OFFICE OF
VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

MONROE COUNTY

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REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITE IN CANDIDATES

- Please notify the Election Office at least 2 weeks before an election (and before election day) that you will be running an active write-in campaign. This will insure that we will accumulate your votes.
- A Declaration form stating that you will accept votes under the names of……
  i.e. - Joseph P. Smith
  Joe Smith
  Joseph Peter Smith
  Joe Smyth
  Etc.

  These names have to be within reason……..we will not accept J. Smith if there is more than one J. Smith (we don't know whether it is Joseph, James, Jean, Jane, etc.) within a municipality or voting district. In addition, if you are a Jr. or Sr. and you both reside within the same district we will not accumulate those votes unless they specifically state Jr. or Sr. We cannot guess at the voter's intent, it must be clear.

- During a **Primary Election**, as a write-in candidate to win the nomination and move onto the November Election, you must have as many votes as signatures required to get your name on the ballot. For example, if you are running for Township Supervisor and are running a write-in campaign you must have at least 10 votes **and** more than anyone else on the ballot. Anyone who gets their name on the ballot is required to have a certain number of signatures on their petition and you are required to have the same amount of votes. In November, it is the candidate(s) with the most votes who are declared a winner, whether it is 1 vote or 100 votes.
  - **Office required to get 250/100 signatures (votes) Primary**
    - All County Wide Offices- 250
    - Magisterial District Judges-100 (For each party)

- **Offices required to get 10 signatures (votes)Primary**

    - School Directors- (10 for each party)
    - Mayors
    - Member of Council
    - Auditors
    - Supervisors
    - Tax Collector
    - Constables
    - Judges of Election

- **Offices required to get 5 signatures (votes) Primary**

    - Inspectors of Election

- You can ask both Democrats and Republicans to write you in regardless of your party affiliation

- Write-in candidates are required to adhere to Campaign Finance Laws. If you spend or receive over $250.00 in a reporting period, you are required to file a Campaign Finance Report. Further information is available at the Election Office.

- If you are successful in your write-in campaign you will be required to file paper work and pay a filing fee, if applicable, (Purdon's title 25 §2938.1), to this office before a specified date. If you fail to do so, your name **will not** appear on the November ballot if you won in the Primary or if you won in the November election and fail to file your paper work you **will not** be issued a Certificate of Election and will not be able to take office.

- Please be aware that if you run a write-in campaign that it takes us several weeks to accumulate write-in votes. We do not start the accumulation until the Friday after the election and depending on the number of write-ins could take up to a week or ten days to finish them. You can however, go to the polls and look at the report posted there to see approximately how many votes you received. Remember, these are unofficial totals until we certify the election, which is generally 3 weeks after an election.

- As always the Election Office is here to answer any other questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact us at (570)517-3165.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CAMPAIGN!

WRITE IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION
MONROE COUNTY

I,_____, announce that I am running a
Print Name as Registered

Write in campaign for the office of_____,
Office Seeking (If running in a primary please also list party that you are seeking the nomination for)

For the term of_____years, in the municipality of_____
Borough/Township/School District

_____, in the upcoming_____election.
District / Ward (if applicable) Date of Election

Please accumulate votes under the following names:
(We will NOT accumulate just a first or last name, first initial and last name, or anything that does not clearly indicate who the vote should be for).

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE VARIATIONS ON A NAME: Jonathan Doe, John Doe, Jon Doe, Jon A Doe, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: All write-in candidates are bound by the same laws and requirements as someone whose name appears on the ballot.

Campaign Finance Laws require you to file reports if you spend or receive over $250.00 in a reporting period. In the event that you exceed that amount, you can contact the Monroe County Election Office to request forms.

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Signature of Candidate Date

Daytime phone number:_____

Return this completed form to:
MONROE COUNTY ELECTIONS, 1 QUAKER PLAZA RM. 105, STROUDSBURG PA 18360
(570) 517-3165