

Handling Challenges from Store Personnel and/or Law Enforcement e.g. Police when Collecting Signatures

Step 1: Remember, your number one priority is to collect signatures and not be arrested.

Step 2: If a store personnel or manager approaches, and informs you that you may not collect signatures, simply tell them the following: *"Would you like to sign my nomination paper, we are trying to get a Candidate on the Ballot?"*

NOTE: Always carry your smartphone with you. If the store personnel or police approach you, make sure you have your voice recording ON, and record the conversation, as this will serve as evidence in the event we file suit for any unconstitutional actions.

Step 3: If the store Personnel persist in harassing you in any manner, Do NOT engage except to state the following: *"I have the right to be here during an Election cycle to collect signatures to get a Candidate on the ballot. Thank you, I will continue to collect signatures, I am not obstructing or blocking any store customers."*

NOTE: Do not engage them in any manner after, simply continue collecting signatures.

Step 3: If the Police show up, state the following: *"Officer, Thank you for coming today, I am here collecting signatures to put a Candidate on the ballot, although the store thinks this is private property, during an Election cycle the courts have ruled the Constitutional right to collect nomination signatures SUPERSEDE the owner's private property rights. I know this may seem unusual, but during an Election cycle the courts have ruled I have the right to collect signatures here, provided I am not harassing or obstructing anyone, which I am not doing."*

- A) Let Officer respond/talk. If the Officer says he is going to arrest you because you are TRESPASSING on Private Property. Then immediately state the following to the Officer: *"Officer, I am here to collect signatures and NOT to be arrested, just to confirm you are saying you will arrest me for Trespassing on Private property, if I do not leave. Is that right, Officer?"*
- B) If the Officer says, "Yes."- State the following: *"Thank you for clarifying that Officer, may I have your Badge # and Name. I will be leaving."* LEAVE THE LOCATION, REPORT INCIDENT TO YOUR LEADER, and FIND ANOTHER LOCATION.
- C) Record their badge number and name to save.
- D) If the Officer simply said, You have to leave and does NOT invoke the Trespassing law, or give a reason. State the following: *"Officer, can you please tell me why you want me to leave given I am simply here collecting nomination petition signatures during an Election cycle without obstructing or hindering anyone from entering the store"* If the Officer invokes the Trespass law, **repeat step A above:**

Before leaving, Make sure to **confirm and record** the Officer saying *"You will be arrested for trespassing."*