

PETITION SIGNATURE VERIFICATION GUIDELINES

(These are general guidelines for processing and verifying signatures for initiative, referendum, recall, nomination, and signature in lieu of filing fee petitions.)

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F1	Address as registered	Petition form directs signers to include "address as registered" rather than "residence address."	N	N	See Exhibit A: Assembly v. Deukmejian (1982) 30 Cal, 3d 638 (CA Admin 20920(c)(1), EC 100, 9020)	All Petitions (Excludes recall which is pre- reviewed)
F2	Title & Summary	One or any page of a multi-page section fails to include the title & summary while remaining pages of the same section are properly identified.	N	N	However, failure to include the title and summary on one page of a section does not invalidate other pages of the same section that are otherwise proper in form. (CA Admin 20920(c)(2), EC 9008, 9014, 9108)	Initiative and referendum petitions only
F3	Space for jurisdiction name	Space for jurisdiction name is left blank. For example, the name of the county, city, or district in which the petition is circulated is missing.	Y	Y	The blank should be filled in; however, failure to do so does not invalidate otherwise valid signatures. (CA Admin 20920(b)(1), EC 9001, 9021)	All Petitions
F4	Parts cut off section	Required text of measure, declaration of circulator, or title and summary have been cut off one page of a multi-page petition section. A section of a petition may be a single page or multiple pages that are securely bound together.	N	N	Failure to include these items on one page of a section does not invalidate other pages of the same section that are otherwise proper in form. (CA Admin(b)(3), EC 104, 9008, 9014, 9022, 9108, 9109)	All Petitions
F5	Parts of an informal petition missing	Signature on loose-leaf or other paper informally identified as part of a petition, but not bearing proper caption, text, or in the case of initiative and referendum petitions, the official title and summary.	N	N	(CA Admin 20920(c)(4), EC 9008, 9010, 9014, 9108)	All Petitions (Excludes recall which is pre-reviewed)
F6	Two-sided section with signatures on the back	Signatures appearing on the back of a printed petition. (Signatures must appear <u>before</u> the declaration of circulator.)	Y	Y	Each page bearing signatures must have the statutorily required text and declaration of circulator. (CA Admin 20920(b)(2), EC 9008 (a), 9014, 9108)	All Petitions (Excludes recall which is pre-reviewed)
F7	Attorney General (AG) number is missing	The AG number is missing on petition section.	N	N	(CA Admin 20920(c)(5), EC 9004, 9008)	State initiative and referendum petitions only

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F8	Section belongs to another county/ signatures not in county of filing	Petition sections in which the entire face of the section indicates the petition sections were circulated among voters of counties other than the county where actually filed. Note: If detected <u>before</u> filing, the petition should be returned to the filer.	Y	Y	Validate any signature if the address is within the county of filing.	All Petitions
				N	If detected <u>after</u> filing: count signatures on these sections in the raw count; declare "not sufficient" or "invalid" any signatures of voters not registered in the county of filing. (CA Admin 20920(b)(3), EC 9021)	
F9	Section belongs to two or more counties	Petition sections labeled as being circulated in counties other than the county of filing, but containing one or more signatures of voters registered in the county of filing.	Y	Y	Validate signatures of registered voters in county of filing. (EC 9021)	All Petitions
				N	Invalidate signatures of voters registered in another county. (CA Admin 20920(b)(4), EC 9021)	
F10	Original signatures on photocopied sections	The petition is photocopied but it bears original signatures, printed names, and addresses.	Y	Y	All requisite elements of the original petition must be included on the photocopy. (CA Admin 20920(b)(5), EC 100, 9020)	All Petitions
F11	Section handwritten	Entire petition reproduced in handwriting	Y	Y	As a general rule, signatures on documents that contain all the requisite statutory elements for an initiative petition section [proper title and summary, text of the measure, etc.] should not be invalidated solely by reason of appearing on a handwritten section. All statutory elements must be present, including the correct title and summary and text. (CA Admin 20920(b)(6), EC 100, 104, 9008, 9014, 9020, 9022, 9108, 9109)	All Petitions (Excludes recall which is pre-reviewed)
F12	Section printed without one inch margins	Petition sections fail to include one-inch space at top of each page and after name of signer.	Y	Y	Lack of spaces does not invalidate petition signatures. (CA Admin 20920(b)(7), EC 100, 9011, 9013)	All Petitions (Excludes recall which is pre-reviewed)
F13	Proponent's information	Some cities require the name and signature of the proponent to appear on the petition.	Y	Y/Maybe	There is no requirement in the Elections Code for petitions to include the proponent's name and signature. However, the decision to count signatures on petitions which fail to include this information will be made by the city.	City initiative and referendum petitions only
Definition of "Petition Section": A single page or multiple that are securely bound together that include the title and summary, Notice of Intention for non-State petitions, consecutively numbered spaces for voter information and signatures, and one declaration of circulator section.						

