

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE
30 Trinity Street
Hartford CT 06106

February 16, 2016

To: Democratic Registrars of Voters

Re: Presidential Primary Petition Forms

A presidential primary petition form on behalf of a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President has been issued by our office. Since petition pages may be submitted to you for verification pursuant to Section 9-468, we are enclosing for your information copies of the Acknowledgement of Issuance, Instruction Page, and Signatures Page. CGS §§9-410, 9-412 and 9-468 set forth the procedure to be followed after the forms are submitted to you. Under §9-468, such a primary petition must be submitted to the Democratic Registrar of Voters no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016 - on which day your office must be open and staffed by yourself or your Deputy or Assistant from at least 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Upon receipt of petition pages, the registrar must give to the person who submitted them a signed receipt stating the number of pages and the date and time of filing. For your convenience, we are enclosing a suggested form of registrar's receipt.

The registrar must (1) check each name on the signatures page to determine whether the person signing is on the Democratic enrollment list, and reject any name, by indicating "R" before it, if it is not on the enrollment list; (2) complete the certifications specified on the form; and (3) **file the form in this office in person (you may use an agent) or by mail on or before March 8, 2016**. Discrepancies such as the use of titles, initials or customary abbreviations, or the omission of initials, do not invalidate petition signatures if there is no reasonable question as to the identity of the signer.

Under CGS §9-35c, if the name is on the inactive enrollment list at the same address as on the petition, you must count the signature and immediately place the name on the active enrollment list. If the name is on the active or inactive enrollment list at a different address than the address on the petition and if the petition lists the birth date which is the same as the birth date on the signer's registration record, you must count the signature. The signer, however, is not required to provide his birth date on the petition.

Since a statewide petition is involved, the final determination as to whether or not each such petition page is valid or acceptable must be made by the Secretary of the State.

To avoid delivery delays, if you cannot submit petition pages yourself or via your agent please send them to us by **REGULAR FIRST-CLASS MAIL** (or, if feasible, by "express mail" or "overnight" delivery service), **NOT** by certified or registered mail.

Please forward any certified petition pages to us as soon as possible, using the address:

Secretary of the State
Presidential Primary Petitions
Legislative and Elections Administration Division
30 Trinity Street - 2nd Floor
P. O. Box 150470
Hartford CT 06115-0470

Please let us know if you have any questions about this petition procedure or if we can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

DENISE MERRILL
Secretary of the State

By: 
Theodore E Bromley
Staff Attorney

Enclosures: ED-624, ED-624c, ED-624d

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INSTRUCTION PAGE FOR PRIMARY PETITION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY
DATE OF PRIMARY - APRIL 26, 2016

Statutory References: For statutory provisions relating to the presidential preference primary, including those relating specifically to this petition process, see Chapter 154 of the Connecticut General Statutes, in particular §§9-467, 9-468 and 9-469; also §§9-6b, 9-35c, 9-368c, 9-372(12), 9-410 and 9-412.

Request for, and issuance of, petition forms: Petition pages will be issued beginning at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Any person requesting petition pages must give to the Secretary of the State, in writing, (1) his own name and address, (2) the name and address of the candidate for whom the petition is to be circulated, (3) the name of the party holding the primary, and (4) a statement signed by such candidate that he consents to the inclusion of his name on the presidential preference primary ballot of such party. Upon completion of these requirements, the Secretary of the State, before issuing the petition, shall fill in on each petition signatures page the name and address of the candidate, "Nomination for President of the United States" as designation of the office sought, and the name of the party conducting the primary; and the Secretary shall then give to the person so requesting such petition pages one petition page suitable for duplication. Before any enrolled party members sign a primary petition page, the name of the town among whose enrolled party members that page is to be circulated must be inserted in the blank at the top of the page.

Time and Manner of Filing: Each petition signatures page must be submitted to the Registrar of Voters of the specified party in the town in which the signers thereof are enrolled in such party, not later than 4 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016. The Registrar shall give a receipt to the person submitting a petition page or pages, indicating the number of pages submitted and the date and time submitted. The Registrar must certify on each petition page the number of signers who are enrolled members of the party in the town and forward such certified page to the Secretary of the State by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Number of Signatures Required: The name of any candidate whose petition has been submitted in accordance with law and which has been signed by a number of enrolled members of the specified party in this state equal to at least one percent of the total number of enrolled members on the active enrollment list of such party in the state, according to the most recent records on file with the Secretary of the State, shall be placed on the ballot of such party in the presidential preference primary.

The number of signatures required for a Republican candidate is 4,076.

The number of signatures required for a Democratic candidate is 7,130.

Withdrawal of Candidacy Prohibited: No candidate who has filed a statement of consent pursuant to the provisions of §9-467, and whose name is to be placed on the ballot pursuant to the provisions of §9-469 by sufficient certified petition signatures timely filed, shall be permitted to withdraw his name from the ballot.

