

Warren for Senate Signature Collection Rules & Script

Thank you for collecting Signatures to get Senator Warren on the ballot in Massachusetts. Below are basic rules, instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions. Should this document not contain an answer you seek, you can email us at volunteers@elizabethwarren.com

Basic Guidelines:

- We need your help to collect 10,000 certified signatures across Massachusetts!
- To get nomination papers with which to collect signatures, go here: <https://ewar.ren/nominationpapers>
- Once you're done collecting signatures (hopefully all of your sheets are full!) please tell us in our online volunteer community, which you can join by going here: <https://ewar.ren/join>
- If you really don't want to join our volunteer community, then a member of our team will contact you via email/phone within 1 week to collect your completed papers.

Who can collect signatures, and who can sign?

- Anybody can collect signatures! There is no age, voter registration, or even residency requirement.
- **Only registered voters, who are registered as a Democrat or not affiliated with any party, may sign.** Most people will have no party affiliation.
- **Each Nomination Paper can only contain signatures from ONE city/town.** If you're collecting signatures on an Arlington sheet, for example, and somebody from Cambridge wants to sign, they need to sign a different paper!
- **Always carry at least two nomination papers with you for this situation, it will happen a lot!**
- If somebody is not registered to vote but wants to sign, they can register to vote online if they have a government-issued ID, and then can sign your nomination paper.

What about my nomination paper, what can it look like?

- Nomination papers should not be ripped, extremely crumpled, or otherwise severely damaged in any way. If something does happen, **don't throw it out!** Just let us know in our online community.
- Your nomination paper will already have the grey box on the front page filled out with candidate information. **DO NOT** write any more info on that part of the sheet. **Only write in the signatures area on front and back, and in the two boxes provided at the bottom for the name of the town you are collecting in.** Extra writing in the other parts of the sheet for registrars or the Secretary of the Commonwealth can result in all signatures being disqualified.
- If you are collecting signatures for multiple candidates, you need multiple sheets! One candidate per paper.
- Please **DO NOT** write in the "Check" box in the signature areas. **This is for town clerks only!** The "ward" and "precinct" boxes are not required for a valid signature, but voters may use them if they're sure of their ward/precinct.

What constitutes a signature?

- Names and addresses must be "reasonably legible" so that town clerks can determine who signed. **Ask voters to print their names and addresses.** They may "sign" their name, but it must be reasonably legible.
- **A valid and complete signature includes the name of the voter and the address they are registered at.** No nicknames, abbreviations, generalizations, P.O. boxes, or work addresses.

- If a voter makes a mistake in signing, just ask them to re-do on the next line. Please **DO NOT** attempt to cross out or fix an incorrect signature.
- Signatures can be in blue or black ink **ONLY**. No pencils, please!

Where can I collect signatures?

- We recommend starting with yourself, and your household. Your spouse, children, and family members are a great place to start. Then we highly recommend asking your neighbors and those who live near you if they want to sign.
- Once that's done, **go to a high traffic area!** Anywhere people are congregating or passing through is a good place to collect signatures, and lots of people are going to be willing to sign. **Some high traffic areas we recommend are:** farmer's markets, grocery stores, parks, and community events. **You know your community best!**
- Another place to get signatures are meetings of all kinds. Local democratic committee meetings, Town Meetings (one of the best places), book club, union events, neighborhood meetings; these are all great places to collect!
- Polling places (like the March 5th Presidential Primary) is another great place to collect, **but you must not collect signatures within 150 feet of a polling place!** Also, keep in mind that registered Republicans cannot sign your sheet.

What do I do when I'm done collecting?

- Once you've finished collecting signatures, hopefully that means all your sheets are full! **Please DO NOT lose the sheets!** Store them somewhere safe at home where you won't throw them away or forget their location.
- If you are in our online volunteer community, you should send a message there letting us know that you've finished! **Joining this community is very easy, and highly recommended for everybody, especially if you're new to this!** To join, go here: www.ewar.ren/join
- If you aren't in our online community, someone from our team will contact you via email or phone 1 week after the date that you requested nomination papers.
- Whether you're in our online community or not, someone from our team will work with you to get the completed nomination papers turned in!

Other FAQ:

- What if I need help?
 - Join our online volunteer community by going online to: www.ewar.ren/join
 - You can also email us at volunteers@elizabethwarren.com but our response time will be slower
- What if my nomination papers don't come in the mail?
 - If you request papers but don't see them in the mail after 1 week, let us know in our online community!
 - Make sure you enter your correct mailing address to receive the papers!
- What if someone is unsure of the address they are registered at?
 - They can view their voter registration online by googling and going to the MA Secretary of State's website.
 - If they are still unsure, they can sign multiple lines with a different address on each line, and the town clerk will certify the correct one!
- If my sheet has an invalid signature on it, will it disqualify my entire sheet?
 - **No! One or more invalid signatures will not disqualify the entirety of your sheet.**

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	High Traffic Area	Neighbors/Door Knocking
Intro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you sign here to get Senator Elizabeth Warren's name on the ballot? • We need to get Elizabeth Warren on the ballot in Massachusetts, can you sign? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hi there, my name is _____. Senator Elizabeth Warren is running for reelection and I'm collecting signatures to get her on the ballot. Can you sign here to help me get her on the ballot this fall?
If no/not sure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You're not committing to vote for her, this just says you want to see her on the ballot! • We won't contact you unless you give us your cell phone or email • It only takes a few seconds to support the democratic process! • <i>Tell them why you are supporting and volunteering for Elizabeth Warren! This is a proven tactic that helps persuade people.</i> 	
If yes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you! Are you registered to vote in [Town]? • I just need your name and the address where you're registered to vote in these boxes here. 	
If they love Elizabeth:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you like to volunteer for the campaign just like I'm doing? • <i>If no:</i> Would you like to stay updated on the campaign? • <i>If yes to either question:</i> Please go to elizabethwarren.com/ballot to get involved! 	

Other Helpful Lines:

- "Yes, even sitting Senators need to collect ballot signatures!"
- "If you've signed ballot papers for other candidates, you can still sign for Elizabeth!"
- "If you're not sure if you've signed already, better safe than sorry!"

Tips:

- **Remember to thank them!** Folks who stop and sign deserve our thanks!
- Don't spend all your time on one person! It's great to have a nice conversation with someone, but if somebody wants to argue with you and isn't interested in signing your papers, thank them and move on to the next person. Arguing people who just want to debate with you is not a good use of your time, patience, or mental well-being!

THANK YOU!