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RESIDENCE ISSUES						
SS 1 (old S2)	Different or missing apartment number	Signer lists same house number and street but a missing or different number/letter in the apartment field.	Y	Y	The elections official shall not invalidate a signature for an incomplete or inaccurate apartment or unit number in the signer's residence address. (CA Admin 20931(a)(1), EC 105 (a)(2), 9020(a)(3))	All Petitions
SS 2 (old S3)	Different house number	Signer lists a house number that is different from their registered address.	Y	N	This is considered a move. The voter must have re-registered by the day petition is signed in order for signature to be valid. (CA Admin 20931(b)(1), EC 2102 (b)) See Exhibit B: Mapstead v. Anchundo (1998) 63 Cal. App. 4th 246	All Petitions
SS 3 (old S5)	Abbreviated street name	Signer abbreviates street name (provided the house number is the same), or the signer uses another name for the street Example: Address on petition 1234 Hwy 49 (old street name) Address on file 1234 Coloma Road (new/current street name)	Y	Y	Validate if the house number is the same, the street name used is common knowledge, and the post office delivers. (CA Admin 20931(a)(2))	All Petitions
SS 4 (old S6)	Fraction house number	Signer has a fraction as part of house number and the fraction is either missing or changed. Example: 1/2, 3/4	Y	Y	Treat this like an apartment number. The address is valid if the street name and house number are the same, even if the fraction changes or is missing. (CA Admin 20931(a)(3))	All Petitions
SS 5 (old S7)	Transposed house numbers	Signer transposed house number Example: Registered at house #123, but on petition listed #132	Y	N	The house number must match exactly with the information on the voter file. See Exhibit B: Mapstead v. Anchundo (1998) 63 Cal. App. 4th 246. See also Exhibit C: Hartmann v. Kenyon (EC 2102 (b))	All Petitions
				Y/N	If the signer signed the same petition twice, but transposed the house number on one of the two signatures, the signature with the correct information will be validated, while the other will be invalidated for not registered (if the number exists), or duplicate (if the number does not exist). (CA Admin 20931(b)(2))	
SS 6 (old S8)	Two addresses in same signer box for one voter	Signer lists a PO Box and a street address in same box.	Y	Y	Validate if the street address matches the voter file. (CA Admin 20931(a)(4))	All Petitions
		Signer lists two addresses: previous address and current address (moved during the circulation of petition).		Y	Validate signature if the voter was properly registered at one of the addresses during circulation period. (CA Admin 20931(a)(5))	

