# County of Los Angeles

# Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions

**Procedural Information Booklet** 

# Presidential Primary Election June 7, 2016













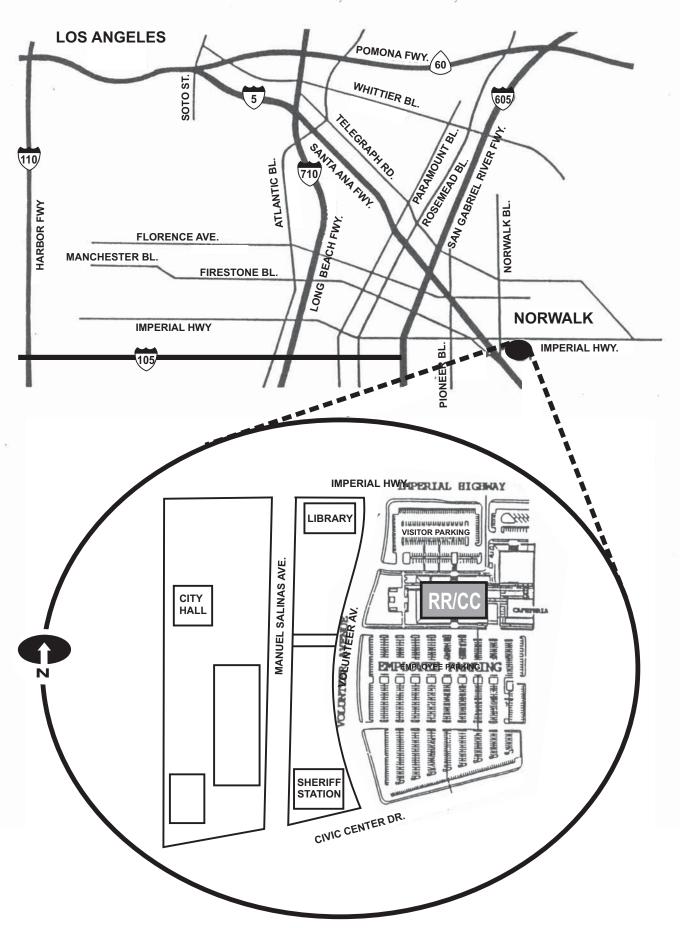
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#### **NOTICE**

This booklet summarizes major provisions related to Signatures In Lieu of the filing fee for candidates. It is not intended as a substitute for legal counsel.

Candidates and others using this booklet must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards, duties and factual material contained herein.

For further information regarding the Signature In Lieu process, please contact the Election Planning Section at (562) 462-2317 or (562) 462-2319.

A separate Candidate Handbook and Resource Guide will be issued during the candidate nomination period which begins on **February 15**, **2016** and ends on **March 11**, **2016**.

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#### SECTION 1

# **Calendar of Events**



#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### PETITIONS FOR SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF THE FILING FEE

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION - JUNE 7, 2016

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

All documents are to be filed with and duties performed by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk unless otherwise specified.

DATES		EVENTS
<b>JAN. 4* (M)</b> E-158*	<b>FEB. 10 (W)</b> E-118	SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS (Superior Court Judges Only)  During this period, petition forms may be obtained to secure signatures in lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the in lieu petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements for offices on the nominating petition. Candidates will be notified of any deficiency within 10 calendar days of filing the petition. Candidates may then, prior to the close of the nomination period, submit a supplemental petition or pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency.  (E. C. §§ 8061, 8105 and 8106)
JAN. 4* (M) E-158*	<b>FEB. 25 (Th)</b> E-103	SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS (Excluding Judicial Candidates)  During this period, petition forms may be obtained to secure signatures in lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the in lieu petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements for offices on the nominating petition. Candidates will be notified of any deficiency within 10 calendar days of filing the petition. Candidates may then, prior to the close of the nomination period, submit a supplemental petition or pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency. (E. C. §§ 8061, 8105 and 8106)
<b>FEB. 1 (M)</b> E-127	<b>FEB. 10 (W)</b> E-118	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION – CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE

(E. C. §§ 8023 and 8105 (b))

time the declaration of intention is filed.

