN EQUAL CHANCE OF BEING INCLUDED IN THE SAMPLE. THE RANDOM SAMPLE PRODUCED SHALL IDENTIFY EACH SIGNATURE SELECTED BY PETITION PAGE AND LINE NUMBER. THE SIGNATURES SELECTED SHALL BE MARKED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:
 1. USING RED INK, MARK THE SELECTED SIGNATURE BY CIRCLING THE LINE NUMBER AND DRAWING A LINE FROM THE BASE OF THE CIRCLE EXTENDING INTO THE LEFT MARGIN.

□ New party petition processing continued

2. IF A SIGNATURE LINE SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM SAMPLE IS FOUND TO BE BLANK OR WAS REMOVED FROM THE VERIFICATION PROCESS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C, THEN THE NEXT LINE DOWN, EVEN IF THAT REQUIRES GOING TO THE NEXT PETITION SHEET IN SEQUENCE, ON WHICH AN ELIGIBLE SIGNATURE APPEARS SHALL BE SELECTED AS A SUBSTITUTE IF THAT LINE HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM SAMPLE. IF THE NEXT ELIGIBLE LINE IS ALREADY BEING USED IN THE RANDOM SAMPLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROCEED BACK UP THE PAGE FROM THE SIGNATURE LINE ORIGINALLY SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM SAMPLE TO THE NEXT PREVIOUS SIGNATURE LINE ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION. IF THAT LINE IS ALREADY BEING USED IN THE RANDOM SAMPLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CONTINUE MOVING DOWN THE PAGE OR TO THE NEXT PAGE FROM THE LINE ORIGINALLY SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM SAMPLE AND SHALL SELECT THE NEXT ELIGIBLE SIGNATURE AS ITS SUBSTITUTE FOR THE RANDOM SAMPLE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL USE THIS PROCESS OF ALTERNATELY MOVING FORWARD AND BACKWARD UNTIL A SIGNATURE ELIGIBLE FOR VERIFICATION AND NOT ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE RANDOM SAMPLE CAN BE SELECTED AND SUBSTITUTED.

- New party petition processing continued

E. AFTER THE SELECTION OF THE RANDOM SAMPLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REPRODUCE A FACSIMILE OF THE FRONT OF EACH SIGNATURE SHEET ON WHICH A SIGNATURE INCLUDED IN THE RANDOM SAMPLE APPEARS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL CLEARLY IDENTIFY THOSE SIGNATURES MARKED FOR VERIFICATION BY COLOR HIGHLIGHTING OR OTHER SIMILAR METHOD AND SHALL TRANSMIT BY PERSONAL DELIVERY OR CERTIFIED MAIL TO EACH COUNTY RECORDER A FACSIMILE SHEET OF EACH SIGNATURE SHEET ON WHICH A SIGNATURE APPEARS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO CLAIMS TO BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THAT COUNTY AND WHOSE SIGNATURE WAS SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION AS PART OF THE RANDOM SAMPLE.

F. WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE SHEETS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL DETERMINE WHICH SIGNATURES OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES WERE TRANSMITTED SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- New party petition processing

1. NO RESIDENCE ADDRESS OR DESCRIPTION OF RESIDENCE LOCATION IS PROVIDED.
2. NO DATE OF SIGNING IS PROVIDED.
3. THE SIGNATURE IS ILLEGIBLE AND THE SIGNER IS OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIABLE.
4. THE ADDRESS PROVIDED IS ILLEGIBLE OR NONEXISTENT.
5. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT A QUALIFIED ELECTOR ON THE DATE OF SIGNING THE PETITION.
6. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS A REGISTERED VOTER BUT WAS NOT AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON THE DATE OF SIGNING THE PETITION OR AFFIDAVIT.
7. THE SIGNATURE WAS DISQUALIFIED AFTER COMPARISON WITH THE SIGNATURE ON THE AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION.
8. IF A PETITIONER SIGNED MORE THAN ONCE, ALL BUT ONE OTHERWISE VALID SIGNATURE SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED.
9. FOR THE SAME REASONS ANY SIGNATURES COULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

□ New party petition processing continued

G. WITHIN THE SAME TIME PERIOD PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION F, THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL CERTIFY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE NAME OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHOSE SIGNATURE WAS INCLUDED IN THE RANDOM SAMPLE AND DISQUALIFIED BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TOGETHER WITH THE PETITION PAGE AND LINE NUMBER OF THE DISQUALIFIED SIGNATURE.

2. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES SELECTED FOR THE RANDOM SAMPLE AND TRANSMITTED TO THE COUNTY RECORDER FOR VERIFICATION AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RANDOM SAMPLE SIGNATURES DISQUALIFIED.

H. AT THE TIME OF THE CERTIFICATION, THE COUNTY RECORDER SHALL:

1. RETURN THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE SHEETS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

2. SEND NOTICE OF THE RESULTS OF THE CERTIFICATION BY MAIL TO THE PERSON OR ORGANIZATION THAT SUBMITTED THE PETITIONS AND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

□ New party petition processing continued

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Group submits 18,000 signatures to recall Pearce

By Luige del Puerto - luige.delpuerto@azcapitoltimes.com
Published: May 31, 2011 at 7:54 am



A young girl hands over the first set of signatures requesting a recall election for Senate President Russell Pearce. (Photo by Ryan Cook/RJ Cook Photography)

Saying they have defied doomsayers and skeptics, a group filed Tuesday more than 18,000 signatures to recall Senate President Russell Pearce, a conservative lawmaker from Mesa who is nationally known for his anti-illegal immigration legislation.

The group, Citizens for a Better Arizona, dropped the petition forms at the State's office. They are confident they are confident they contained more than 18,000 signatures to go to the

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Recall targets 2 Cartwright school-board members

Group is hoping to oust 2 on board who want to jettison superintendent

by Emily Gersema - Dec. 5, 2010 08:11 PM
The Arizona Republic

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A group of west Phoenix residents and a state lawmaker want to recall two Cartwright Elementary School District governing-board members who are forcing the superintendent out.

May 6, 2011

Americans Elect Submits its Petition for Ballot Status in Arizona

By Administrator

Arizona Business Lawyers

Business lawyers with local offices located throughout the Valley

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Source: [Ballot Access News](#)

On April 13, Americans Elect turned in its petition for party status in Arizona. The counties are checking the signatures now, and expect to be finished by May 13. Assuming the petition is valid, Americans Elect will then be ballot-qualified for 2012 in three states. The other two are Nevada and Florida.

Verifications so far in 2011

- Party Recognition:
 - Americans Elect (AME)
- Recall:
 - Cartwright School District: Rosa Cantu
 - Cartwright School District: Terrence McTier
 - Arizona Senator: Russell Pearce
- Nomination:
 - 0 as of June 28th

2011

- At this time only the Pearce recall is in house being processed:

RecvDate	DueDate	PetDesc	PetitNo	PetTypeDesc	MaxPages	SigNum	SigValid	SigInvalid	FileDate	CompDate
6/3/2011	8/2/2011	CITIZENS FOR A BETTER ARIZONA-RUSSELL PEARCE	RC-04-2011	RECALL	1648	7602	4742	2860	1/31/2011	?
3/22/2011	5/20/2011	CARTWRIGHT ELEM NO 83 GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER MCTIER	10-83-02	RECALL	217	2849	1332	1517	11/29/2010	4/21/2011
3/22/2011	5/20/2011	CARTWRIGHT ELEM NO 83 GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER CANTU	10-83-03	RECALL	182	2397	1031	1366	11/29/2010	4/21/2010
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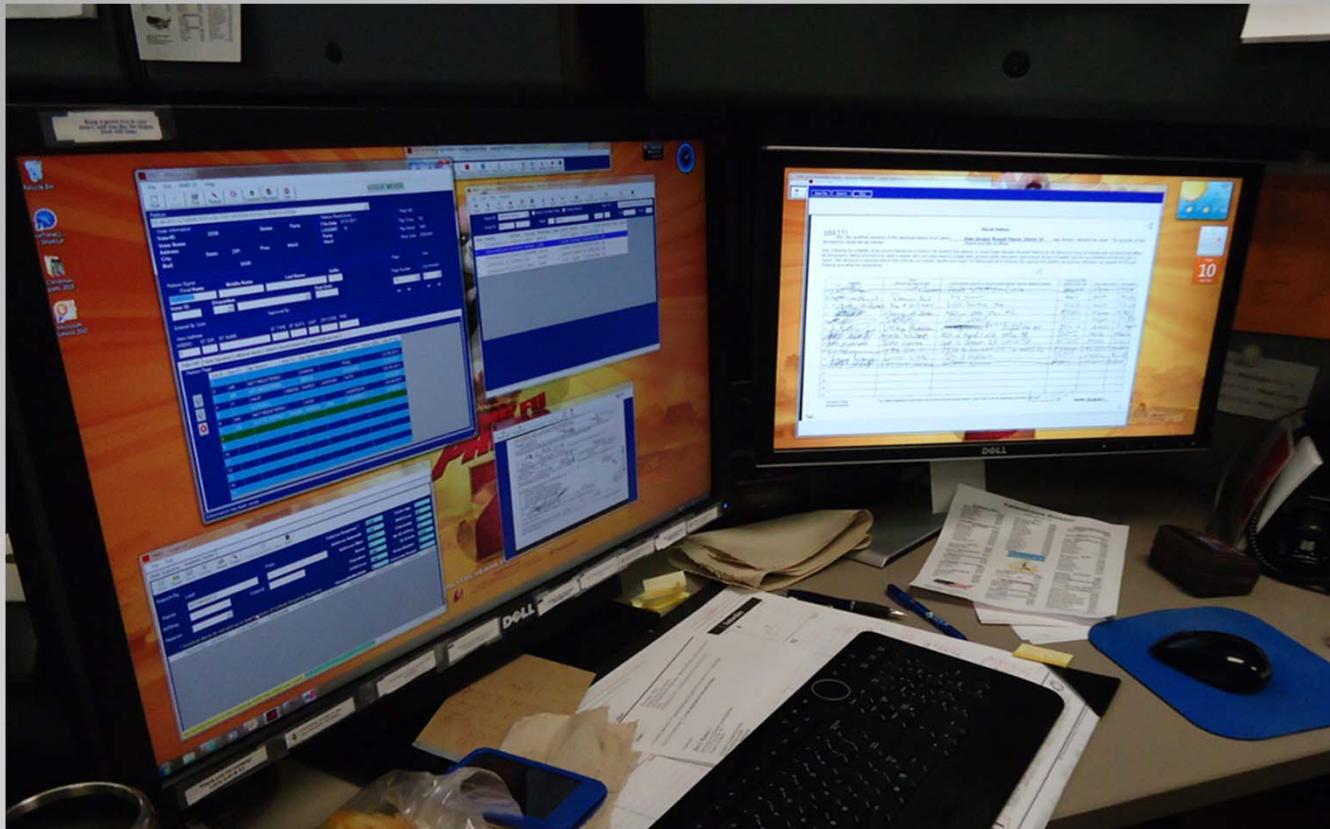
- Verification began on June 6th.
- This screenshot is from June 10th.
- As of yesterday, June 28th, there were 10,374 valid signatures.
- We estimate certification within the next two weeks.