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SS 7 (old S13)	Address preprinted, (i.e. address label, stamp, etc.), disabled voter or not written by signer	Signer did not use their own handwriting to write their name, address or signature or is preprinted prior to circulation.	Y	N	(CA Admin 20931(b)(3), EC 100, 9020)	All Petitions
				Y	Validate the signature only if the signer is disabled and can't sign their name or address, or if the voter has a signature stamp and it is the same on the voter's registration on file. In both cases a witness must also sign. (CA Admin 20931(b)(3), EC 100.5, 354.5(e))	
SS 8 (old S17)	PO Box only, or address missing	Signer includes post office box address without a residence address, or lists no address.	Y	N	If the signer has no residence address (homeless), they must print the original identifying information that placed them in a precinct. See Exhibit B: Mapstead v. Anchundo (1998) 63 Cal. App. 4th 246 (CA Admin 20931(b)(4), EC 100, 9020)	All Petitions
SS 9 (old S18)	Address with no city	Signer includes residence street and number, but not the city and zip code.	Y	N	If no city and zip code, even if it's readily ascertained, do not validate. See Exhibit B: Mapstead v. Anchundo (1998) 63 Cal. App. 4th 246 (CA Admin 20931(b)(5), EC 2102(b))	All Petitions
		Signer includes residence street and number, and zip code, but not the city.	Y	Y	If zip code is correct and it's a common mix up. (CA Admin 20931(a)(6))	
SS 10 (old S19) Revised	City name change or abbreviation	Signer provides residence street and number, but abbreviates or uses another name for the city. Example 1: <u>CITY NAME CHANGE</u> Address on petition 123 Broadway Street Hollywood, CA 12345 Address on file 123 Broadway Street Los Angeles, CA 12345 Example 2: <u>CITY NAME ABBREVIATION</u> Address on petition 456 Main Street CV, CA 91910 Address on file 456 Main Street Chula Vista, CA 91910	Y	Y	Validate if the city name used is common knowledge, and the zip code matches. (CA Admin 20931 (a)(7))	All Petitions

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SS 11 (old S21) Revised	Address is same - but found as an inactive voter	Voter is at the correct address as an inactive voter	Y	Y	If voter was inactivated and is still claiming they live at their old address. Restore registration to original address if the address provided on the petition is the same as the address on the voter's registration. (e.g. NCOA is returned undeliverable) (CA Admin 20942(b))	All Petitions
SS 12 (S22) Revised	Address is different - voter re-registered (including written statement from voter other than an affidavit)	Voter's current address on file is different from petition due to re-registration (including written statement from voter other than an affidavit).	Y	Y	Voter's current address on file is different due to re-registration (including written statement from voter other than an affidavit), but was at address on petition at time of signing (any time during the section's circulation period). (CA Admin 20940(b)(1); EC 2102)	All Petitions
SS 13 (old S23)	Moved within same precinct	Signer has different address but moved within the same precinct	Y	N	Voters who move within the same precinct may vote, but they must re- register in order to sign a petition. (EC 2035, 2116, 14311)	All Petitions
SS 14 (old S28)	Signer lists a "non- traditional" address	Signer has a non-traditional address (house/street) but moves within the same precinct (see examples below)				All Petitions
		NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVATION	Y	Y	If the address is assigned by the tribe or a non-public agency and the move is within the reservation, treat as an apartment change. (CA Admin 20931(a)(10)(A))	
				N	If the address is assigned by a public agency and is listed in the Master Street File, any change would invalidate the address. (CA Admin 20931(a)(10)(A))	
		MARINA (boat slip)	Y	Y	If the address is within the same marina, treat as an apartment change. (CA Admin 20931(a)(10)(B))	
		UNIVERSITY	Y	Y	If the address is in same building/residence hall and has the same street number, treat as an apartment change. (CA Admin 20931(a)(10)(C))	
		MILITARY BASE (in-county)	Y	Y	If it is a non-traditional address or equivalent, treat it as an apartment change. (CA Admin 20931(a)(10)(D))	
				N	If it is a traditional address and is listed in the Master Street File, any changes would invalidate the signature. (CA Admin 20931(a)(10)(D))	
		HOMELESS (cross streets, not PO Box)	Y	N	A change in the cross streets would invalidate the signature. (CA Admin 20931(b)(6))	
MOBILE HOME PARK	Y	Y	If the address is within the same mobile home park and the same street number, treat as an apartment change. (CA Admin 20931(a)(10)(E))			
FRACTION	Y	Y	If the street number is the same, treat as an apartment change. (CA Admin 20931(a)(3))			