First and last day for candidates for judicial office to file a declaration of intention. The filing fee must be paid or signatures in lieu of filing fee petitions must be filed at the

<sup>\*</sup>Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

#### FEB. 10 (W)

E-118

## SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS JUDICIAL OFFICES ONLY

Last day to file signature in lieu petitions for judicial offices. Candidates will be notified of any deficiency within 10 calendar days of filing the petition. Candidates may then, prior to the close of the nomination period, submit a supplemental petition or pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency.

(E. C. §§ 8061 and 8106)

## **FEB. 11 (Th)** E-117

FEB. 16 (Tu) 5:00 P.M. E-112\*

## EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION PERIOD (JUDICIAL OFFICES ONLY)

If the incumbent for a judicial office does not file a declaration of intention to succeed to the same office by **February 10**, qualified persons other than the incumbent may file a declaration of intention for that office no later than the first day for filing nomination papers.

(E. C. § 8023 (b))

## **FEB. 16 (Tu)** E-112\*

MAR. 11 (F) 5:00 P.M. E-88

#### NOMINATION PERIOD FOR ALL CANDIDATES

During this period, all candidates must file declarations of candidacy and nomination papers. No person may file nomination papers for more than one office at the same election. The declaration of candidacy shall be executed in the elections official's office. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees or present in lieu signatures at the time they receive their nomination papers. The number of valid in lieu signatures obtained by the candidate may be subtracted from the number required for his or her nomination papers. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of in lieu signatures that meets the nomination requirement on the in lieu petitions equals or exceeds the minimum number required.

(E. C. §§ 8020, 8061, 8062, 8100, 8105, 8106 and 10407)

<sup>\*</sup>Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

DATES		EVENTS
<b>FEB. 25 (Th)</b> E-103		SIGNATURE IN LIEU PETITIONS DEADLINE (Excluding Judicial Candidates)  Last day for candidates to file signature in lieu petitions. Candidates will be notified of any deficiency within 10 calendar days of filing the petition. Candidates may then, prior to the close of the nomination period, submit a supplemental petition or pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency.  (E. C. §§ 8061, 8105 and 8106)
MAR. 7 (M)		SIGNATURE IN LIEU PETITIONS CHECKED
E-92		Last day to determine sufficiency of signatures in lieu of filing fees submitted by all candidates. If determined that the petition is deficient, the candidates may, before the close of nomination period ending <b>March 11, 2016 (E-88)</b> , either submit a supplemental petition to cover any deficiency or pay a pro rata fee. (E. C. § 8106 (b)(3))
MAR. 11 (F)		NOMINATION PERIOD DEADLINE
<b>5:00 P.M.</b> E-88		Last day for all candidates to file nomination documents.
		DEADLINE FOR FILING SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES IN LIEU PETITIONS
		Last day to file supplemental signatures or pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover any deficiency. (E. C. § 8106 (b)(3))
MAR. 12** (Sa) E-87**	MAR. 16 (W) 5:00 P.M. E-83	NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION IF ELIGIBLE INCUMBENT DOES NOT FILE  If nomination documents for any eligible incumbent are not

# If nomination documents for any eligible incumbent are not filed by March 11, 5:00 p.m., the nomination period for such office shall be extended until March 16, 5:00 p.m. for persons other than the incumbent. NOTE: Extension period does not apply when: 1) the incumbent for judicial office does not file a declaration of intention for the office 2) there is no incumbent eligible to be elected or the incumbent has served the maximum number of terms as permitted by the California Constitution or Los Angeles County Charter

3) the office in question is for county central committee,

central committee or county council

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(E.C. §§ 8022, 8024, 8204 and 10407(b))

<sup>\*\*</sup>March 12 (Saturday) office will be open. March 13 (Sunday) office will be closed.