2011 Outcome Summary

- Americans Elect needs 23,041 statewide.
- Of the 26,375 Maricopa County verified, 20,141 were valid.
- AME has enough valid signatures, but as of June 29th has *NOT* filed their official papers with the Secretary of State's office.



Americans Elect (AME)



Statutory Requirements for Process

Petition Verification Initiative, Referendum and Recall



Jasper Altaha
Maricopa County
Voter Registration Manager

Petition Verification

What is a valid signature?

- Signature matches voter registration signature
- Address is within electoral district
- Date signed is on or after the date of registration

Petition Verification

Reasons to disqualify a signature...

- § 19-121.02.
- No residence address or description of residence
- No date of signing
- Signer is not identifiable
- Address provided is illegible or nonexistent

Petition Verification

More reasons to disqualify a signature...

- Signer was not a qualified elector on date of signing
- Signer was not 18 years of age on date of signing
- Signature does not match voter registration signature
- Signed more than once - *All but one is disqualified*
- *County Recorder or Justice of the Peace circulated the petition - § 19-114*

Petition Verification

Timeframe for verification...

Initiative and Referendum –

10 days, excluding weekends and legal holidays

■ § 19-121.02.

Recall –

60 days, including weekends and legal holidays for

■ § 19-208.02.

Petition Verification

Certification... § 19-121.02

- Original is signed by recorder and sent to respective jurisdiction
- Include page and line number of all disqualified signatures along with reason for disqualification
- Make enough copies
 - Office copy
 - Attorney
 - Committee
 - Secretary of State

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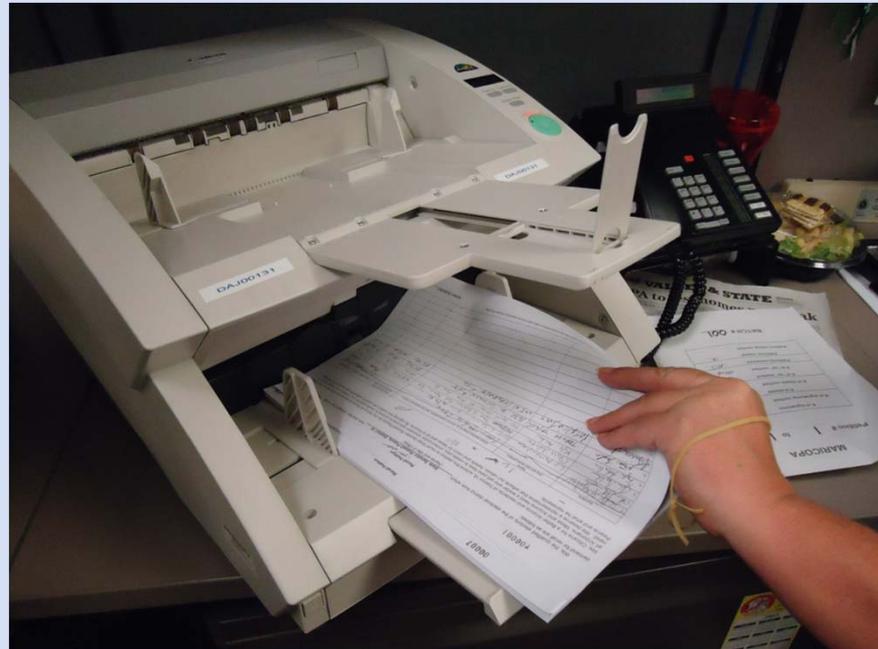
Voter Registration Application...

- Each page and line is entered
- Verifies address
- Verifies sign date against filing date
- Verifies age
- Checks for duplicates
- Generates reports

Petition Verification

Standard Practices...

- Issue a temporary receipt to filing officer
- Scan petitions for verification process



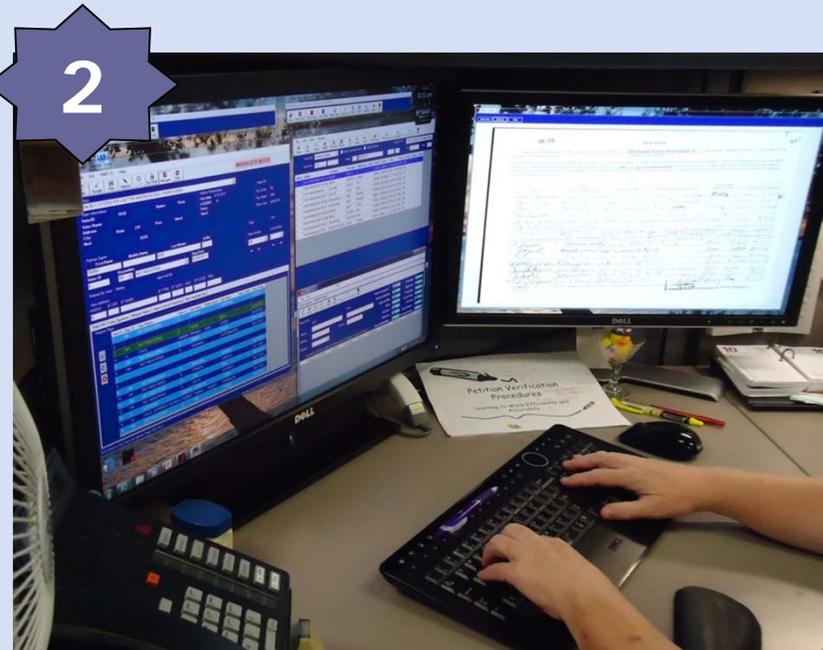
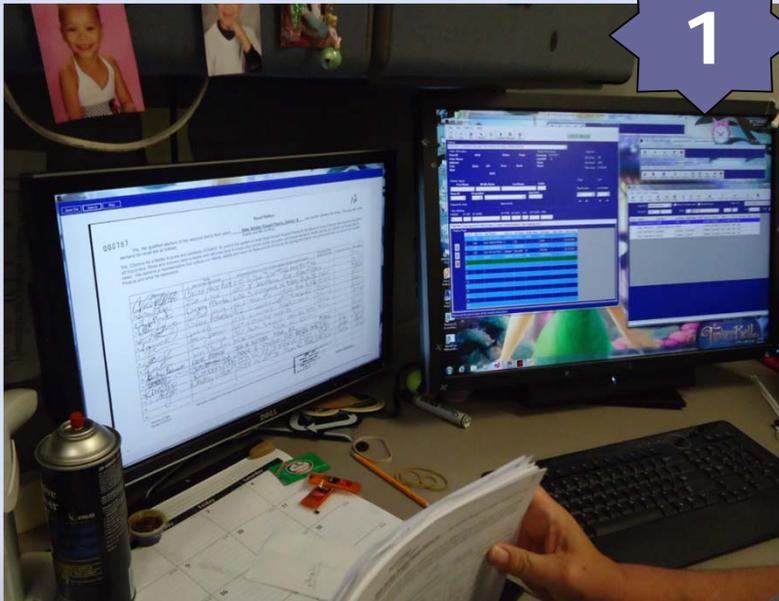
Petition Verification

First Verification...

- Initial check by staff .