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SS 15 (old S29)	NIXIE Post Office Label (CFS yellow sticker) updates to a voter's registration	Address changes due to NIXIE label made to voter records after the petition was circulated.	Y	Y	The voter's address on the petition is the same as the address provided through a NIXIE label. The registration effective date (or the transaction date if the registration date was not updated by the transaction) is on or before the date the voter signed the petition. (CA Admin 20931(a)(11)(A)&(C))	All Petitions
				N	The voter's address on the petition is the same as the address provided through a NIXIE label. The registration effective date (or the transaction date if the registration date was not updated by the transaction) is after the date the voter signed the petition. (CA Admin 20931(a)(11)(A)&(C))	
				Y	The voter's address on the petition is the different from the address provided through a NIXIE label. The registration effective date (or the transaction date if the registration date was not updated by the transaction) is after the date the voter signed the petition. (CA Admin 20931(a)(11)(B)&(C))	
				N	The voter's address on the petition is different from the address provided through a NIXIE label. The registration effective date (or the transaction date if the registration date was not updated by the transaction) is on or before the date the voter signed the petition. (CA Admin 20931(a)(11)(B)&(C))	

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DATE ISSUES						
SS 16 (old S4)	Automatic updates to a voter's registration	Changes/updates such as NCOA, DMV, CAN (8-d-2), ACS, made to voter records after the petition was circulated.	Y	Y	The voter's address on the petition is the same as the address provided after automatic updates; and the address was updated via NCOA, DMV, CAN (8-d-2), or ACS. The registration effective date is on or before the date the voter signed the petition. (CA Admin 20941(a))	All Petitions
				N	The voter's address on the petition is the same as the address provided after automatic updates; and the address was updated via NCOA, DMV, CAN (8-d-2), or ACS. The registration effective date is after the date the voter signed the petition. (CA Admin 20941(a))	
				Y	The voter's address on the petition is different from the address provided after automatic updates; and the address was updated via NCOA, DMV, CAN (8-d-2), or ACS. The registration effective date is after the date the voter signed the petition. (CA Admin 20941(b))	
				N	The voter's address on the petition is different from the address provided after automatic updates; and the address was updated via NCOA, DMV, CAN (8-d-2), or ACS. The registration effective date is on or before the date the voter signed the petition. (CA Admin 20941(b))	
SS 17 (old S26)	The voter's registration has no date of execution (signature date)	No date of execution on the voter's registration.	Y	Y	If the date the voter's registration was received in the elections office is on or before the last date of circulation of the petition section. (CA Admin 20940(b)(2), EC 2102(b))	All Petitions
				N	If the date the voter's registration was received in the elections office is after the last date of circulation of the petition section. (CA Admin 20940(a)(4))	
SS 18 (old S27)	The voter's registration is signed after the voter signs the petition	The voter's registration is timely received but is signed after the voter signs the petition.	Y	N	The voter's registration must meet both requirements of EC 2102(b): it must be signed on or before the date the petition is signed and received on or before the date the petition is filed. (CA Admin 20940(c)(2), EC 2102)	All Petitions