#### SECTION 2

# Offices That Require a Filing Fee or Signatures In Lieu of the Filing Fee



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – JUNE 7, 2016

# OFFICES THAT REQUIRE A FILING FEE OR SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF THE FILING FEE

#### FEDERAL OFFICES

United States Senator
United States Representative in Congress

#### STATE OFFICES

State Senator Member of the State Assembly

#### **COUNTY OFFICES**

County Supervisor
District Attorney
Judge of the Superior Court

Qualifications for Office and Signature In Lieu requirements are listed alphabetically by office title in Section 4 of this booklet.

#### SECTION 3

# Signature In Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions



#### SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS

(E. C. Sec. 8106)

#### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

**SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF THE FILING FEE** – A candidate may submit a petition containing signatures of registered voters in lieu of paying the filing fee in order to run for office. Candidates for Superior Court Judge must submit signature in lieu of filing fee petitions at the time the candidate files the Declaration of Intention. Candidates for all other offices must submit signature in lieu of filing fee petitions at the time Nomination Documents are issued. The signatures submitted may cover all, or a prorated portion, of the filing fee. Official filing documents are available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays at the:

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office 12400 Imperial Highway, 2nd Floor, Room 2013, Norwalk

**FILING FEE REQUIRED** – State law requires that a filing fee be paid by the candidate at the time the nomination documents are issued. Signatures in lieu of the filing fee must be submitted at the time the candidate applies for Nomination Documents. Filing fees may be paid in cash or by certified cashier's check or personal check. Checks are to be made **payable to the Secretary of State for all state and federal offices and to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for all county offices. All filing fees received by the Secretary of State and county elections officials are non-refundable. From January 4, 2016 through February 25, 2016** this office will provide to each candidate, or his/her authorized representative, upon request and without charge, forms for securing signatures. If additional forms are required, the candidate may duplicate the forms.

Candidates for Superior Court Judge must pay the filing fee prior to the close of the Declaration of Intention period.

Signatures in lieu of the filing fee are verified within ten (10) days after submission. Candidates will be notified of the number of invalid signatures. If the requisite number of valid signatures has been met, no additional signatures are needed. If the requisite number has not been met, the candidate has the option of submitting additional supplemental signatures or paying the pro rata amount of the filing fee to cover any invalid signatures. If supplemental petitions containing additional signatures are submitted, they must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file nomination documents.

**Signature in lieu of filing fee** petitions must be filed no later than the applicable filing deadline. Valid signatures on signature in lieu petitions may be applied to the nominating petition signature requirement. However, signature in lieu petition forms cannot be substituted for purposes of filing nominating petitions. Nominating petition forms will be available commencing **February 15, 2016 and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. March 11, 2016.** 

#### SECTION 4

# Qualifications for Office and In Lieu Signature Requirements



Office: County Supervisor

Term of Office: 4 Years

(2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts)

Qualifications: A registered voter of the district for at least 30 days prior to deadline to file

nomination documents. (Govt. Code § 25041). May not have been elected or

served in such office for three consecutive terms since December 2002.

(Art. II, § 4, County Charter).

Salary Filing Fee (1% of Salary) Number of Nominating Signatures \$ 189,041.00 \$ 1,890.41 Min. 20 Max. 40 (E.C. § 8062 (a)(3))

Party Signatures Needed Value of Each Signature Nonpartisan 7,562 \$ 0.250000

Office: District Attorney Term of Office: 4 Years

**Qualifications:** A registered voter of the jurisdiction at the time nomination documents are

issued. Must have been admitted to practice before the California Supreme Court. (Govt. Code §§ 24001 and 24002). Term limits are not

applicable.

Salary Filing Fee (1% of Salary) Number of Nominating Signatures \$ 317,685 \$ 3,176.85 Min. 20 Max. 40

(E.C. § 8062 (a)(3))

Party Signatures Needed Value of Each Signature Nonpartisan 12,708 \$ 0.250000

Term of Office: 6 Years Office: Judge of the Superior Court

**Qualifications:** 

Must have been a member of the State Bar or served as a judge of a court of record in the State 10 years immediately preceding selection to Superior Court. (Art. VI, § 15, Ca. Const). Does not have to be a resident of Los Angeles County.

