

RUNNING FOR OFFICE 2026

DESIGNATING PETITION

IMPORTANT DATES

- First Day to Collect Signatures: February 24, 2026
- Last Day to Collect Signatures: April 2, 2026
- Filing Period: March 30 – April 6, 2026 (Signature collection period ends on April 2nd)
Filing Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Primary Election: Tuesday, June 23, 2026
- General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

- Threshold: Need signatures from 5% of registered voters enrolled in your party within the district.
- Valid Signatures: Must be collected on or after February 24, 2026. Use ink only. Include signer's correct party enrollment, district, and Primary Election date—errors may invalidate petition.

PETITION CONTENT & FORMATTING

- Header Information: Candidate's full name, office title, term, full residential address, and PO Box (if any) must be pre-filled on each petition sheet.
- Sheet Organization: Each sheet numbered sequentially at the bottom. If 10+ sheets, attach a cover sheet (available from Board of Elections). Bind all sheets securely—no loose paper clips.
- Volume Identification: Each petition volume must have a unique identification number fronted, per §6215.1.

WITNESS OR NOTARY VERIFICATION

- One completed form is required per petition signature sheet:
- Witness statement: Witness must belong to the same party as the petition.
- OR Notary statement.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

- All candidates (potential candidates) must file financial disclosure forms with the State Board of Elections.
- Forms & Info: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/CampaignFinanceForms.html> or call (800) 458-3453 or (518) 486-6627.

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