

Collecting Ballot Petition Signatures



YOU ARE PERMITTED



At the Workplace

MTA believes the law permits (and we will defend) people to engage in the following activities:

- Gather signatures at a union meeting pursuant to the CBA on work premises.
- Gather signatures at a union office that is located on work premises.

OCPF and MTA agree that you may:

- Talk one-to-one with other MTA members about the ballot issues at the workplace (on non-work time).
- Use areas open to the public to gather signatures, such as a campus quad or a school parking lot.
- Gather signatures at the entrance to or otherwise outside of the workplace.
- Allow a member who you meet incidentally at work to sign a ballot petition.
- Communicate with membership via the employer's email system *if* permitted under a collective bargaining agreement.
- Secure from the public employer a room or other space designated (pursuant to a workplace policy) as open to all for purposes of political campaigning; if such a space is created, you can use it to gather ballot petition signatures.

Away from the Workplace

- Serve on a ballot question committee or performing services for such a committee.
- Contribute to a ballot question committee.
- Make expenditures to support or oppose a ballot question.
- Hold signs, stuff envelopes, sign endorsement letters, or work at political fundraisers in a non-fundraising capacity.

YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED



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- Use paid time for campaign-related activities.
- Use public resources (such as office equipment or supplies) in support of campaign activities.
- Hold meetings in areas (such as a private office) that are not open to opposing viewpoints for the purpose of gathering signatures, e.g., announce that ballot petitions are available for signing in one's own office or classroom.
- Walk through school building to visit members for the purpose of gathering signatures.
- Use the employer's email system (even if pursuant to CBA) to communicate to non-members (student voters, parents, etc.).

At or Away From the Workplace

- Engage directly or indirectly in any fundraising activities for political committees on the ballot issues, e.g., sponsor or host fundraising event, use your name in fundraising letter, use email or social media to solicit contributions.