Term limits are not applicable.

Filing Fee (1% of Salary) **Number of Nominating Signatures** Salary \$ 1,890.41 Min. 20 Max. 40 \$ 189,041.00

(E.C. § 8062 (a)(3))

**Party** Signatures Needed Value of Each Signature Nonpartisan 7,562 \$ 0.250000

Judicial Offices scheduled for election are assigned sequential office numbers. These office numbers are used solely for ballot purposes.

There will be 174 offices to be filled for this election. Incumbents' names and office numbers are available on the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk website (www.lavote.net) under candidate filing.

Office: Member of the State Assembly

Term of Office: 2 Years

**Qualifications:** 

A United States citizen. (Art. IV, § 2(c), Ca. Const). Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time nomination papers are issued. (E.C. § 201). Serve no more than 12 years in the State Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms during his or her lifetime if he or she was first elected to the Legislature after June 2012 and has not previously served in the State Senate or Assembly. (Art. IV, § 2(a), Ca. Const). May not have served two terms in the State Senate or three terms in the Assembly since November 6, 1990, if he or she was elected before June 2012. (Art. IV, § 2(a), Ca. Const).

Salary \$ 100,113.00

Filing Fee (1% of Salary) \$ 1,001.13 Number of Nominating Signatures\* Min. 40 Max. 60

Signatures Needed 1,500

Value of Each Signature \$ 0.66742

Districts To Which Candidates Are To Be Elected					
36th District +	52nd District +				
38th District <b>†</b>	53rd District				
39th District	54th District				
41st District +	55th District <b>†</b>				
43rd District	57th District				
44th District +	58th District				
45th District <b>†</b>	59th District				
46th District	62nd District				
48th District	63rd District				
49th District	64th District				
50th District	66th District				
51st District	70th District				

<sup>\*</sup>All signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. (E.C. §§ 100, 8068)

**<sup>†</sup>** Shared District

Office: State Senator Term of Office: 4 Years

#### Qualifications:

A United States citizen. (Art. IV, § 2(c), Ca. Const.). Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time nomination papers are issued. (E.C. § 201). Serve no more than 12 years in the State Senate, the Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms during his or her lifetime if he or she was first elected to the Legislature after June 2012 and has not previously served in the State Senate or Assembly. (Art. IV, § 2(a), Ca. Const). May not have served two terms in the State Senate or three terms in the Assembly since November 6, 1990, if he or she was elected before June 2012. (Art. IV, § 2(a), Ca. Const.).

Salary \$ 100,113.00 Filing Fee (1% of salary) \$ 1,001.13 Number of Nominating Signatures\* Min. 40 Max. 60

Signatures needed 3,000

Value of each Signature \$ 0.33371

Districts To Which Candidates Are To Be Elected
21st District <b>†</b>
23rd District +
25th District +
27th District +
29th District +
33rd District
35th District

<sup>\*</sup>All signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. (E.C. §§ 100, 8068)

<sup>†</sup> Shared District

Term of Office: 2 Years Office: United States Representative in Congress

Qualifications:

25 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States for at least 7 years and a resident of California on January 3, 2017. (Art. I, § 2, U.S. Const). (Does not have to live in the District). Term limits are not applicable.

Salary \$ 174,000.00 Filing Fee (1% of Salary) \$ 1,740.00

Number of Nominating Signatures\* Min. 40 Max. 60

Signatures Needed 3,000

Value of Each Signature \$ 0.580000

Districts To Which Candidates Are To Be Elected					
23rd District <b>†</b>	34th District				
25th District <b>†</b>	35th District +				
26th District +	37th District				
27th District <b>†</b>	38th District +				
28th District	39th District +				
29th District	40th District				
30th District +	43rd District				
32nd District	44th District				
33rd District	47th District +				

<sup>\*</sup>All signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. (E.C. §§ 100, 8068)

<sup>†</sup> Shared District

Office: United States Senator Term of Office: 6 Years

**Qualifications**: 30 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States for at least 9 years

and a resident of California on January 3, 2017. (Art. I, § 3, U.S Const).