Second Verification...

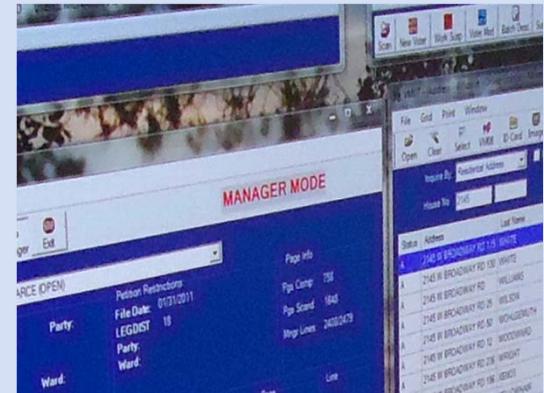
- Different person verifies disqualified signatures



Petition Verification

Final Verification...

- Third and final verification report, re-checks disqualified signatures:
 - Signatures that are Not legible
 - Signatures that do Not Match
 - Duplicate Signer
 - Statutory- missing information



Petition Verification

Other Filing Officers...

- Work with filing officers to get the petition completed and certified timely to allow the issue to be placed on next ballot
- Other filing officers might be:
 - City/Town Clerks
 - Superintendent of Schools
 - Clerk of the Board

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

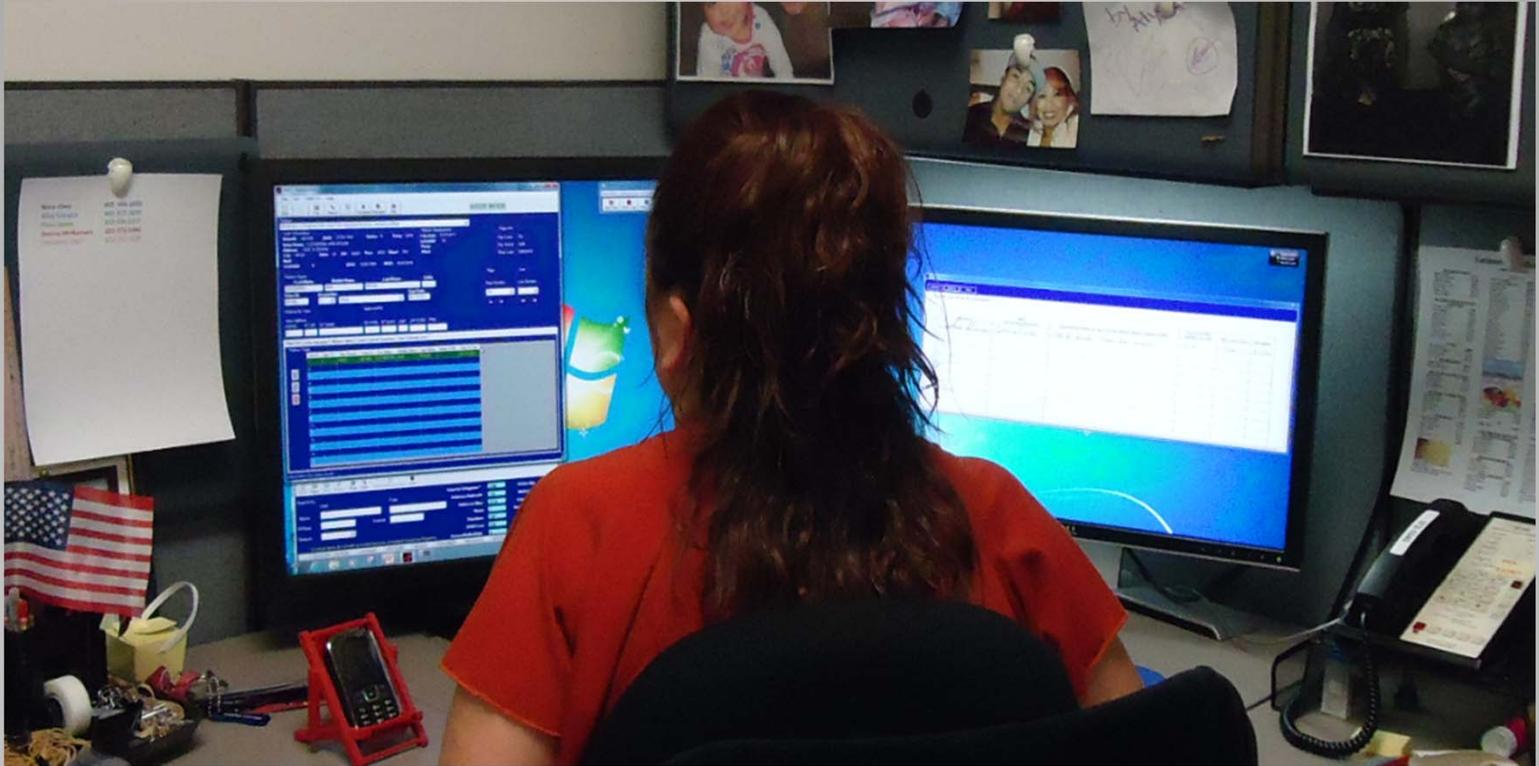


Photos by Em

Kris Waite, assistant election director with the Secretary of State's Office, reads Wednesday as Ho
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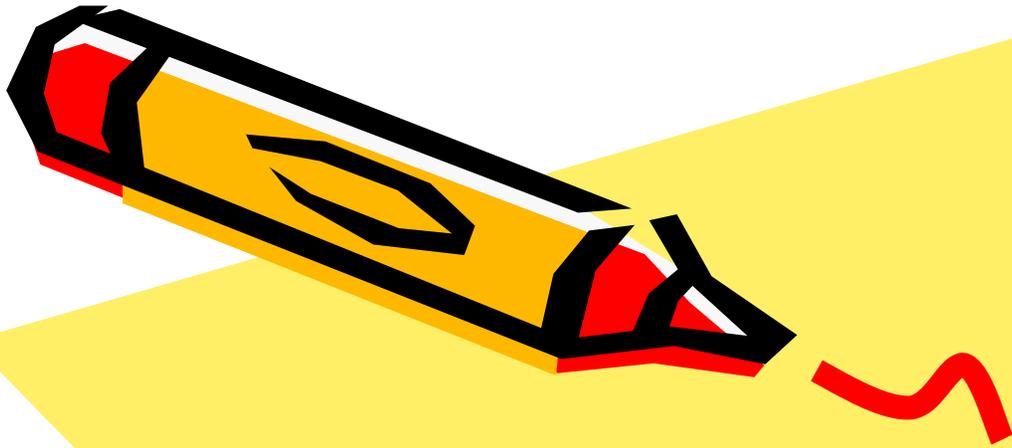
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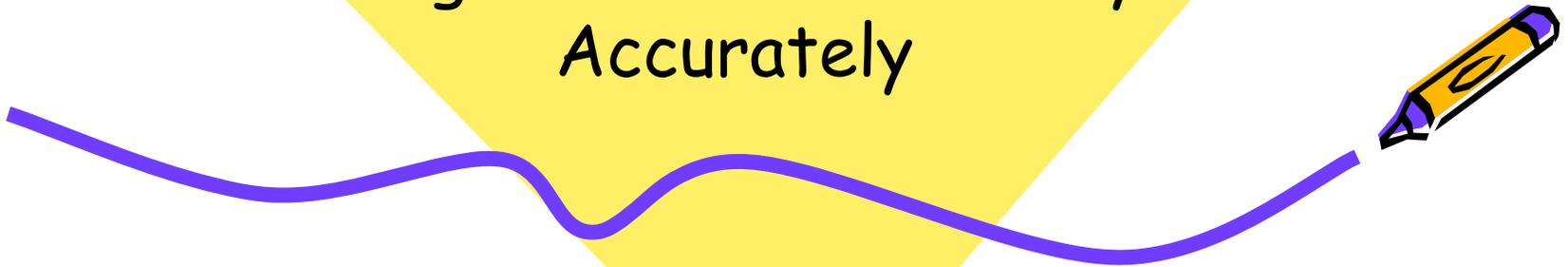
Process & Procedures

Another Altaha Production



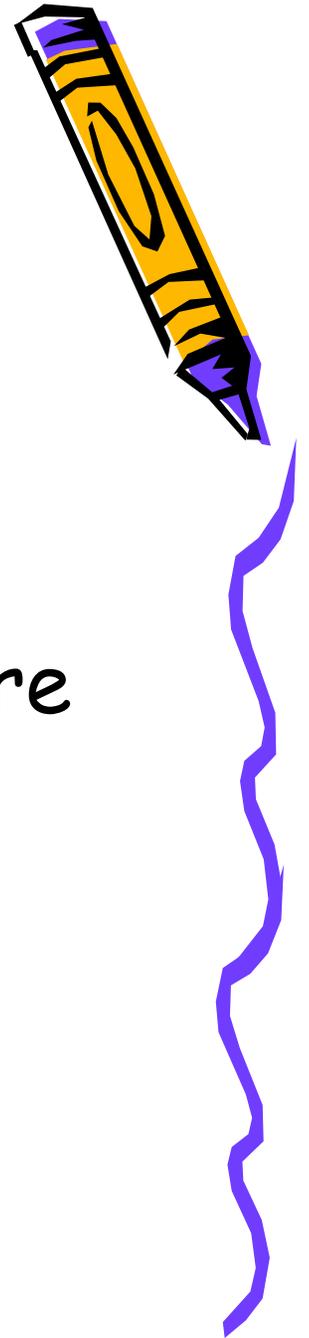
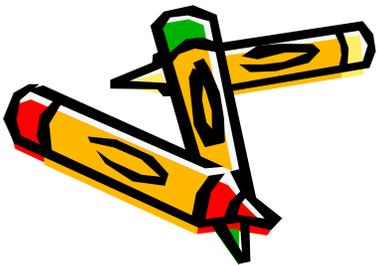
Petition Verification Procedures

