



Cleveland Gender Freedom Policy Petition Training Guide

What does this policy mean for Cleveland?



3 Main Protections in the Petition

1. Make Cleveland a safer place for LGBTQ+ people
2. Protect Cleveland's drag scene
3. Make gender-affirming care accessible for City of Cleveland

Employees



Make Cleveland a safer place for LGBTQ+ people

From the Petition:

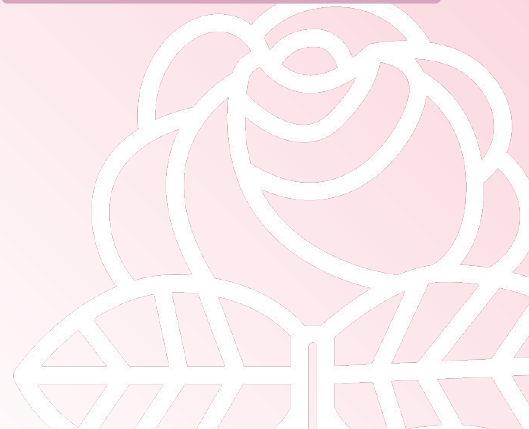
“...no city resources shall be utilized for cooperating with or providing information to any individual, in or out-of-state agency or department regarding the provision of gender-affirming healthcare or gender-affirming mental healthcare performed in Cleveland and the State of Ohio.”



Protect Cleveland's drag scene

From the Petition:

“Further, the City recognizes that legislation that has previously been introduced in the Ohio General Assembly would restrict and criminalize “performers or entertainers who exhibit a gender identity that is different from the performer’s or entertainer’s gender assigned at birth.”



Make gender-affirming care accessible for City of Cleveland Employees

From the Petition:

“Cleveland will continue to provide medical coverage for employees and covered family members who seek gender-affirming care even if such care must legally be provided outside the State of Ohio.”

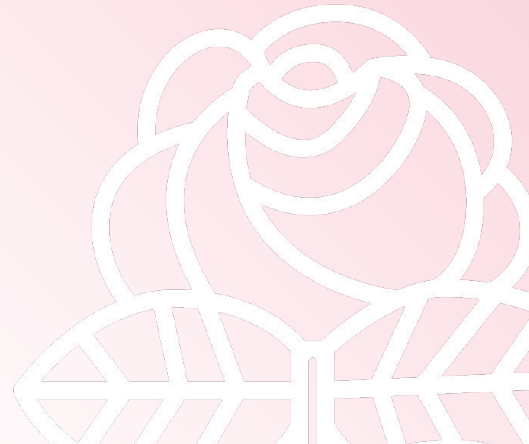


Who can sign the petition?

It is **Petitioners** role to ensure the signer:

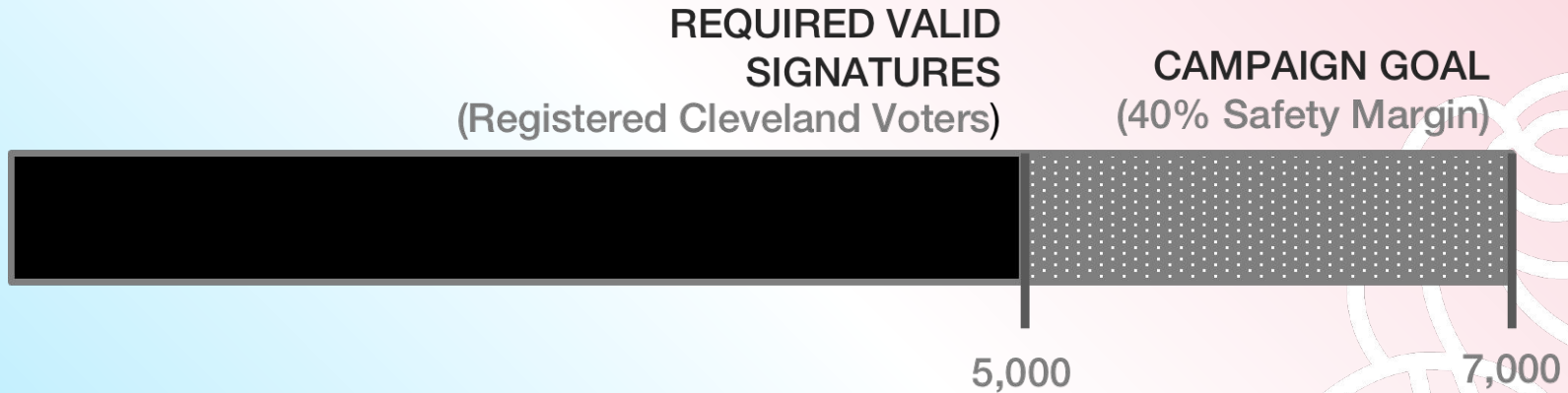
Rule 1: **RESIDENT** of the **City of Cleveland**

Rule 2: **REGISTERED** voter



Our Goals:

- We need at least **5,000** valid Cleveland Signatures to send the legislation to committee
- We want **7,000** signatures to ensure for margin of errors



What if someone is not registered to vote?

