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THE PETITION PROCESS BEGINS TUESDAY, JUNE 5th, 2018

The Onondaga County Board of Elections would like to remind registered voters that Tuesday, June 5th is the first day for circulating petitions. This may mean you could get a knock on your door by a candidate or their supporters between June 5th and July 12th asking for your signature to help get their name on the November ballot.

There are many offices to be filled across the county and city in this November's General Election. For most of these offices, the candidate's process will begin by acquiring signatures on their petitions. A candidate must collect signatures from a minimum of five percent of active voters enrolled in the party in each district or the number set forth by the Board's signature requirements.

If you do get a knock on the door, here are a couple of things to remember:

Signing a petition does not mean you have to vote for that person! It only gets that person one step closer to having their name appear on the November ballot.

You can only sign the petition if you are registered to vote and enrolled in the same political party in which the petition is being passed for. Also, you must live in the district the candidate is running to represent. Many times, the candidate and volunteer will have a list of registered voters obtained from the Board of Elections to help them get the appropriate signatures.

You can only sign one petition for each office.

For more information about the process, call the Onondaga County Board of Elections at (315)435-8683

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