Learning to Work Efficiently and
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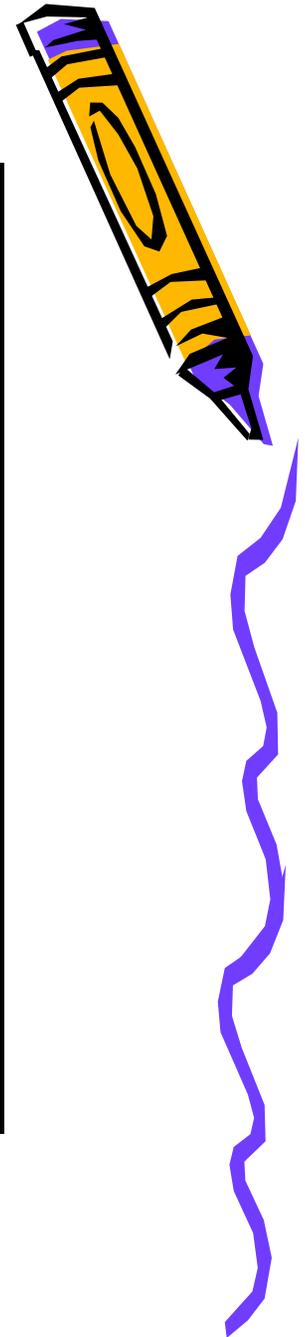


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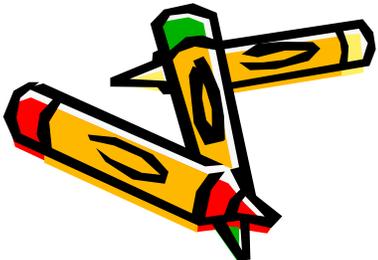
- To provide a step by step procedure for verifying petitions.



Accessing the Petition Verification System



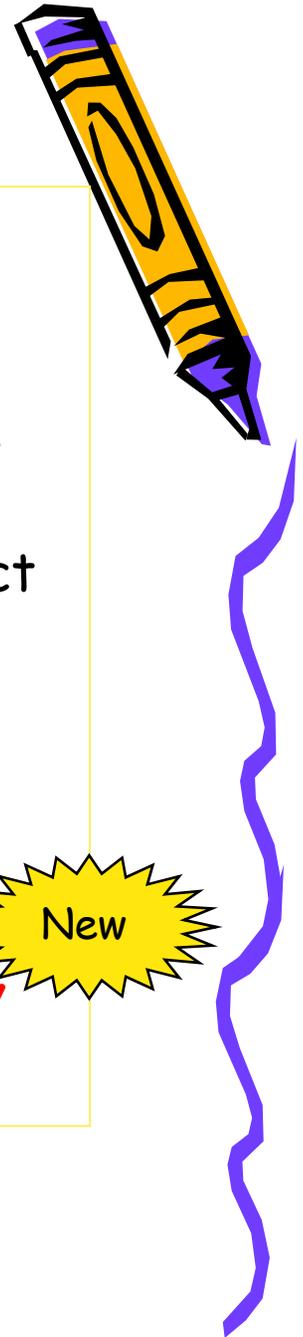
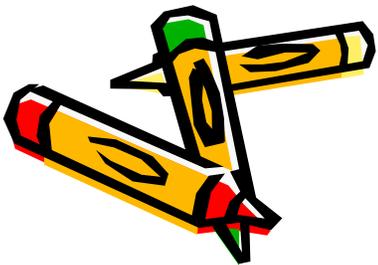
The screenshot displays the Windows XP Start menu with the 'All Programs' list expanded. The 'VRAS Production' folder is selected, and the 'PEVR - Petition Verification System (VB9)' application is highlighted. A tooltip for the 'RCAP' application is visible, showing the path 'Location: F:\Production\VB9Bin\RCAP\Documents\RCAP Documents\RCAP System (VB9)'. Other applications listed include Internet Explorer, Microsoft Office Word 2007, Nero StartSmart, Microsoft Office Excel 2007, TimeTrak, IMAG - Affidavit Image Lookup System, VMNS - Voter Status Adjustment System (VB9), VMNE - Voter Entry System (VB9), Paint, VMNA - Voter Adjustment System (VB6), Pegasus Imaging, Seagate Crystal Reports 6.0, Startup, Trend Micro OfficeScan Client, WinZip, Crystal Reports 10, PowerDVD, Remote Assistance, Windows Media Player, New Folder, Canon, Presto! PageManager 6, ScanSoft OmniPage SE 2.0, Acrobat Distiller 8, Adobe Acrobat 8 Professional, Adobe LiveCycle Designer 8.0, VRAS Production(2), Adobe Reader 9, InterCall, Election Systems and Software, and Windows PowerShell 1.0. The taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, Log Off, Shut Down, and an open Microsoft Outlook window.

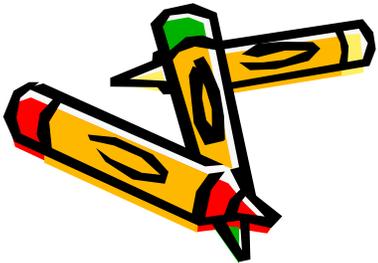
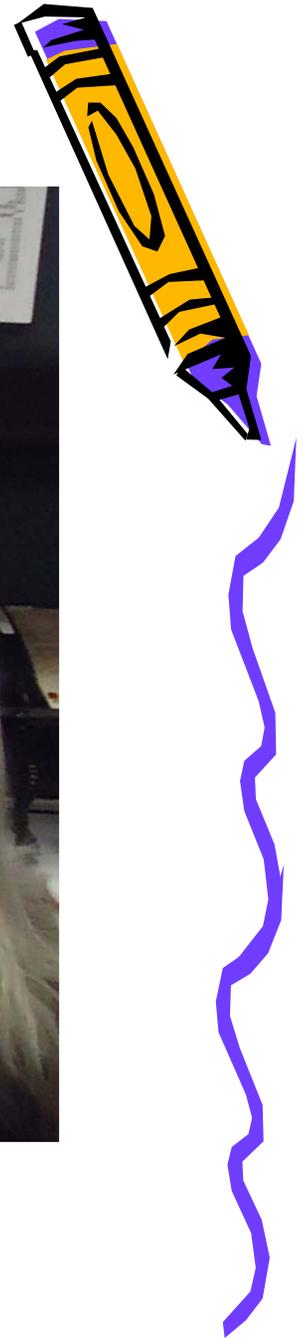
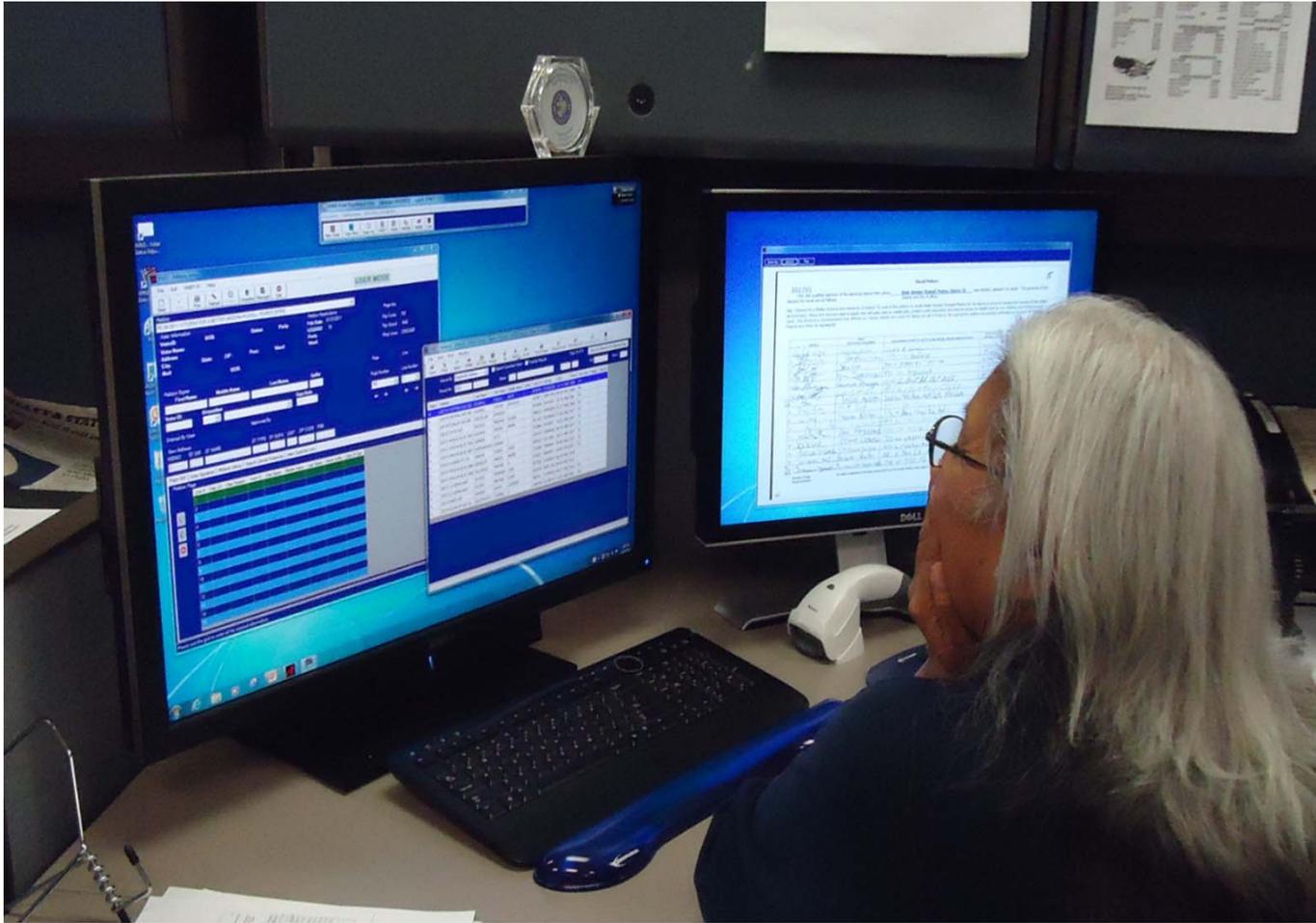


