

<b>District of Columbia: Citizen Initiative</b>		
<b>Basic Elements</b>		<b>DC Code (DCST) &amp; DC Municipal Regulations (DCMR)</b>
Signatures	Five percent (5%) of the registered voters (number of registered electors as of the most recent count made by the Board thirty (30) days prior to the initial submission to the Board): 5% = 25,270 (70% target = 36,100).	DCST: § 1-1001.1652(i)
Geographical Distribution	Five percent (5%) of electors must be represented in five (5) of eight (8) election wards.	DCST: § 1-1001.1652(i)
Circulation Period	Circulation can occur for the length of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days beginning on the first calendar day following the date the petition is approved by the board.	DCST: § 1-1001.1652(i)(1);
Submission Deadline	For the November 2014 election petitions must be turned in by July 3, 2014 (7/3/2014).	DCST: § 1-1001.1652(o)(1); 1-1001.1652(p)(2)
<b>Circulator Requirements/ Notary Requirements</b>		
Circulation Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older</li> <li>• Must be a resident of the District of Columbia</li> </ul>	DCST: § 1-1001.1652(h); 1-1001.1652(k)(1)(E)
Notary Requirements	Not required	
<b>Processing Procedures</b>		
Initials	Acceptable	This information was gathered by calling the Office of the General Council (202) 727-2194. It is from the Initiative and Referendum Guidelines in the DCMR and can be purchased on the office of the secretary's website.
Address	Yes	
Printed Name	Printed name is required on the petition (legible). Substitution of common nicknames is permitted.	
City, State, & Zip	Not required on the petition (all signors must be registered in DC).	
PO Box	Not Accepted	
County	N/A	
Black Marking	Acceptable	
Ward	Signatures are counted by ward, although there is no regulation stating that all signatures must be from the same ward on each petition sheet.	