

## Green Party of Virginia 25 Signature Challenge Packet

### Overview

In order to get on the ballot in Virginia, the Green Party needs 5,000 signatures, with at least 200 in each Congressional district. We sued the state to eliminate this requirement in light of the pandemic, but they refused – only reducing that number in half to 2,500. This is not an easy task for our party and we need all the volunteer we can get to make this happen! That's why we are asking volunteers to take the 25 signature challenge, getting at least 25 signatures by August 10, to ensure there is a real, progressive choice on the ballot this November!

That's just 25 signatures in about 25 days! If we get just 100 people to take this challenge, we will meet our goal!

### Instructions

Thank you for helping us with ballot access this year! This is an important endeavor. To get started view the guide below and then download and complete the petition.

#### Steps to Petition

1. Download and print either the letter size or legal size petition, front and back. Both forms are inside this packet!
2. Gather signatures from registered VA voters. They have to sign and then print, which is backwards from most forms, so be sure to point this out to them. Each petition form can only be used to gather signatures from ONE county or independent city. A complete list of all independent cities and towns is inside this packet! You will need to print a separate for for each city/county your signers might be from.
3. Get the form notarized by a notary at a bank, library, or county/town clerk's office. You can normally get the forms notarized for free! Do NOT sign the form on the back until you are with the notary.
4. **Mail the forms to P.O. Box 845, Blacksburg, VA 24063 by August 10.**
5. Feel good knowing that you are the reason there will be a REAL progressive choice on the ballot this November!

More detailed instructions are available in the guide inside this packet!

### Petitioning During COVID

Some volunteers may not feel comfortable gathering signatures from strangers in public due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. If this applies to you, you can still gather signatures from the friends and family members you DO come into contact with. Just bear in mind that you cannot gather your own signature, so someone else in your household will need to do that!

### Things to Keep in Mind

Make copies of the petition form to use when gathering petitions. Remember that copies must be "front and back," but can use either the letter size or the legal size copy. Legal size petitions need to be printed on legal size paper and letter size petitions need to be printed on letter size paper. Don't print legal size

petitions on letter size paper, or vice versa. Petitions printed across two pieces of paper will be rejected by the Virginia Board of Elections (VBE).

You will need to use a separate petition form for registered voters of each locality (county or independent city) in which your signers reside. (Write in the County/City in the place provided on the form.) You CANNOT collect signatures from registered voters from multiple localities on the same form. For example, signers from Manassas and Manassas Park will need to sign separate forms. Make sure you write the name of the locality in which the voter is registered on the appropriate line. Some localities can be confusing. For example, if a voter tells you they are registered in Roanoke, you will need to ask them if they mean Roanoke City or Roanoke County and have them fill out the corresponding petition. For those gathering signatures at home or among friends and family members only due to COVID-19, please note that you cannot witness your own signature. Someone else will need to witness your signature and complete the back of the petition with the notary.

Petitioners themselves must be registered voters in the state of Virginia!

If you are unable to print petitions, and would like some mailed to you, or if you have any other questions please contact our ballot access coordinator at [ryan.wesdock@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.wesdock@gmail.com). For more information, you can also view our website at: <https://vagreennparty.org/article/2020-ballot-access-efforts>

# Gathering Petition Signatures for the Green Party of Virginia

# Why get signatures?

- We need 2,500 signatures from registered voters to get on the ballot in Virginia.
- 200 have to come from each Congressional district.

# Getting Started

- Access our petition at:  
<https://vagreenparty.org/article/2020-ballot-access-efforts>
- Must be printed on both sides
- Can be either letter or legal size

# Where to find Voters

- Go to public events and spaces.
- Host events inviting people to sign and hear more about the Green Party.
- Talk to friends and family.

# Getting the Signatures

- Make sure they are registered voters.
- You **MUST** witness every signature.
- Guide the voter through the process as in the video.
- Make sure they fill in **ALL** required boxes
- Encourage them to put in the last for of their SSN.

# Tips and Tricks

- Make sure voters sign the petition for the county/city for which they are registered.
- Ask everyone!
- Remember, you are a representative of the Green Party; be polite and courteous.



# I've got petitions – now what?

- Get the petition notarized. Do NOT sign the back of the petition until you are with the notary.
- Email the ballot access coordinator at [ryan.wesdock@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.wesdock@gmail.com)
- He will give you the address to mail the petitions to.
- Please provide a tally of your signatures in the email!

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# Thank You!

We could not gain ballot access without your help! Thanks for all you do!