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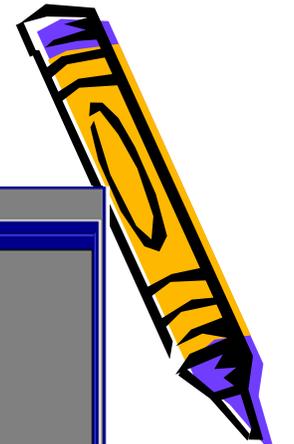
- When verifying jurisdictional petitions (e.g. cities, schools, justice of the peace, etc.) the address on the petition must be in the district.
- For petitions that have random samples, verify only the signers that are "circle with a tail". 
- The signer does not have to be registered in the district to be eligible to sign the petition.
- Signers must be registered on or before signing the petition.
- Signers must be 18 years old on or before signing the petition.
- **The signer has to fill out the petition line completely**

New





PV07 -PETITION TABS



Page Grid:

List all signers that have been entered on that page.

Page Grid

Petition Page:

Line #	Disp CD	Disp Reason	Voter ID	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Name Suffix	Date Of Sign
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Voter Signature:

List the most current registration image for the signer.

Voter Signature

1/1

[1] Are you registered to vote at another address? Yes No Not Sure
List the former address, including county and state

MARICOPA

[2] Last Name: [Redacted] First Name: [Redacted] Middle Name: [Redacted] Jr./Sr./III: [Redacted]

[3] Address where you live - If no street address, describe residence location using mileage, cross streets, or landmarks. Do not use post office box or business address. Draw a map below if located in rural area. [4] Apt./Unit/Space No.: [Redacted]

3711 [Redacted] LN

[5] City: GILBERT [6] County: MARICOPA [7] Zip: 85297-5245 [8] Address where you get your mail, if mail is not delivered to your home: [Redacted]

[9] Birth Date (Month/Day/Year): [Redacted] [10] State or Country of Birth: [Redacted] [11] Telephone number: [Redacted] [12] Father's name or mother's maiden name: [Redacted]

[13] AZ Driver license number or AZ Nonoperating license number: [Redacted] [14] AZ Driver license number or AZ nonoperating license number issue date: 06/26/2008 [15] Last four digits of social security number: [Redacted] [16] Optional - Check ID type and write number in box: Indian census number, Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, Tribal treaty card number, or Tribal enrollment number. No.

[17] Specify Party Preference: REPUBLICAN [18] Occupation: [Redacted] [19] If your name was different the last time you registered, list former name: [Redacted] [20] Certificate of Naturalization number: [Redacted]

[21] > Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No If you checked 'No' to either one of these questions, do not submit this form.
> Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? Yes No

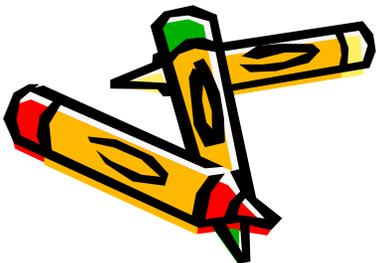
[22] If no street address draw a map here: N, W, E, S

VOTER DECLARATION - By signing below, I swear or affirm that the above information is true, that I am a RESIDENT of Arizona, I am NOT a convicted felon, as applicable, as verified, and I have NOT been adjudicated INCOMPETENT. This is a printed representation of the completed ServiceArizona web form 200806260006 M 6/26/2008 8:20:06 AM

SIGN HERE: [Redacted] DATE: [Redacted]

[23] If you are unable to sign the form, the form can be completed at your direction. The person who assisted you must sign here. SIGNATURE OF PERSON ASSISTING: [Redacted] DATE: [Redacted]

[24] Will you be willing to work at a polling place on election day? Yes No



Researching Petition Signers

- The petition is selected and a page of the petition is opened for verification:
- Research all signers by name, address, mailing address and/or true address.
- After selecting the voter, double click on the selected signer then the system will transfer the signer's information to the PV07 screen.
- Verify the signers information then enter the disposition code and sign date and press the "SAVE" button.
- After all signers have been entered press the "Complete" button.

PV07 - Petition Entry

File Exit VM07-F1 Help

Next Save Delete Print Reload Exit Complete Manager

Petition:

AZGRN2010 | ARIZONA GREEN PARTY (OPEN)

AZGRN2010 | ARIZONA GREEN PARTY (OPEN)

CE10 HUPPENTHAL | JOHN HUPPENTHAL SUPT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (CLOSED)

CE10 BREWER | JAN BREWER GOVERNOR (CLOSED)

CE10 BURNS | BRENDA BURNS CORPORATION COMMISSIONER (CLOSED)

2009-01 | TOWN OF CAREFREE - RECALL OF COUNCILMAN DAVID SCHWAN (CLOSED)

REF2009-03 | TOWN OF CAVE CREEK (CLOSED)

REF2009-04 | TOWN OF CAVE CREEK (CLOSED)

IN2009-02 | TOWN OF CAREFREE (CLOSED)

PV07 - Petition Entry

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USER MODE

Petition: AZGRN2010 | ARIZONA GREEN PARTY (OPEN)

-Voter Information: VoterID: DOB: Party: Petition Restrictions: File Date: 11/04/2008 Page Info: Pgs Comp: 1 Pgs Scand: 714 Mngr Lines: 8/8

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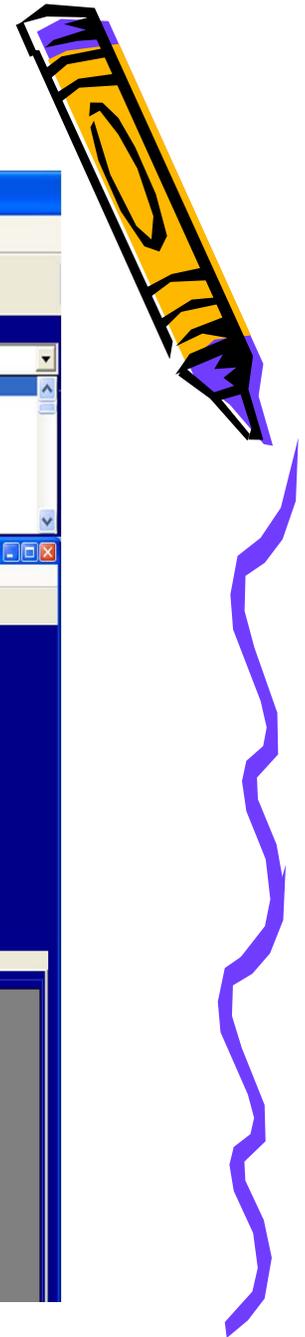
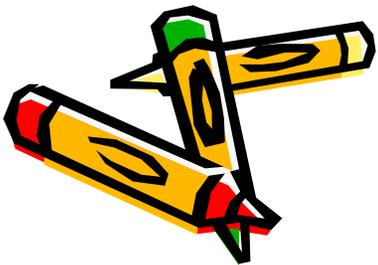
-Petition Signer Name: VoterID: Disposition: Sign Date: Page Number: Line Number:

Entered By User: Approved By:

-New Address HSEND ST DIR ST NAME ST TYPE ST SUPX UNIT ZIP CODE PMB

Page Grid | Voter Signature | Affidavit History | Search Cancel/Suspense | View Duplicate Line

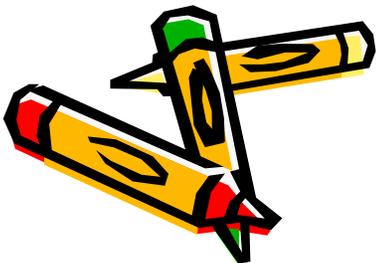
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Maiden Names, Out of County Signers and Petition Sign Date



- Check for signature similarities when a signer signs their married name and is registered with their maiden name. If the signer's current voter registration image is unavailable, compare the petition signature with previous voter registrations.
- When a signer is registered in Maricopa County and gives an address Out of County code this voter "OC." If the signer is NOT REGISTERED in Maricopa County and gives an address Out of County code this signer "NR."
- If the signer is registered at a different address, verify the following:
- The registration date must be ON or BEFORE the petitions sign date.
- Enter the petition address in the New Address fields and click the auto button. The new petition address must be in the proper district to be valid.
- If the address is invalid, code the signer as "S" invalid address and send an email to GIS to verify if the signer is eligible to sign the petition and place a copy in the "Waiting for GIS."