- Ask to get their phone out and go to:
olvr.ohiosos.gov
 - Do NOT hand over your phone to anyone, we will have paper voter registration cards on hand for those unable to access internet.



Once Registration is complete you will see this screen:

A screenshot of a web browser showing a confirmation page. The page has a dark blue navigation bar at the top with links: Home, Secretary LaRose & the Office, Elections & Voting, Campaign Finance, Legislation & Ballot Issues, Businesses, Notary, Records, Media. Below the navigation bar is a white header with the text "REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION". On the left side, there is a vertical progress indicator with three steps: "Welcome", "1 Eligibility", and "2 Personal Information". The "2 Personal Information" step is highlighted. To the right of the progress indicator, the text reads: "CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO: Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 1803 Superior Ave, Cleveland OH, 44114, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, Phone: (216) 443-3200, Fax: (216) 443-6633, Electioninfo@cuyahogacounty.gov".

Home Secretary LaRose & the Office Elections & Voting Campaign Finance Legislation & Ballot Issues Businesses Notary Records Media

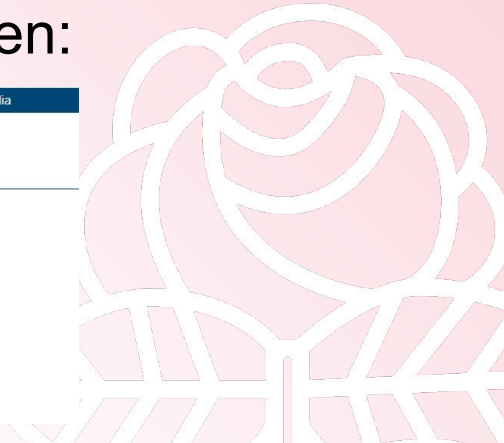
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Welcome

1 Eligibility

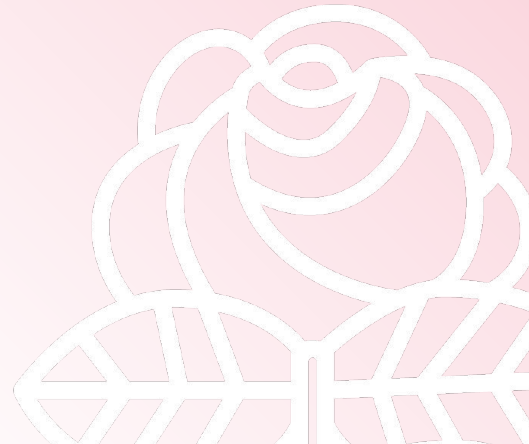
2 Personal Information

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FIELD TACTICS : **Safety First!**

- Tips on a successful canvass.
 - Buddy Up! Don't Go out alone! You are safer with a comrade or a friend
 - Smile, Be friendly, Be polite!
 - Have a tagline ready:
 - “Protect Trans People in Cleveland!”
 - “Have you heard about the gender freedom petition?”
 - “Do you have 30 seconds to help defend trans rights?”



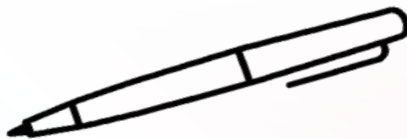
FIELD TACTICS : **Additional Tips!**

- Don't engage or waste time with someone who wants to debate endlessly
 - We have as much support as we need in the community, if someone objects more than once, move on to the next person!
- Allow people to read the flyer or petition if they want. Let people know what they are signing.



Print First Name Hank	Print Last Name Hill	MI. H	
Street Address (Your Address on File with the Board of Elections) 1803 Superior Ave			
City, Village, or Township Cleveland	County Cuyahoga	Zip Code 44114	Ward/Precinct
Signature <i>Hank H. Hill</i>		Date of Signing <i>3/5/26</i>	

Address on file
at the Board of
Elections.
NO P.O. BOXES



Blue or Black
Ink Only




**Do not
disassemble**


If an error was made, have the resident fill out the next box. Simply mark VOID. When in doubt, cross it out.