Term limits are not applicable.

Salary Filing Fee (2% of Salary) Number of Nominating Signatures\* \$ 174,000.00 \$ 3,480.00 Min. 65 Max. 100

Signatures Needed Value of Each Signature 10,000 \$ 0.348000

\*All signers must be registered California voters. (E. C. § 8603)

#### SECTION 5

## **General Information for Candidates**



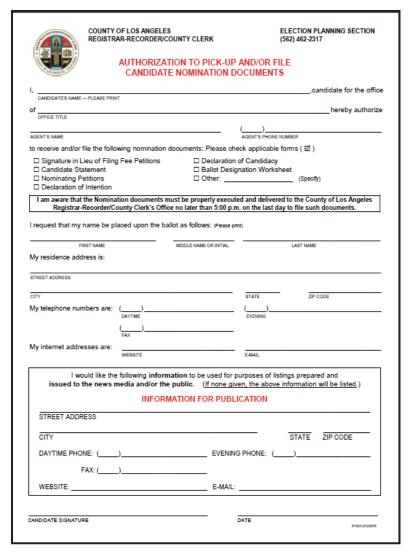
#### SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PROCESS

#### AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP AND/OR FILE SIGNATURE IN LIEU DOCUMENTS

Candidates who will have their Signature in Lieu Documents picked up and/or filed via an Agent must complete the AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP AND/OR FILE CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS form.

Below is a **sample** of the Authorization Form.

- 1. Print candidate's (your) name.
- 2. Print the elective office title.
- 3. Print the Agent's name and phone number.
- 4. Check the box for each applicable form.
- Complete the middle section of the form as you would like your name to appear on the ballot, along with the other information requested.
- 6. Complete **INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION** box.
- 7. Sign and date the form before giving it to your Agent.



#### SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PROCESS (Continued)

#### **STEP 1 – CANDIDATE REGISTRATION (Applying For Nomination Documents)**

Candidates or authorized Agents are required to fill out a Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form providing the following information:

- 1. Your name as you wish it to appear on ballot.
- 2. Your full name as registered to vote.
- 3. Your residence address.
- 4. Your telephone/fax numbers.
- 5. E-mail and/or website address.
- Address and telephone number for publication, media or internet.
- 7. Elective office title for which you are applying.
- 8. Signature of candidate or agent.

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The Candidate Registration and Qualification form is also available online at <a href="https://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. Information on the form is used in preparing the nomination documents. It is important that the information is accurate. This information will be printed on listings and distributed to the news media and the general public.

**NOTE:** Candidate qualifications are verified at this time.

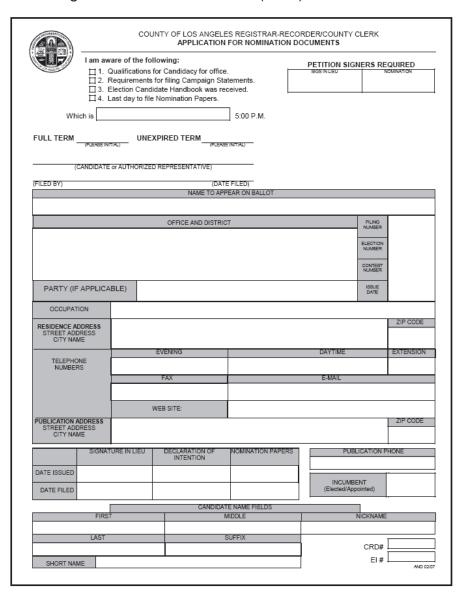
#### STEP 2 – ISSUANCE OF SIGNATURE IN LIEU DOCUMENTS

An **Application for Signature In Lieu and Nomination Documents** is prepared from information provided on the Candidate Registration and Qualification (CRQ) form.