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ENTRY ISSUES						
SS 19 (old S1)	Signature missing	Signer printed name and address but left signature space blank.	Y	N	Invalidate if the signature on the voter's registration is missing or does not match. (CA Admin 20930(b)(1), (EC 2150(b), 9020)	All Petitions
				Y	Validate if the signature on the voter's registration is printed and otherwise matches the signature on the petition. (CA Admin 20930(b)(1), (EC 9020)	
SS 20 (old S9)	Two signers and one address in same signer box	Two signers occupy the same signer box and list one address	Y (assign numbers to both signers)	Y (for one only)	SIGNER'S OWN HANDWRITING Validate the signature for the person who handwrote the address. (CA Admin 20930(a)(1), EC 100, 9020) TYPED REGISTRATION If handwriting cannot be determined because of typed registration (i.e. online form), use the first name in the box. (CA Admin 20930(a)(1),	All Petitions
SS 21 (old S10)	Social titles and name variations	Signer prints MR. AND MRS. SMITH and signs Mr. & Mrs. Smith or uses a nickname, initials, prefixes, maiden name, married name, spouse's name, or a misspelling.	Y	Y	Validate only the name with the matching signature. Validate if the address is correct and the signature appears to have been made by the same person. (CA Admin 20930(a)(2), EC 100, 9020)	All Petitions
SS 22 (old S11)	Signature and/or name and address information crossed off	A line appears through signature, name, and address.	N	N	Do not count or give a stamp number if the signature, name and address are lined out. (CA Admin 20930(c)(1))	All Petitions
		A line appears through signature, name, or address, but not all three.	Y	MAYBE	If other information (e.g., city or zip code) is lined out, it is a judgment call whether sufficient information is present to validate the signature. (CA Admin 20930(b)(2), EC 100, 9020)	
SS 23 (old S12)	White-out	White-out was used to cross out signer's information and new information was written over it.	N	N	The use of white-out on a petition section automatically invalidates the signature. (CA Admin 20930(c)(2))	All Petitions
SS 24 (old S14)	Signature in circulator's area only	No signatures or identifying information appear in the signer spaces, but one or more signatures appear in the completed declaration of circulator.	N	N	There are no signers in the spaces on the petition section. (CA Admin 20930(c)(3), EC 100, 104, 9020, 9022)	All Petitions
SS 25 (old S15) Revised	Signatures appended to a section	Signatures appended to section so as to appear <u>after</u> the declaration of circulator.	N	N	Disqualify any signature appended after the declaration of circulator. Example: Signers wrote their information on the back side of the Declaration of Circulator page or in the margins beside or below the Declaration of Circulator area. (CA Admin 20930(c)(4))	All Petitions
SS 26 (old S16) Revised	Name missing (only address listed)	Signer's written and printed names are missing.	Y	N	Signer did not provide name and can not be identified with other information. (CA Admin 20930(b)(3), EC 100, 9020)	All Petitions
SS 27 (old S24)	Name is not printed	Signer uses cursive writing in the space designated for printed name	Y	Y	If the signer can be identified and signature matches. (CA Admin 20960)	All Petitions
				N	If the signer cannot be identified, or the signature doesn't match. (CA Admin 20931(a)(8), 20960)	
SS 28 (old S25)	Name has suffix	A suffix such as Jr. or II is added or omitted from either the petition or the voter file.	Y	Y	Validate if the signer is at the correct address and the signature appears to have been made by the same person. (CA Admin 20931(a)(9))	All Petitions

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OTHER ISSUES						
SS 29 (old S20) Revised	Voter is a confirmed canceled voter	If the address on the voter's registration is different or the voter is no longer registered but they are at the correct address as a confirmed canceled voter .	Y	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If voter's cancelation effective date was after the first date of circulation of the petition section. Example: Circ period 10/10/XX to 10/29/XX, canceled 10/12/XX or If placed in canceled file in error. (CA Admin 20942(a), EC 2102) 	All Petitions
				N	If the voter's cancelation effective date was before the first date of circulation of the petition section or at a different address. Example: Circ period 10/10/XX to 10/29/XX, canceled 9/30/XX (CA Admin 20942(a), EC 2201)	
SS 30 (old S30) Revised	Pre-Registered Voter	Signer is pre-registered, not yet 18 years of age.	Y	N	The underaged persons can not sign a petition until his/her 18th birthday regardless of pre-registration. Example: A 17 year-old is pre-registered (date of birth is November 1st when they will turn 18). On September 5th (E-60 for a November 4th election) the signer's voter file is set to activate to receive voting material. The 17-year-old signs a petition in October. They can not sign a petition until November 1st when they turn 18. (CA Admin 20931(b)(7), 20940(c)(3))	All Petitions

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C1	Declaration of Circulator is blank but petition has one or more signatures	Signatures appear in signer's spaces but declaration of the circulator is left blank or unsigned.	Y	N	(CA Admin 20950(c)(1), EC 104, 9022)	All Petitions
C2	Circulator fails to sign using full name	Circulator fails to sign full name including middle name.	Y	Y	(CA Admin 20950(b)(1), EC 104(c), 9022(b)) *SB1188 (Circulator's Signature)	All Petitions
C3	Dates of circulation in different handwriting	Dates of circulation in the declaration of the circulator are in handwriting different from the circulator's handwriting.	Y	Y	If the difference in handwriting is subtle or not readily apparent, validate signatures on the petition. (CA Admin 20950(b)(2))	All Petitions
				N	If it is obvious the handwriting is different, invalidate signatures on the petition. (CA Admin 20950(c)(2), EC 104(a))	
C4	Dates of circulation preprinted	Dates of circulation on the declaration of the circulator are preprinted or stamped on the petition.	Y	Y	If year is preprinted but month and day are handwritten, validate signatures on the petition. See Exhibit D: Per Susan Lapsley of SOS in 2006. (CA Admin 20950(b)(3))	All Petitions
				N	If month, day, and year are preprinted, invalidate signatures on the petition. (CA Admin 20950(c)(3), EC 104)	
C5	Dates of circulation and execution missing	The declaration of the circulator has no date of execution and no dates of circulation.	Y	N	(CA Admin 20950(c)(4), EC 104(a) (3) and (c))	All Petitions
C6	Dates of circulation and execution missing	The declaration of the circulator has no date of execution and no dates of circulation, but the circulator has signed the petition and provided a date of signing.	Y	Y	The circulator must be a petition signer and must have provided a date of signing. (CA Admin 20950(b)(4))	All Petitions