Print First Name Hank	Print Last Name Hill	M.I.	
Street Address (Your Address on File with the Board of Elections) 1803 Supper Ave			
City, Village, or Township Cleveland	County Cuyahoga	Zip Code 44114	Ward/Precinct
Signature		Date of Signing	

VOID



No white-out



Do not scribble in booklet

No checkmarks or X's

How to sign the back properly

- Must have Full Legal Name
 - Bobby's legal name is Robert, so he will put Robert on the petition
 - Include number of VALID Signatures
 - Be careful to not count any voided signatures
 - If Bobby only collects 15 signatures, he will write 15.
 - DSA Does NOT have paid canvassers, so you can **leave it blank** on employer line.
 - If you are working at an organization and collecting signatures, please reach out to TransRights@DSACleveland.org
 - Fill out signature and address line where appropriate
- Fill out YOUR address



Your name

Number of signatures

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of _____ electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

(LEAVE BLANK)

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

**YOUR
signature and
address**

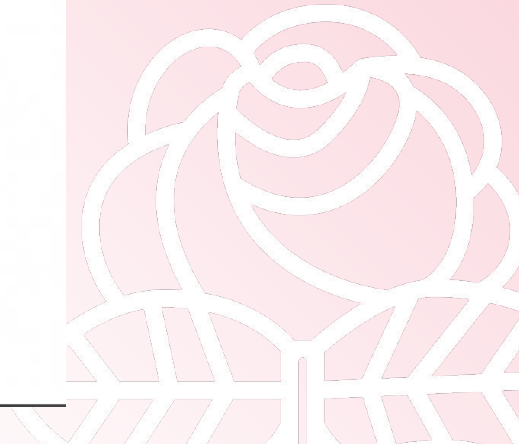
(Signed)

(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

City, Village or Township

State

Zip Code



Where is DSA Collecting Signatures?

- The Brownhoist; DSA's Office Space!
- The W Sports Bar
- Local Drag Shows
- Community Centers
- Have Ideas of Hot Spots to canvass?
Reach out to TransRights@DSACleveland.org



Where can I to Collect Signatures?

- Anywhere there are people AND you feel safe.
 - Protest, Rallies
 - Community events (festivals, farmers markets, etc.)
 - Always ASK PERMISSION from organizers to be at an event, do not assume you are wanted in a location. The more people are aware of what you're doing, the better.
 - Bars, Drag Shows, Community Centers
 - If you want to schedule a DSA Canvassing event at your event, Please contact TransRights@DSACleveland.org



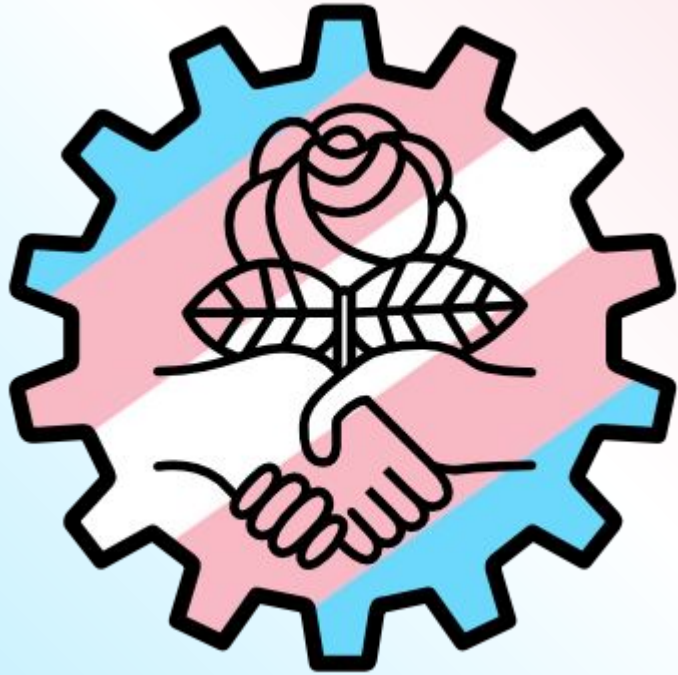
How else can I help with the petition?

- Sharing on Social Media
- Hand out flyers or hang up posters in your local coffee shops or around town
- Tell a friend about the legislation
 - The more people know the better!

If I want to volunteer, how do I get a petition?

- Please contact TransRights@DSACleveland.org





Become a Working Class Hero Today!

Sign up to talk to
experienced organizer at
[DSACleveland.org!](https://dsacleveland.org)

dsacleveland.org | facebook.com/dsacle | Instagram: [@dsacleveland](https://instagram.com/dsacleveland)