This application must be signed by the candidate or an authorized Agent acknowledging awareness of:

- 1. Qualifications for office.
- 2. Campaign statement filing requirements.
- 3. Receipt of candidate handbook.
- 4. Last day to file nomination papers.

Candidate or Agent must verify that the candidate information, including the name to appear on ballot, office title, addresses, telephone/fax numbers, e-mail and website are printed correctly on all forms.



THE CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE, A CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PACKET AND NOMINATION PETITION FORMS IF APPLICABLE, ARE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

#### SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PROCESS (Continued)

#### STEP 3 - PETITION IN LIEU OF FILING FEE FORM

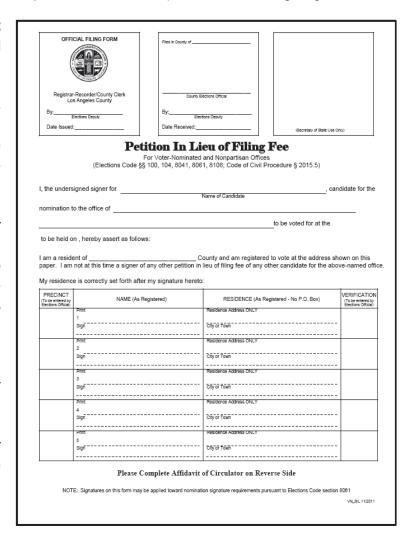
The petition in lieu of filing fee form is prepared from information provided on the Candidate Registration and Qualification form.

**SIGNER QUALIFICATIONS** – Must be a registered voter and resident of the specific election area (i.e., jurisdiction, district, political subdivision) at the time of signing.

 A) EACH SIGNER must print and sign own name and include residence address.

**Exception:** A signer who is unable to affix his/her own name and/or address on the petition personally may be assisted by another person. The voter must however, affix his or her own mark or signature on the petition personally. Two witnesses to signature (or mark) are required and such witnesses must also sign their names.

- Married women must sign their own name, not their husband's.
- P.O. Box numbers or mailing addresses are NOT acceptable.



#### STEP 3 – PETITION IN LIEU OF FILING FEE FORM (Continued)

B) **CIRCULATOR QUALIFICATIONS**As of January 1, 2014, must be 18 years of age or older.

**NOTE:** Circulators are not required to be a registered voter or to be affiliated with the same party as the candidate.

Circulator completes "Affidavit of Circulator" in own handwriting. DO NOT TYPE.

- 1. Fill in appropriate information in blank spaces.
- 2. Fill in dates when signatures were obtained.
- 3. Fill in execution date and place of signing.
- 4. Sign name.

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#### SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PROCESS (Continued)

#### STEP 4 – FILING SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE DOCUMENTS

Petition in lieu of filing fee forms must be filed during the Signature In Lieu period with the elections official of the county in which the signatures are gathered.

Each signature and residence address on Petition In Lieu Of Filing Fee forms is verified against the voter's Affidavit of Registration information.

If a person signs in lieu petitions for more candidates than there are offices to be filled, the signatures are counted only on those petitions which, taken in the order filed, do not exceed the number of offices to be filled. Candidates will be notified immediately if there are irregularities regarding the number of invalid signatures.

NOTE: Candidates not meeting the signature requirements for nomination will be issued a "Nomination Paper" for obtaining supplemental signatures.

Additional signatures to supplement any invalid signatures must be filed or the pro rata portion of the fee paid by 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file nomination documents.

**TELEPHONE INFORMATION** – Call (562) 466-1310 or (562) 462-2317, if you have any questions regarding the Signature In Lieu process.

AT THIS TIME, NOMINATION DOCUMENTS ARE ISSUED PROVISIONALLY, SUBJECT TO THE VALIDITY OF THE SIGNATURES. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE CANDIDATE HANDBOOK AND RESOURCE GUIDE AND A CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PACKET.

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