Nonpartisan Nomination Petition

Not optional photo here I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the county of _____, state of Arizona, and of _____ (their name political division or district from which the nomination is sought) hereby nominate _____ who resides at _____ in the county of _____ for the office of _____ to be voted at the _____ election to be held _____, and hereby declare that I am qualified to vote for this office and that I have not signed and will not sign any nomination petitions for more persons than the number of candidates necessary to fill such office at the next ensuing election.

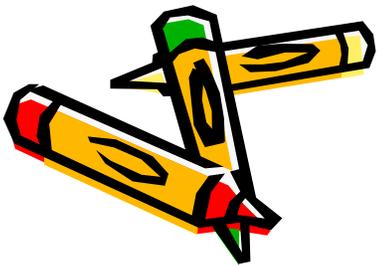
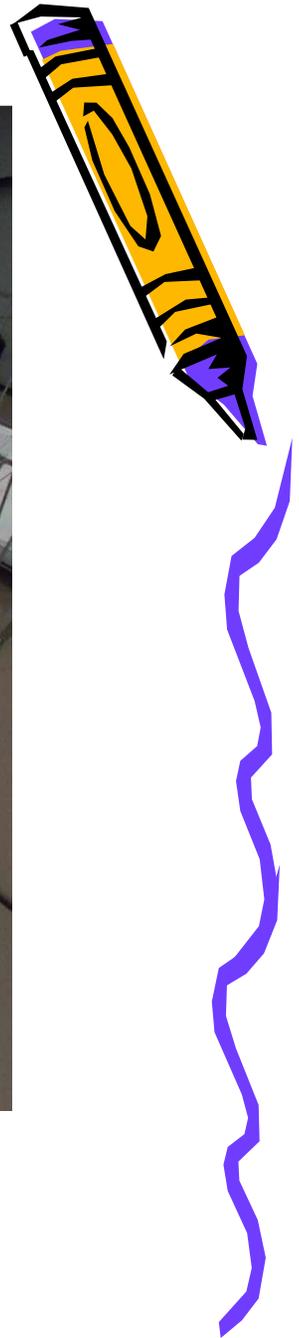
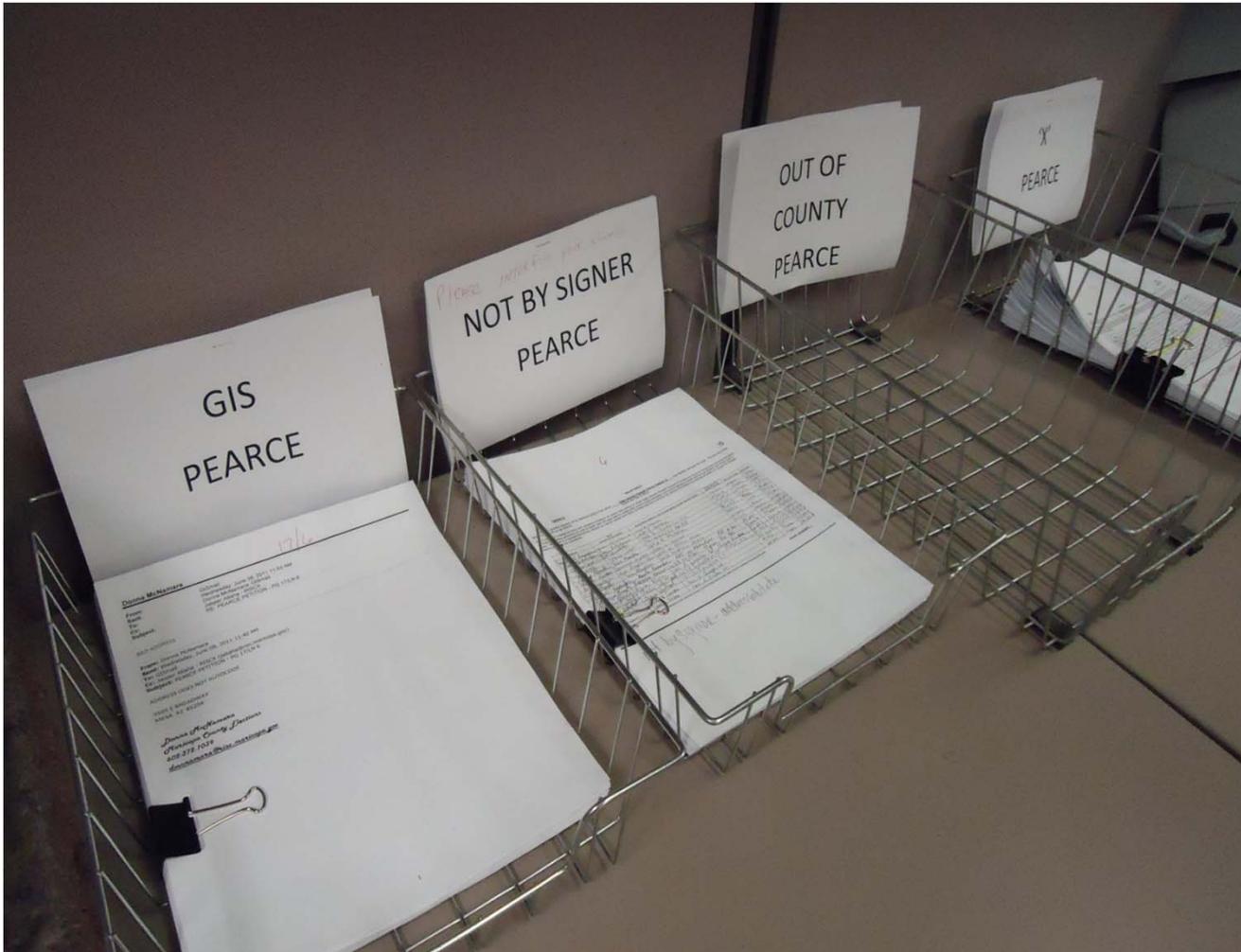
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3.				
4.	Nancy Drew	Nancy Smith	250 S TOMAHAWK APACHE JUNCTION 85219	05/16/2006
5.				
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Secretary of State
Office Fax: 602/2547907

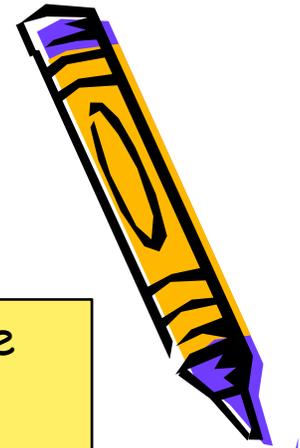
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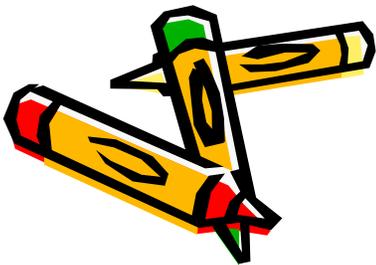


Mailing Address, Address Protected Signers and Ditto Marks



Mailing addresses are only accepted on initiative and referendum petitions.

- Mailing addresses are not acceptable addresses on petitions. Do not accept post office boxes, private mail boxes, rural routes, or highway contract numbers, as the signers residence address. The only exception is for signers that have conversion addresses or address protected voters; they may provide a mailing address if it matches the mailing address on their voter registration record.
- Check all signatures with the voter registration signatures on file to be sure this is the same signer.
- Signers may use ditto marks to indicate the same address and date as the signer above. Ditto marks are not acceptable for any other information.



0024

Nonpartisan Nomination Petition

For signature here: "I, the undersigned, a qualified voter of the county of _____, State of Arizona, and of _____, declare my political division or district from which the nomination is sought hereby nominate _____ who resides at _____ in the county of _____ in the office of _____ to be elected at the _____ election to be held _____ and hereby declare that I am qualified to vote for the office and that I have not signed and will not sign any nomination petitions for more persons than the number of candidates necessary to fill each office at the next ensuing election."

signature	printed name	actual residence address or description of place of residence, city, town or post office	date of signing
1. JANE DOE	JOHN DOE	111 S 3RD AVE	01/01/02
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6. JANE DOE	JOHN DOE	111 S 3RD AVE PHOENIX AZ 05003	01/01/02
7. JANE DOE	JANE DOE	" " "	" "
8.			
9.			
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12.			01/01/
13.			-02-02
14.			
15.			