Questions? Contact the ballot access

Coordinator at [ryan.wesdock@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.wesdock@gmail.com)

**Counties:**

Accomack County  
Albemarle County  
Alleghany County  
Amelia County  
Amherst County  
Appomattox County  
Arlington County  
Augusta County  
Bath County  
Bedford County  
Bland County  
Botetourt County  
Brunswick County  
Buchanan County  
Buckingham County  
Campbell County  
Caroline County  
Carroll County  
Charles City County  
Charlotte County  
Chesterfield County  
Clarke County  
Craig County  
Culpeper County  
Cumberland County  
Dickenson County  
Dinwiddie County  
Essex County  
Fairfax County  
Fauquier County  
Floyd County  
Fluvanna County  
Franklin County  
Frederick County  
Giles County  
Gloucester County  
Goochland County  
Grayson County  
Greene County  
Greensville County  
Halifax County  
Hanover County  
Henrico County  
Henry County  
Highland County  
Isle of Wight County  
James City County  
King and Queen County

King George County  
King William County  
Lancaster County  
Lee County  
Loudoun County  
Louisa County  
Lunenburg County  
Madison County  
Mathews County  
Mecklenburg County  
Middlesex County  
Montgomery County  
Nelson County  
New Kent County  
Northampton County  
Northumberland County  
Nottoway County  
Orange County  
Page County  
Patrick County  
Pittsylvania County  
Powhatan County  
Prince Edward County  
Prince George County  
Prince William County  
Pulaski County  
Rappahannock County  
Richmond County  
Roanoke County  
Rockbridge County  
Rockingham County  
Russell County  
Scott County  
Shenandoah County  
Smyth County  
Southampton County  
Spotsylvania County  
Stafford County  
Surry County  
Sussex County  
Tazewell County  
Warren County  
Washington County  
Westmoreland County  
Wise County  
Wythe County  
York County

**Cities:**

Alexandria  
Bristol  
Buena Vista  
Charlottesville  
Chesapeake  
Colonial Heights  
Covington  
Danville  
Emporia  
Fairfax  
Falls Church  
Franklin  
Fredericksburg  
Galax  
Hampton  
Harrisonburg  
Hopewell  
Lexington  
Lynchburg  
Manassas  
Manassas Park  
Martinsville  
Newport News  
Norfolk  
Norton  
Petersburg  
Poquoson  
Portsmouth  
Radford  
Richmond  
Roanoke  
Salem  
Staunton  
Suffolk  
Virginia Beach  
Waynesboro  
Williamsburg  
Winchester

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Commonwealth of Virginia

**Petition of Qualified Voters for Electors for President and Vice President**

We, the qualified voters of  County of \_\_\_\_\_ or  City of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Commonwealth of Virginia signed below or on the reverse side of this page, do hereby petition the following to become candidates for the office of Electors for President and Vice President of the United States at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Congressional District:

1 <sup>st</sup> Gerald Anderson	8 <sup>th</sup> Kirit Mookerjee
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5 <sup>th</sup> Wendy Hageman Smith	At Large Ryan Wesdock
6 <sup>th</sup> Tamar Yager	At Large Becker Sidney Smith
7 <sup>th</sup> Chris Fink	

The above candidates, if elected, are required to vote in the Electoral College for \_\_\_\_\_ Howie Hawkins for President and \_\_\_\_\_ Angela Walker for Vice President. We further petition that the names of these candidates be identified on the ballot under the Party Name of \_\_\_\_\_ Green Party of Virginia, a group qualified pursuant to § 24.2-543 of the Code of Virginia.

**[If electors do not represent a Party Group, they will be designated as "Independent."]**

**Circulator:** You must swear or affirm in the affidavit on the reverse side of this form that you are a legal resident of the United States of America, not a minor, nor a felon whose voting rights have not been restored, and that you personally witnessed each signature.

**Signer:** Your signature on this petition must be your own and does not signify an intent to vote for the candidate. You may sign petitions for more than one candidate.

Office Use Only ↓	SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED VOTER Print name in space below signature	RESIDENCE ADDRESS House number and street name or rural route and box number and city/town Post office boxes are not acceptable	DATE SIGNED Must be on or after 1/1/2020	DATE OF BIRTH Optional*
1.	Sign	Residence		
	Print	City/Town		
2.	Sign	Residence		
	Print	City/Town		
3.	Sign	Residence		
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4.	Sign	Residence		
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**Continue additional signatures and complete affidavit on reverse side.**

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Enter Names of Presidential Candidates: \_\_\_\_\_

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**- AFFIDAVIT -**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear or affirm (i) my full residential address is \_\_\_\_\_;

(ii) I am a legal resident of the United States of America in the state/commonwealth of \_\_\_\_\_; (iii) I am not a minor nor a felon whose voting rights have not been restored, and (iv) I personally witnessed the signature of each person who signed this page or its reverse side. I understand that falsely signing this affidavit is a felony punishable by a maximum fine up to \$2,500 and/or imprisonment up to ten years.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Circulator's Driver's License Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
State where Driver's License was Issued

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last 4 Digits of Circulator's Social Security Number

PLACE PHOTOGRAPHICALLY REPRODUCIBLE NOTARY SEAL/STAMP BELOW

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Circulating the Petition

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County/City of \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Registration Number\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Notary Commission Expires\*\*

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	Print	City/Town		
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Circulator's Driver's License Number

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\_\_\_\_\_  
State where Driver's License was Issued

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Last 4 Digits of Circulator's Social Security Number

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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