

WRITE IN CANDIDATES- PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

The Monroe County Board of Elections recommends that all write in candidates provide either cards or self-inking stamps to voters with the candidate's name clearly printed on (as registered). It is also recommended that the candidate ask the voter to print the name on the ballot exactly as it appears on the information card.

NOTE: "Stickers are prohibited"

Once the primary/election is concluded, the Board of Elections must certify the results. For write-in candidates, the election law requires that the Board must compute and certify votes exactly as the names appear on the ballot.

As indicated above, the Board of Elections must certify votes cast on either the primary or general election ballot exactly as the names are written. For example, a candidate registered as John C. Lancaster, would have variations of his name such as, J. Lancaster, J.C. Lancaster, and Jon Lancaster listed as separate write in votes on the certification.

A candidate may petition to accumulate votes with similar names. This petition must be presented to the Monroe County Elections Office no later than five days after the completion of Final Count.

All write in candidates must abide by the Campaign Finance Reporting Law. If a write in candidate is in receipt of, if spending, \$250.00 or more for his/her campaign; the candidate must file Campaign Finance Statements and Reports in a timely manner. Please check with the Election Office, before you begin your campaign, for the proper forms, reports and filing dates. Also, you should be aware that all advertising and signage must clearly state who is paying for the advertising and signage.

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS
COUNTY OF MONROE, PENNSYLVANIA**

In the matter of the _____ Election for the Office of

Name of Office _____ Term _____

Party _____ Municipality/Borough _____

Precinct/Ward _____

(Name as Registered) to Cumulate/Identify Write in Votes

The Petition of _____ respectfully represented that:
(Name as Registered)

1. Your Petition is an adult resident, registered elector of the, Township/Borough _____ in the _____ Precinct, Monroe County, Pennsylvania residing presently at _____
_____.
2. A Municipal Election for the office of _____ term _____. Of the Township/Borough of _____ was held _____ at which time a Candidate was to be elected.
3. As a result of the voting at said Election, the following write in votes were recorded in the Township/Borough of _____.
 - a. _____ (_____) d. _____ (_____)
Name # of write ins
 - b. _____ (_____) e. _____ (_____)

c. _____ (____) f. _____ (____)

g. _____ (____) h. _____ (____)

i. _____ (____) j. _____ (____)

k. _____ (____) l. _____ (____)

m. _____ (____) n. _____ (____)

o. _____ (____) p. _____ (____)

q. _____ (____) r. _____ (____)

s. _____ (____) t. _____ (____)

u. _____ (____) v. _____ (____)

4. Your Petition avers that they have been and are known in the Township/Borough of _____ as well as elsewhere by all the names set forth in Paragraph 3 hereof and that they are one and same as those names set forth and that the said votes were intended to be cast for him/her.

5. Petitioner avers that no one else seeking any public office and residing in said Township/Borough of _____ has a name or similar name to those names set forth in Paragraph 3 hereof.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner respectfully requests the Monroe County Election Board to accumulate the votes set forth in Paragraph 3 hereof and credit your Petitioner with having received _____ votes in said Municipal Election for _____ in the Township/Borough of _____.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature