

SAMPLE  
PETITION FORMAT

Initiative Measure to be Submitted Directly to the Voters

The County Counsel has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

**(HERE SET FORTH THE TITLE AND SUMMARY PREPARED BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL. This title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear.)** The ballot title and summary shall be clearly separated from the text of the measure.

The ballot summary prepared by County Counsel shall be printed in type not smaller than 12 point. The text of the measure shall be printed in type not smaller than 8 point.

RECALL PETITIONS Only (E C §11041) - The printed name of the proponent(s) is/are as follows:

EC §101

“NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER  
OR A VOLUNTEER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK”

Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the County of Mendocino.

	Print Your Name 1.	Residence Address Only	1" space after each name
	Your Signature	CityZip	
	Print Your Name 2.	Residence Address Only	
	Your Signature	CityZip	
	Print Your Name 3.	Residence Address Only	
	Your Signature	CityZip	
	Print Your Name 4.	Residence Address Only	
	Your Signature	CityZip	
	Print Your Name 5.	Residence Address Only	
	Your Signature	CityZip	
	Print Your Name 6.	Residence Address Only	
	Your Signature	CityZip	
	Print Your Name 7.	Residence Address Only	
	Your Signature	CityZip	
	Print Your Name 8.	Residence Address Only	
	Your Signature	CityZip	
	Print Your Name 9.	Residence Address Only	
	Your Signature	CityZip	
	Print Your Name 10.	Residence Address Only	
	Your Signature	CityZip	

AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

(To be completed in circulator's own handwriting)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am 18 years of age or older; that the signatures on this section of the petition were obtained between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; that I circulated the petition and I witnessed the signatures on this section of the petition being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. My voting residence address is \_\_\_\_\_. Circulator is 18 years of age or older.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DateCirculator's Signature  
Examined and certified by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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A space at least **one inch** (1") wide shall be left blank across the top of each page of every initiative and referendum petition and after the name of each voter who has signed the petition for the use of the county elections official in verifying the petition. (E.C. § 9013)

Elections Code §101 – Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any state or local initiative petition required to be signed by voters shall contain in 12-point type, prior to that portion of the petition for voters' signatures, printed names, and residence addresses, the following language:

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Elections Code § 9105 (c) – MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS – County Elections

The ballot title and summary prepared by the county counsel shall appear upon each section of the petition, above the text of the proposed measure and across the top of each page of the petition on which signatures are to appear, in roman boldface type not smaller than 12 point. The ballot title and summary shall be clearly separated from the text of the measure. The text of the measure shall be printed in type not smaller than 8 point.

The heading of the proposed measure shall be in substantially the following form:

Initiative Measure to be Submitted Directly to the Voters

The county counsel has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

(HERE SET FORTH THE TITLE AND SUMMARY PREPARED BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL. This title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear.)

Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the County of Mendocino. – Depends on the district, municipality, entire county etc. This may read:

*Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the City of Ukiah, County of Mendocino.*

*Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the Little Lake Fire Protection District, County of Mendocino.*

The affidavit or declaration of circulator only needs to be on one side of the petition, after the last petition signature space. **The affidavit or declaration of circulator needs to meet all the requirements of E.C. §104**

When you bring your petition in for approval, we ask your sample petition be printed on paper as if it were ready to go to the voter for signatures. We would like 2 copies of your petition for approval.

**Please note – Recall Petitions have their own required specifications and format – see E.C. §11042 & 11043.**

If you have any questions, please call the elections office at (707) 234-6819.

**These guidelines have been established to help guide you through the process. Code sections have been referenced; it is your responsibility to check the code sections to verify the referenced code sections are correct and up to date.**