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C7	Generalized dates of circulation	Generalized dates other than the particular range of dates on which the petition section was circulated, (i.e., the date of circulation has only a month and year, but no day). Example 1: circulation date - April 20XX petition filed - May 28, 20XX last date of circulation deemed to be - April 30, 20XX (last day of the month)	Y	Y	If the signature date on the voter's registration was on or before the last day of the month of circulation for the petition section, validate signatures on the petition. (CA Admin 20950(d)(1)(A), EC 9022, 2102)	All Petitions
		Example 2: circulation date - April 20XX petition filed - April 15, 20XX last date of circulation deemed to be - April 15, 20XX		Y	If the signature date on the voter's registration was on or before the petition file date, validate signatures on the petition. (CA Admin 20950(d)(1)(B))	
		Example 3: circulation date - April 20XX petition filed - April 15, 20XX last date of circulation deemed to be - April 15, 20XX voter registration/sign date - April 18, 20XX		N	In the event the signature date on the voter's registration was after the petition file date, invalidate signatures on the petition. (CA Admin 20950(d)(2))	
C8	One date of circulation	The declaration of the circulator on a petition contains a space for the beginning date of the circulation and a separate space for the ending date of circulation, and only one of the spaces is complete.	Y	Y	The date supplied by the circulator becomes the date by which the signer must be registered. (CA Admin 20950(b)(5))	All Petitions
C9	Section has either a date of circulation or a date of execution	The declaration of the circulator on a petition contains either a date of circulation <u>or</u> date of execution, but not both.	Y	Y	The date supplied by the circulator becomes the date by which the signer must be registered. (CA Admin 20950(b)(6))	All Petitions
C10	Date before circulation	The month, day, or year on the declaration of the circulator precedes the first date of circulation.	Y	N	It is possible the petition was circulated too early. (CA Admin 20950(c)(5))	All Petitions (Excludes recall which is pre-reviewed)
C11	Dates after filing	Dates on the declaration of the circulator are after the date the petition was filed.	Y	Y	This is an obvious error and may be disregarded. See Exhibit B: Mapstead v. Anchundo (1998) 63 Cal. App. 4th 246 (CA Admin 20950(b)(7))	All Petitions
C12	Conflicting dates supplied by signers	Dates supplied voluntarily by signers of a petition conflict with dates on the declaration of the circulator.	Y	Y	The dates on the declaration of the circulator are presumed correct. Signers' dates may be disregarded. (CA Admin 20950(b)(8))	All Petitions