Misrepresentation Prohibited: It is a class D felony for any person to intentionally misrepresent the contents of a primary petition. Conviction of a Class D felony shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than one year nor more than five years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

Signatures: Each signature on a petition signatures page must be the personal signature of the signer, and one individual may not, under any circumstances or degree of relationship, sign for another. **ANY PERSON WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OWN TO A PRIMARY PETITION OR WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OWN AS CIRCULATOR OF SUCH A PETITION SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR OR BOTH.** Signatures shall be obtained only on the official petition signatures page provided by the Secretary of the State. There is space on the petition page for each enrolled party member to print his name and address after signing his name, and the circulator should request each signer to do so. There is also a space for the enrolled party member to optionally give his date of birth. Signers who have moved within town should be encouraged to give their birth dates, because the Registrar is prohibited from rejecting any name for which the street address on the petition is different from the street address on the enrollment list if (1) the signer is eligible to vote for the candidate on the petition and (2) the signer's birth date shown on the petition is the same as the birth date on the signer's registration record. No person shall sign as a petition signer more than once for the same candidate. Petition signatures may not be withdrawn. Only the signatures of electors who are enrolled in the specified party in a municipality in the state will be counted. If the Registrar determines that an enrolled elector on the inactive registry list signed a petition giving the same address as on the inactive registry list, such name shall forthwith be placed on the active registry list and counted. No page of such a petition shall contain the names of enrolled party members residing in different municipalities, and any page certified by registrars of two or more municipalities shall be rejected by the Secretary of the State.

Assistance to Blind Persons in the Signing of Petitions: Any person who is blind may cause his name to be placed on a petition if an authorized agent (not the circulator) reads aloud the full text of the petition in the presence of the circulator, and the blind person consents to having his name appear on it. If a blind person is unable to write, his authorized agent may write the name of the blind person followed by the word "by" and his own signature.

Circulator: Each circulator must be an enrolled member of the party in a municipality in this state who is entitled to vote. No candidate may circulate a petition for another candidate for nomination for President of the United States. No person may circulate petitions for more than one candidate for nomination for said office. A candidate may circulate a petition for his own nomination if he is an enrolled member of the party in this state. Any petition page circulated in violation of these provisions of the law must be rejected. The circulator must be certain that all signers sign in his presence and that his own signed statements are true, or he shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and the entire page may be rejected. A sentence of imprisonment for a class A misdemeanor is not more than one year and a fine for the conviction of a class A misdemeanor shall not exceed \$2,000.00.

Statement by Registrar of Voters as to Circulator's Status as Enrolled Party Member: Each petition page must contain a statement signed by the Registrar of Voters of the appropriate party in the town in which the circulator is enrolled, attesting that the circulator is an enrolled member of such party in the town. This statement may be completed at any time but must be completed before the petition page is filed with the party's Registrar in the town of voting residence of the signers thereof. Unless such a statement by the Registrar appears on each page so submitted, the page shall be rejected.

Circulator's Statement of Authenticity of Signatures: The Circulator's Statement of Authenticity of Signatures, including address and number of signatures obtained, must be completed and signed by the circulator after obtaining all the signatures and before filing the page with the appropriate Registrar of Voters. The page must be rejected if the Statement is not completed and signed.

Certification of Acknowledging Officer: After, or at the time of, signing the Circulator's Statement of Authenticity of Signatures, the Circulator must appear before one of the following officers to acknowledge the Statement: a judge of a court of record, clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, family support magistrate, commissioner of deeds or town clerk, notary public, justice of the peace or attorney admitted to the Connecticut Bar. The acknowledgment must be completed and signed by the officer taking the same, and the petition page must be rejected if this is not done.

"Registrar" Defined: "Registrar" means the Registrar of Voters enrolled with the political party holding a primary, and, in each municipality where there are different Registrars for different voting districts, means the Registrar so enrolled in the voting district in which, at the last-preceding regular election, the presiding officer for the purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality was moderator.

(Circulator: read separate Instruction Page before circulating and file with registrar of voters of town of signers by 4:00 p.m. of March 4, 2016)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE

PRIMARY PETITION FOR CONNECTICUT PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY – APRIL 26, 2016
PETITION SIGNATURES PAGE

WARNING: IT IS A CRIME TO SIGN THIS PETITION IN THE NAME OF ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DO SO AND YOU MAY NOT SIGN THIS PETITION IF YOU ARE NOT AN ELECTOR.

A. DEMOCRATIC PARTY

TOWN OF _____
(To be filled in before circulating)

OFFICE SOUGHT: NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Name of Candidate

Address

Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente

700 Front Street, Apt 2106
San Diego, CA 92101

B. We, the undersigned, being enrolled members of the party named above in the town specified above, do hereby petition that there be printed on the ballot at such party's Presidential Preference Primary on the above date the name of the above person as a candidate for nomination by such party for the office of President of the United States.

SIGNATURE OF ENROLLED ELECTOR	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS
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**Suggested Form of Registrar's Receipt
of Presidential Primary Petition Pages**

I, _____, Registrar of Voters of the
(name)
_____ Party, in the Town of
(party)
_____, acknowledge receipt on
(town)
_____ at _____ A.M. of _____
(date) (time) P.M. (number of pages)

Presidential Primary Petition Signatures Pages in behalf of the candidacy of _____,
(name of candidate)
for nomination by said party for the office of President of the United States, which pages were
submitted to me by _____.
(name and address of person submitting such pages)

Signature of Registrar of Voters

(Registrar of Voters is required to give to the person submitting primary petition page(s) a receipt stating the number of pages filed and date and time of filing.)