

## INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDELINES for PRIMARY CANDIDATE(S) ATLANTIC COUNTY OFFICE(S)

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1. This petition is to be used by candidates for **County Executive, County Clerk, Sheriff, Surrogate, County Commissioner, and State Committee.**
2. Petition must contain in total a **minimum of 100 legal voters’ signatures** who are residents of Atlantic County and members of the same political party as the candidate; more than the 100 required signatures may be obtained **(N.J.S.A. 19:23-8).**
3. This petition may be copied to circulate for voters’ signatures, but before any petition shall be filed, the person who circulates the petition, or a candidate who signs or circulates, or both signs and circulates, such a petition, shall make an oath by affidavit that the petition is made in good faith, that the affiant personally circulated the petition and saw all signatures made thereto and verily believes that the signers are duly qualified voters. **(N.J.S.A 19:23-11).**

**NOTE: The person who circulates the petition shall be a registered voter in this State whose party affiliation is of the same political party named in the petition.**

4. Each petitioner must sign in his/her own handwriting and print his/her name next to their signature, and provide their residence and post office address in the presence of the circulator of the petition.
5. The candidate(s) MUST take the **Oath of Allegiance** before a notary or other officer authorized to take oaths), and MUST sign the **Certificate of Acceptance**, stating that (s)he is qualified for the office and is a member of the political party named in the petition. **(N.J.S.A. 19:23-15)**
6. No person shall be eligible to become a candidate for any local elective office **unless he/she is registered to vote in the local unit to which the office pertains**, and has been a **resident of that local unit for a least 1 year** prior to the date upon the election is to be held, or prior to the date upon which the appointment is to be made **(N.J.S.A. 40A:9-1.13).**

**NOTE: No person shall be eligible to the office of sheriff of any county unless he shall have been a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county for at least 3 years next preceding his/her election (N.J.S.A. 40A:9-94)**

7. This petition must be filed with the Atlantic County Clerk not later than 4:00 p.m. on the **71st** day preceding the Primary Election.

(COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE PRIOR TO CIRCULATION)

## PRIMARY PETITION NOMINATING CANDIDATE(S) FOR ATLANTIC COUNTY OFFICE

Petition for: \_\_\_\_\_ Term of Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Office

I, the undersigned, hereby certify the following statements are true:

1. I reside in Atlantic County, State of New Jersey;
2. I am a qualified voter;
3. I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party;
4. I intend to affiliate with the said party at the ensuing election
5. I endorse the person(s) hereinafter mentioned as candidates for nomination for the office of:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly or type in this section:

Name(s) of Candidate(s)	Street Residence/Post Office Address	City	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Candidate(s) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate(s) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### CANDIDATE(S) REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION ON OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

The above candidate, having been endorsed for the office mentioned in this petition does hereby request that there be printed opposite his/her name on the said primary ticket, the following designation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Must not exceed 6 words)

The name and mailing addresses of the three members' names as **committee on vacancies** are as follows

Names(s) of Candidate(s)	Street Residence/Post Office Address	City
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**AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION**

***Note: A candidate may sign and circulate his/her own petition. The circulator is not required to sign as a petitioner, but may do so as long as he/she is a registered voter of the jurisdiction in which the candidate for whom the petition is being circulated is running for office.***

State of New Jersey }  
County of Atlantic } SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn upon my oath, depose that I circulated this petition and saw all the signatures made hereto and that each of the signers signed in his/her own proper handwriting; that each of such signers is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a legal voter of the County of Atlantic in the State of New Jersey, and belongs to the political party named in said petition; and that such petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the person herein named in order to secure his or her nomination as candidate for the office as stated in this petition. I further depose that I am a registered voter of the State of New Jersey and am affiliated with the political party of the candidate for whom I circulated this petition.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at:

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J.,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Circulator

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ A.D.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**  
(To be signed by Candidate)

State of New Jersey }  
County of Atlantic } SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at:

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J.,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ A.D.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**  
To Be Signed by Candidate

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I or we am/are a resident of and a legal voter in the jurisdiction of the office for which the nomination is made, and that I or we have not signed an acceptance for the primary nomination or any other petition of nomination under this chapter for such office. (R.S. 19:13-8)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Print Name of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence/Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town

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Zip Code

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

P.O. Box 300  
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PHILIP D. MURPHY  
*Governor*

LT. GOVERNOR TAHESHA L. WAY  
*Secretary of State*

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** County Clerks

**FROM:** Lauren Zyriek, Acting Director  
NJ Division of Elections

**DATE:** October 24, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Oaths of Office to be filed with Petitions

Where a petition for placement on a ballot requires an accompanying oath of allegiance consistent with N.J.S.A. 41:1-1, the petitioner has the option to make a solemn affirmation or declaration in lieu of an oath, and any elections official charged with accepting that petition must accept such solemn affirmation or declaration in lieu of an oath. N.J.S.A. 41:1-6.

"I, , do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm": or,

"I, , do declare, in the presence of Almighty God, the witness of the truth of what I say":

[N.J.S.A. 41:1-6].

In addition, in the affirmation or declaration, the words "so help me God" shall be omitted. N.J.S.A. 41:1-6. Such an affirmation or declaration has the same force and effect as an oath taken consistent with N.J.S.A. 41:1-1. N.J.S.A. 41:1-6.

See attached samples of the oath of allegiance, affirmation of allegiance, and declaration of allegiance.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE  
(To be signed by Candidate)

State of New Jersey }  
S.S.  
County of Bergen }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm)  
that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey;  
that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United  
States and in this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn before me at:

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J., \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate (1)

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expiration Date of Notary

Subscribed and sworn before me at:

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J., \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate (2)

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expiration Date of Notary

AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE  
(To be signed by Candidate)

State of New Jersey }  
S.S.  
County of Bergen }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare  
and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of  
New Jersey; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established  
in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people.

Subscribed and affirmed before me at:

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J., \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate (1)

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

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Print Name of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

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Subscribed and affirmed before me at:

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J., \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate (2)

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

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Print Name of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

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DECLARATION OF ALLEGIANCE  
(To be signed by Candidate)

State of New Jersey }  
S.S.  
County of Bergen }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do declare, in the presence of Almighty God, the witness of the truth of what I say, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people.

Subscribed and declared before me at:

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J., \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate (1)

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Notary or Attorney at Law of New Jersey

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Commission Expiration Date of Notary

Subscribed and declared before me at:

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J., \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate (2)

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