

Gathering Signatures for the California Fair Elections Act

PART 1. Ask person to sign the petition for the California Fair Elections Act.

Smile and be friendly. Bring at least 2 clipboards with petitions on each so two people can sign at once, and if you're going to a big rally, more. The more people you speak to the more signatures you will gather!

SCRIPT BELOW IS GREAT WHEN IN PUBLIC. Variation is okay, but definitely say the underlined parts.

"Have you heard about the California Fair Elections Act yet?"

THEM: "No", or "What's that?"

"Have you got 30 seconds?"

Then say: Great! It's a proposition that will appear on the November 2026 ballot to allow public financing of campaigns for candidates who take no large contributions from anybody. That way they can fight back against billionaire-funded candidates.

We use these petitions to ask elected officials to help pass the California Fair Elections Act and we'd really appreciate your help.

(Reach out and hand them the petition ...If you do this matter-of-factly, they'll usually take it and start signing.)

As they sign, say: "Please print clearly so your signature counts!"

As they write their name: "If you could give your email address and phone, we can tell you when there are key actions you can take to help it pass. Your information is private -- we never share it."

(Please watch to make sure that they are correctly filling out the petition and ask nicely if they left something off. Always for sure ask for their address and especially zip code.)

Verify that they legibly filled the petition out completely. If not, ask them to write it again and cross out the bad one!

PART 2. Send us the filled-in petitions as soon as you can!

- 1. Please clearly print your full name and the date at the top right of the petition.**
- 2. Best Option: Email scanned copies to petitions@caclean.org. If you don't have access to a scanner you can email clear photos but be sure to take and save them at very high quality.**
- 3. If you're part of an active Clean Money Action Group, you can turn them in to your coordinator.**
- 4. Otherwise you can fax copies to (888) 375-5583 or email petitions@caclean.org or call (650) 858-2436 for the address to mail them to if you're unable to send them electronically.**

Petitions can be downloaded from www.YesFairElections.org/materials . Please print in LANDSCAPE format.

Please keep the petitions clear of notes and doodles to make it easier for our data enterers to enter them.

If you want to become a data enterer yourself to help enter petitions into our database, email data@caclean.org!

How to Handle Common Statements

"I'm not registered to vote / don't live here."

"No problem! Our petition is just a support petition for legislation, anyone can sign to show support for the bill."

"I think I already signed."

"We haven't been circulating these California Fair Elections Act petitions very long, so maybe you signed for it when it was a bill. Or if you signed online, these paper petitions matter more. So, can you sign this one?"

"Who is paying you or supports your work?"

"I'm a volunteer for the California Clean Money Action Fund and don't get paid. It's a non-partisan grassroots organization funded by small donations from people like you and me. Our average donation is just \$25!"