

WMM4A Checklist for Non-Binding Ballot Questions in 2018

Coordinating a BQ in your representative's district – now that you've gathered a team and had a training

- Develop a list of times and places for teams to sign up to collect signatures. Consider standing outside of busy markets such as Stop n Shop and Whole Foods; look for upcoming community events, etc.
- All signatures can come from one town, or you can gather signatures in different towns within the same district. But each petition sheet can only be for one town, and those sheets must be certified by the clerk in that town.
- Petitions will be available by April 27th, and we encourage you to gather signatures as soon as possible after that. We need 200 certified signatures in each district – so please collect 400 signatures, because many could be thrown out by the clerk.
- WMM4A will make sure you have petitions, handouts, buttons.

Collecting Signatures:

- BRING: Petitions on a legal-size clipboard (8 1/2x14); pen(s); scratch pad to test pens; Voter Reg forms; WMM4A SP handouts; WEAR a WMM4A button to “look official.”
- Every signer must be a registered voter.
- Signers can register to vote at the same time as signing (so it's helpful to have voter reg forms on hand). *These forms MUST be turned in to clerk within 5 days.*
- Each petition sheet is for one town or city only: all signers on that sheet must be registered voters in that town or city. The address they use must be their current address in that town or city.
- Petitions must be clean with no stray marks, no highlighting, no underlining, etc. Bring along some scratch paper to test pens.
- Have an opening line, such as, “Do you have a moment to help us put Single Payer on the ballot in November?” And short, clear answers to any questions. The WMM4A handouts will help with this.
- Ask first: “Are you a registered voter in this area?” Then: “Where are you registered to vote?” (Find the right petition for them to sign.)
- Walk them through signing. Any mistakes, don't cross out or try to correct – just go to the next line. They don't need to know their ward and precinct.
- Try to collect 25 signatures each time you go out.

After gathering signatures:

- Coordinators should keep track of the schedule and be sure that petitions are returned to them after each shift.
- Coordinators should photocopy all sheets on legal size paper before turning them in to the appropriate city clerk for certification. Turn them all in at the same time, or at least in large chunks: you will annoy the clerk if you hand in just a few at a time.
- After petitions are certified, coordinators should get all of them back to Jon or Deborah, or we can pick them up.