

RULES FOR EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

1. **HOURS OF INSPECTION**

Petitions may be inspected each day that the Board of Elections is open to the public between the hours of 9:30am and 4:30pm.

2. **TO WHOM AND WHERE REQUESTS ARE MADE**

A. A request for a particular petition shall be made to an employee designated by the Board of Elections on the second floor.

B. When an applicant wishes to examine an available petition, he or she shall submit a written and signed request on the "*Certificate of Examination*", including an acknowledgment of receipt of these rules.

3. **NUMBER OF PETITIONS REQUESTED**

The Board of Elections shall have the discretion to limit the number of petitions an applicant may receive at one time.

4. **TREATMENT OF PETITION**

All petitions are to be returned in the same condition as they are received, including binding. No marks of any kind may be made on any petition. While examining petitions, no pens are allowed- **PENCILS ONLY.**

5. **AREA OF INSPECTION**

The Board of Elections will designate the area for examination of petitions. No food or drinks are allowed.

6. **DUPLICATE REQUESTS**

If duplicate requests are received for the same petition, the applicant making the first request shall receive the petition. Said petition may be limited as to the time allowed for examination.

7. **LIMITATION OF TIME**

The Board of Elections may fix reasonable limitations on the time any applicant may have to examine a petition.

8. **TEMPORARY UNAVAILABILITY OF PETITIONS**

When a petition is in use by the Board of Elections, the request may be reasonably delayed until such use or procedure is completed.

9. **RETURN FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS BUSINESS**

Whenever a petition is made available for inspection, the Board of Elections may demand its return for use by the Board.

10. **RULES AND REGULATIONS ON FILING OBJECTIONS**

A copy of the Erie County Board of Elections local rules and regulations regarding the filing of general objections and specifications to objections is available from the Board.

RECEIPT

I, _____ do hereby acknowledge the receipt of the Erie County Board of Elections Rules For Examination of Petitions.

Date: _____ 20_____

Signature of Recipient

ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
RULES AND REGULATIONS
ON FILING GENERAL OBJECTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO OBJECTIONS

Pursuant to Section 6-154 of the New York State Election Law, the Erie County Board of Elections has adopted the following rules and regulations governing the filing of General Objections and Specifications to Objections.

(A) Any person filing general objections to any certificate of designation or nomination or to a designating or nominating petition or opportunity to ballot petition, shall file the said objections in the following manner:

1. The objector shall file one copy of the objection with the Erie County Board of Elections on the third floor at the counter, within 3 days of the filing of the petition,
2. The objector shall personally serve or send by first-class mail a copy of the general objection to all candidates objected to on the petition or document. The objector shall file or cause to file an affidavit of service, or certificate of mailing receipt (postal form 3817), before the filing of any specific objections. On an opportunity to ballot petition, objectors shall serve all members of the committee to receive notices.

(B) Any person filing specifications to objections shall do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-154 of the New York State Elections Law. When such an objection is filed, specifications of the grounds of the objections shall be filed within six days thereafter with the same officer or board and if specifications are not timely filed, the objection shall be null and void. All such specifications shall additionally comply with the following requirements.

1. The volume number, if applicable, page number and line number on any signature objected to on any petition shall be set forth in detail. In addition, any portion of any petition or any signature line or witness statement objected to shall be specifically identified, and the reasons for said objections clearly given.
2. The total number of signatures objected to shall be set forth and all objections relating to a single signature line shall be grouped together.
3. Symbols and/or abbreviations may be used to set forth objections, provided that a sheet explaining the meaning of any such symbols and/or abbreviations is attached to the specifications.
4. No specifications of objections to any petition will be considered by the Erie County Board of Elections unless the objector filing the specifications personally serves, or sends by overnight delivery, a duplicate copy of the said specifications to each candidate named on the petition. For party position petitions, objectors shall serve the candidate against whom the objection is being made. On opportunity to ballot petitions, objectors shall serve all members of the committee to receive notices. Service shall be made on or before the date of filing any specifications with the Erie County Board of Elections and proof of such service shall be filed with the Erie County Board of Elections within two days of filing specifications.

(C) When any determination is made that a certificate or petition is sufficient or insufficient, such officer or board shall give notice of the determination forthwith by mail to each candidate named in the petition or certificate, and, if the determination is made upon specified objections, the objector shall be notified; provided that any such candidate or objector may designate an attorney or agent to receive any such notice and/or determination on his or her behalf. Any such designation shall be in writing and include the name, address, email, and telephone number of any such attorney or agent, and any such attorney and/or agent shall be eligible to represent any such candidate or objector in any proceeding relating to the specifications.

RECEIPT

I, _____ do hereby acknowledge the receipt of the Erie County Board of Elections Rules and Regulations for Filing General Objections and Specifications to Objections. I also acknowledge my awareness that proof of service of all general objections and specifications to objections pertaining to any certificates and/or petitions shall be my responsibility.

Date: _____ 20____

Signature of Recipient