Cancelled, Deactivate Status, City/Zip codes

- Signers who have a C-Cancelled status are to be coded NR, unless they were canceled after they signed the petition. Always verify the dates on the signers change history.
- Signers who have a D-Deactive status and are registered at the same address as indicated on the petition need to be restored by pressing the enter key. A message will appear asking "Does the Deactivated Voters address match the residential address on record?" Type a "Y" or "N" and press the enter key to accept.
- Do not validate a signer if the residential address is missing the city or zip code or they are registered at a different address.



Voter Information:

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Voter Name: [REDACTED]

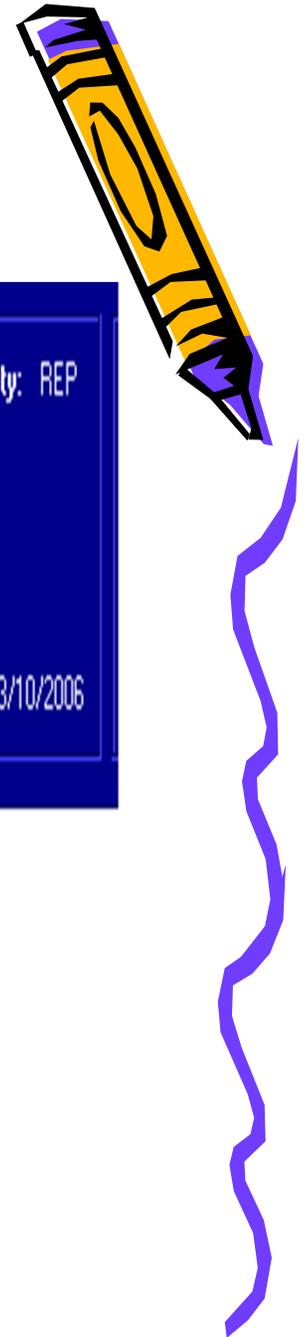
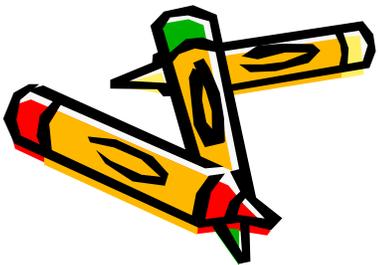
Address: [REDACTED]

City: GLENDALE State: AZ ZIP: 85301 Prec: 0328 Ward:

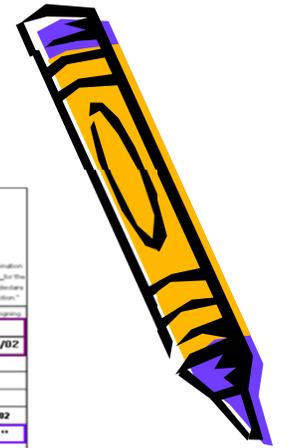
Mail:

DOR: 09/26/2000 MOD: 03/10/2006

A - Active Record
D - Deactive Record
C - Cancelled Record
R - Restored Record



Petition Sign Dates



- When a signer has registered to vote after signing the petition verify that the correct date of registration was entered on the voter's record by viewing their registration form. If the voter has registered to vote after signing the petition enter this voter with the disposition code E.
- If the signer has not given the complete sign date enter this signer with a disposition code S and enter the sign date that coincides with the other dates on the page. If no dates are available, enter the current date.

0024

Nonpartisan Nominating Petition

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the county of _____, State of Arizona, and of _____, (here name political division or district from which the nomination is sought) hereby nominate _____ who resides at _____ in the county of _____ for the office of _____ to be voted at the _____ and I hereby declare that I am qualified to vote for this office and that I have not signed and will not sign any nomination petition for more persons than the number of candidates necessary to fill such office at the next ensuing election.

Signature	Printed Name	Actual Residence Address or Description of Office of Residence, City, Town or Post Office	Date of Signature
1. JOHN DOE	JOHN DOE	111 S 3RD AVE	01/01/02
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6. JOHN DOE	JOHN DOE	111 S 3RD AVE PHOENIX AZ 85003	01/01/02
7. JANE DOE	JANE DOE	" " " "	" " " "
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Secretary of State
Office Phoenix 90001002

PV07 - Petition Entry

File Exit VM07-F1 Help

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Petition:
1:04-2010 | ARIZONA MEDICAL MARIJUANA (OPEN)

Voter Information:
 VoterID: [REDACTED] DOB: 02/07/1979 Status: A Party: REP
 Voter Name:
 Address: [REDACTED] 13
 City: PHOENIX State: AZ ZIP: 85044 Prec: 0848 Ward:
 Mail:
 DOR: 01/30/2009 MOD: 05/15/2009

Petition Restrictions:
 File Date: 05/15/2009
 Party:
 Ward:

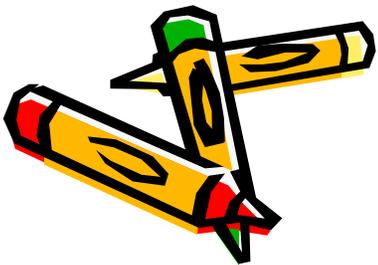
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Petition Signer:
 First Name: Middle Name: Last Name: Suffix:
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] JR

Voter ID: 33437 Disposition: V VALID Sign Date: 12/06/2009

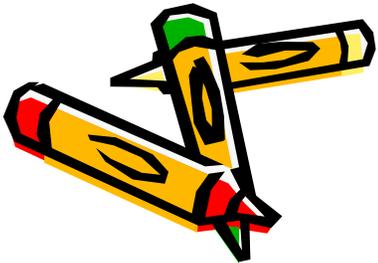
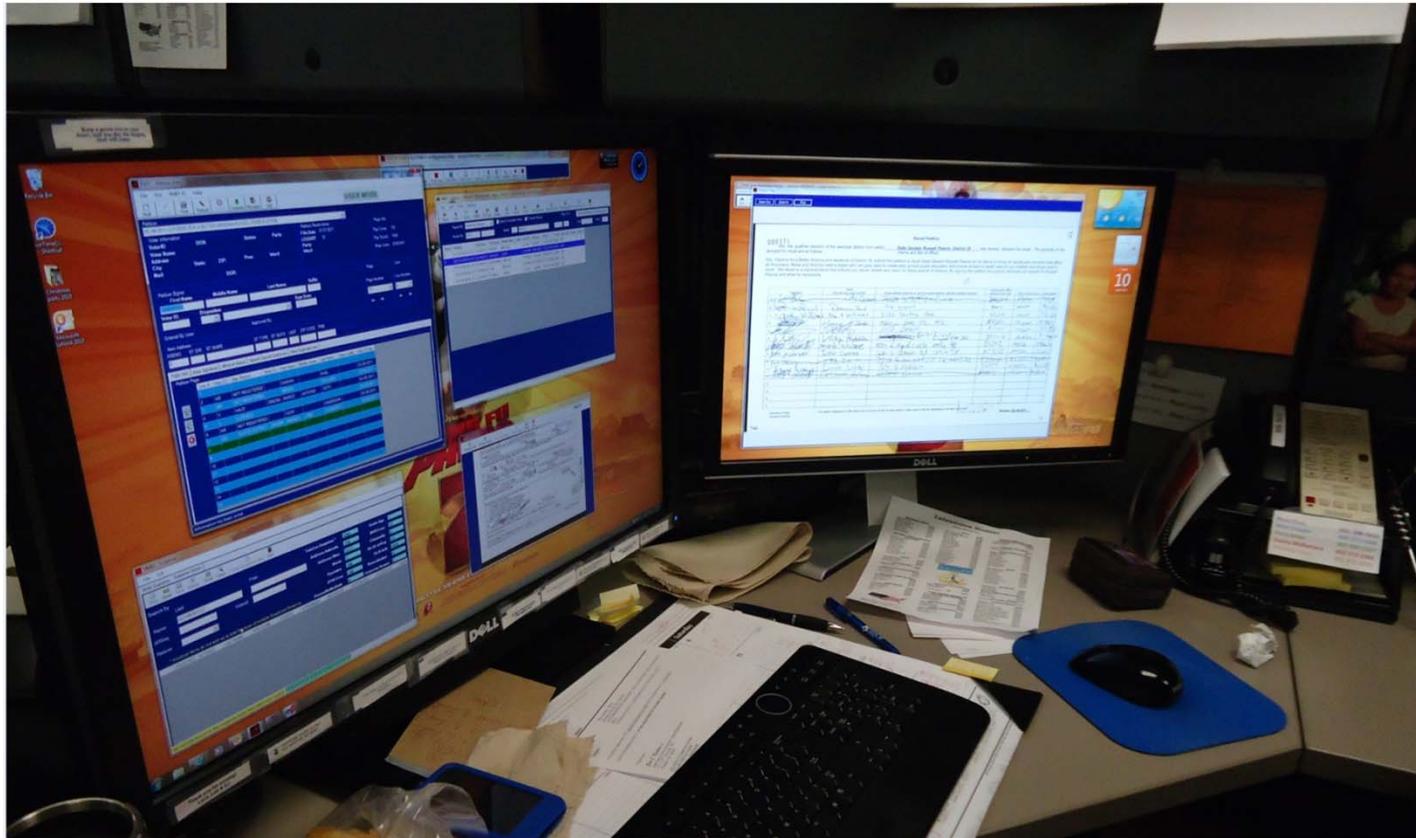
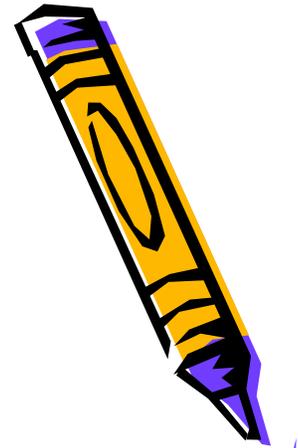
Entered By User: clerk1 Approved By:

Page: 19 Line: 11



Second Verification Check

- Then system will only bring up pages that are invalid that need to be second checked.



