

# Petition Instructions – SAWS Accountability Act

Mail Petitions To: SAWS Act PAC, PO Box 33402, San Antonio, TX 78265 • 210.807.7273

Before you sign or gather signatures, read the entire Petition and these Instructions. We are here to answer any questions and to provide training and materials if you want to do more than print out and sign the petition with friends and family.

## Rules for Signing this Petition:

- 1. Who can sign?** Only registered voters who live in the city limits of San Antonio may sign this petition. Note: If they live in the “ETJ”--extraterritorial jurisdiction of SA, they are not eligible to sign. Ex: Alamo Heights, Shavano Park, Universal City residents MAY NOT sign. **ANYONE MAY CIRCULATE THIS PETITION. Don't forget to sign as “Circulator” at the bottom, even if you are the only person who signs the petition.**
- 2. When is the deadline?** No later than February 11. We want petitions to us within a few days – February 8.
- 3. Do I have to print out all pages or just the signature page?** PRINT BOTH PAGES. Always petition with both pages front to back OR you can staple them on separate pages. Turn both pages back to us.
- 4. How many times may I sign?** JUST ONCE! If you signed a petition online, that is not the same as this petition. This petition is only legal on paper.
- 5. How many signatures do you need?** 20,000 signatures of city of San Antonio registered voters.
- 6. What information must I give?** *You must sign with your signature, otherwise, no matter what information you give us, your signature will be invalidated.* You must give a LEGIBLE printed name. You must give Date of Birth (DOB) or the VUID number that's on your voter card. You must give a street address – PO Boxes are not allowed. If you do not want to give the full DOB or address, give us two out of three DOB fields and at least your street name.
- 7. Why give my phone number and/or email?** Phone and email are optional but save us in campaign costs so we do not have to use expensive regular mail to reach you. We redact this before filing petitions and won't share it.
- 8. Is this public record?** Yes, but by law, petition signatures cannot be used for commercial purposes.
- 9. Where can I collect signatures?** You can go anywhere that is public such as sidewalks, in front of government buildings (so long as you're not blocking the door), parks and public events centers. You can also share our site and materials from our website and please share away through social media.
- 10. Where do I get more petitions?** Print them out from our website, or contact us.
- 11. Can I sign for my spouse (or other people)?** No. Unless you have power of attorney for someone who cannot, for some reason, sign on his/her own. You may assist filling out all other information EXCEPT the signature.
- 12. If I moved into the city but haven't yet changed my voter registration from outside the city, can I sign?** No.
- 13. If moved from inside the city to another location inside the city, but haven't yet updated my voter registration, can I sign and at what address?** Yes, you may sign and use your current residential address.
- 14. What is the Circulator Signature for?** If you circulated the petition to anyone (including yourself), please sign that line to indicate you are the person who circulated it. If someone joined you, write in another line for them to sign.
- 15. Please note it is illegal to forge a signature, to offer anyone any reward for signing, to in any way coerce someone into signing this petition or to ask for a signature using false claims about what the petition is for. And, of course, you must allow signers to read any portion of this petition.**

**Suggested Petition Pitch is a KISS – Keeping it Short and Simple...and accurate, please!**

*Excuse me, are you a San Antonio voter? Great, I'd like you to sign my petition, please. We're petitioning for a public vote to hold SAWS accountable and to get an audit of the Vista Ridge water pipeline, which raised water rates 58%. Please sign to help get it on the ballot in May.*