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C13	Circulator is not a registered voter	Circulator of a petition is not registered to vote, or is not registered in the jurisdiction in which the petition is circulated or filed.	Y	Y	In January 1999, the US Supreme Court in Buckley v. American Law Foundation declared unconstitutional the requirement for initiative circulators to be registered voters of the jurisdiction in which they circulate the petition. The Attorney General (Opinion No. 99-712) opined that EC section 9209, which requires circulators to declare they are voters of a city, was unconstitutional. In addition, circulators of a city petition need not declare they are city residents. See Exhibit E: Buckley v. American Law Foundation (CA Admin 20950(b)(9))	All Petitions
C14	Circulator is not a resident	Circulator is not a resident of the state or political jurisdiction in which the petition is circulated.	Y	Y	See Exhibit G: Nader v. Brewer (CA Admin 20950(b)(10), EC 102, 104, 8066, 8451, 9021, 9022, 11045, 11046)	All Petitions (Excludes candidate petitions)
C15	No address or only a PO Box	The declaration of the circulator lists no address or only a post office box address.	Y	Y	See C13 (Exhibit E: Buckley v. American Law Foundation) (CA Admin 20950(b)(11))	All Petitions
C16	Photocopy	Information on the declaration of the circulator is photocopied.	Y	N	Do not rely on photocopied information. (CA Admin 20950(c)(6), (EC 104))	All Petitions
C17	No signature	Circulator fails to sign the declaration of circulator.	Y	Y	Only if circulator is also a petition signer and provides his/her information (residence address and signature) on same petition section. (CA Admin 20950(b)(12))	All Petitions
			Y	N	Circulator is not a petition signer and did not provide his/her information on same petition section. (CA Admin 20950(c)(7))	

SIGNER WITHDRAWAL					
#	TITLE	SITUATION	USE TO WITHDRAW?	NOTES	APPLIES TO: Initiative, Referendum, Recall, Nomination and Signature in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions
SW1	Missing information	Any of the following information is omitted from the written request to withdraw: 1. Identification of the petition (either a name or number required) 2. Signature of voter 3. Address of voter 4. Statement that voter seeks to withdraw a signature after signing petition	N	See Exhibit F: SOS memo 92117 dated April 20, 1992 (Note EC 43 is now EC 103 and EC 5352 is now EC 9602). CA AB1535 signed October 10, 2015 (CA Admin 20970(b)(1), EC 103, 9602 and 11303)	All Petitions
SW2	Preprinted withdrawals	The request to withdraw is a preprinted form with only the signature in writing.	Y	The preprinted form must contain the voter's name, residence address and signature. (CA Admin 20970(b)(2), EC 103, 9602 and 11303)	All Petitions
SW3	Signature in doubt	The signature on the request to withdraw is in doubt.	N	When the signature is in doubt, do not use to withdraw. See Exhibit F: SOS memo 92117 dated April 20, 1992 (CA Admin 20970(b)(3), Note EC 43 is now EC 103 and EC 5352 is now EC 9602)	All Petitions
SW4 Revised	Arrives on or after day petition is filed	The request to withdraw arrives on the day the petition is filed or after.	N	The request to withdraw must arrive <u>prior</u> to the date the petition is filed. See Exhibit F: SOS memo 92117 dated April 20, 1992 (Note EC 43 is now EC 103 and EC 5352 is now EC 9602). (CA Admin 20970(b)(4), EC 103, 9602 and 11303)	All Petitions Except Recall of State Officers (EC 11108 (b))
SW5	Withdrawal dated day of or after petition filed	The request to withdraw is dated the day the petition is filed, or after, but is received prior to the day the petition is filed.	Y	The request to withdraw is not required to contain a date. (CA Admin 20970(b)(5), EC 103, 9602 and 11303)	All Petitions
SW6	Withdrawal dated prior to petition filing	The request to withdraw is dated prior to the date the petition section is circulated containing petition signature.	Y	The request to withdraw is not required to contain a date. (CA Admin 20970(b)(6), EC 103, 9602 and 11303)	All Petitions
SW7	Request to withdraw signature via fax or email	The request to withdraw is received by fax or email <u>prior</u> to the day petition is filed.	Y	Fax or email requests are accepted and can be used to withdraw signatures if the name or number of the petition, signer name, residence address, signature, and a request to withdraw are provided. (CA Admin 20970(b)(7), EC 103, 9602 and 11303)	All Petitions
SW8 NEW	Withdrawal is missing name or name is different	The request to withdraw is missing the signer's name or the name is different than the name on the petition.	Y	If the signer can be identified and signature matches.	All Petitions
			N	If the signer cannot be identified, or the signature doesn't match.	
SW9 NEW	Different address	Address on withdrawal is different than address on the petition	Y	The address on the withdrawal matches an address in the voter's file.	All Petitions
			N	The address on the withdrawal does not match any address in the voter's file.	