Non-Registered Signers

- All signers that were coded NR must be researched on the VM07, Cancelled and Suspense records.
- All cancellation need to be researched (e.i Felonies, Guardianship, Request and Death).
- SOS Cancellations and Registration Verification Cancellations will not have images and do not need further research.
- If signers are found to not be registered, cancelled properly, or found on suspense, enter them with a disposition code NR.
- Illegible or difficult to read names make every attempt to verify the signer.



Search Cancel/Suspense

Search Criteria

First Name:

Mid Name:

Last Name:

Name Suffix:

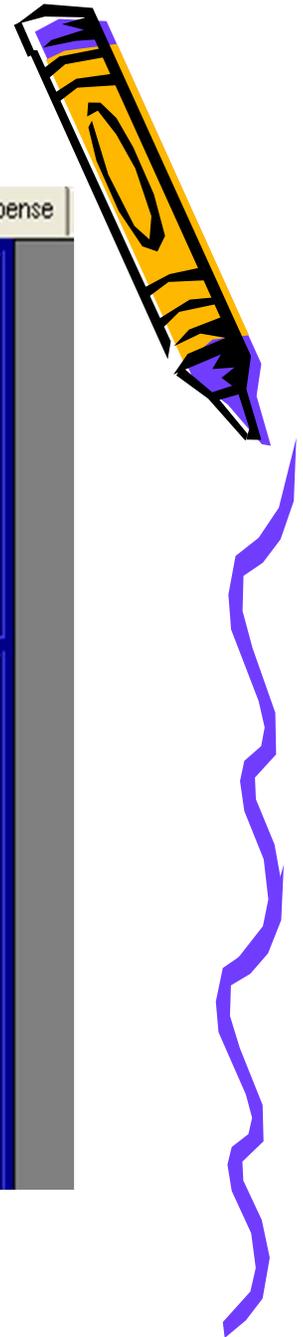
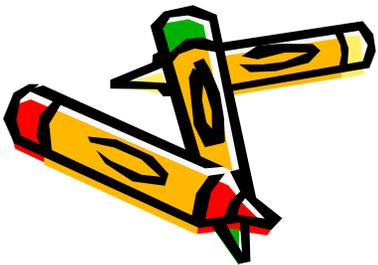
Search It!

Search Suspense

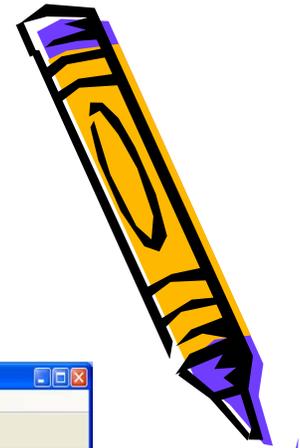
Search Cancelled Voters

Clear Voter Match Search

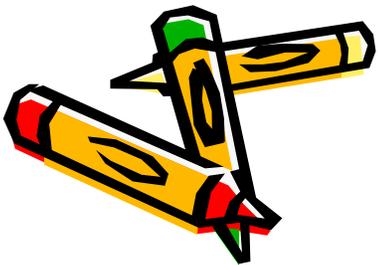
Transfer Name



Delete Petition Lines

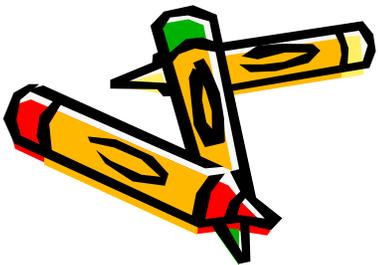
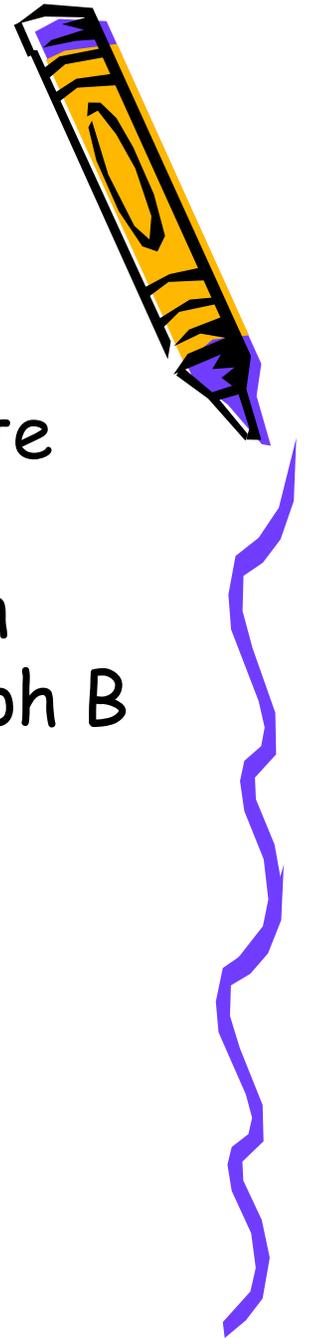


- Delete a line by selecting the signer from the grid and click on the 



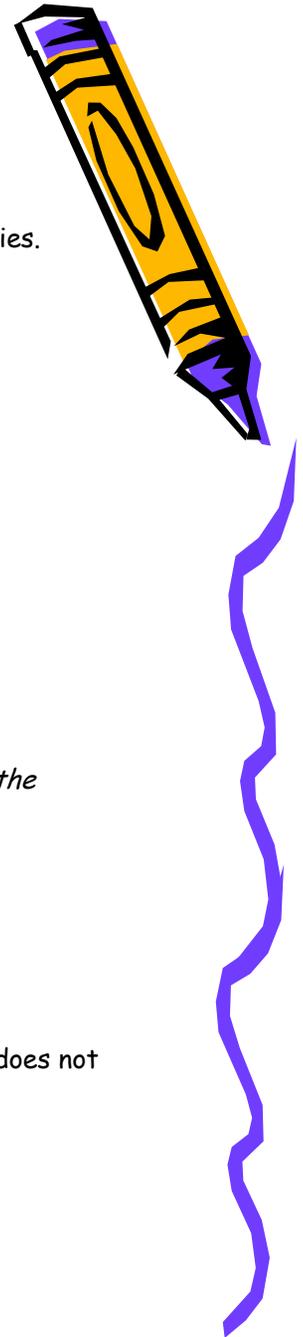
Petition Certification

- Prepare the necessary reports, complete the County Recorder Certification and distribute in accordance to the Petition Pre-Verification Procedures in paragraph B (General Information).



DISPOSITION CODES AND DEFINITIONS

- V VALID**
Registered at the same address within the jurisdictional boundaries, qualified to sign the petition.
- AV REGISTERED AT DIFFERENT ADDRESS (VALID)**
Registered at an address different from the address given on the petition and is within jurisdictional boundaries.
- D DUPLICATE**
Signed the petition more than once.
- E REGISTERED AFTER SIGNING PETITION**
Registered to vote after signing the petition.
- L ILLEGIBLE**
Signer unidentifiable or not legible
- NP DIFFERENT PARTY**
Party not qualified to sign partisan nomination petition.
- NR NOT REGISTERED**
Not registered to vote.
- O OTHER**
Other reason pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes.
- OD OUT OF DISTRICT**
Not registered to vote in the district or address given on the petition is not in the district.
- S STATUTORY REQUIREMENT**
Signer did not supply required information, pursuant to ARS §19-121.02.A.
NOTE: Statutory requirement will be used only if the signer is a registered voter and did not provide any of the following:
- * NO SIGNATURE
 - * NO SIGN DATE
 - * NO RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OR DESCRIPTION
 - * **NOT SIGNED BY SIGNER (NEW)**
- U UNDERAGE**
Not eighteen years of age on the date the petition was signed.
- X SIGNATURE COMPARISON**
The name and address must be identical on the petition and database. Only used when the petition signature does not match the voter registration signature.
- OC OUT OF COUNTY**
Signer's address is not located in Maricopa County.



- The certification involves the reconciliation of all the signatures and their disposition.
- This number can sometimes be different from the original receipt based on:
 - Finding pages miss-numbered
 - Finding the number of signatures on a page incorrectly recorded
- Once certified, then if the number of signatures is sufficient, then the candidate/issue appears on the ballot.

Certification



Q&A
Questions?