



# Cumberland County

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## Republican Committee

## How to Run for Committee Person

### Getting on the Ballot - Nomination Petitions:

Except for write-in candidates, all other candidates who want to appear on a ballot must file "**nomination petitions.**" Nomination petitions are documents signed by registered voters who live within your precinct and belong to the same political party as you. Nomination petitions show that there is enough support for a candidate (at least 10 signatures) to require to print the candidate's name for that party's nomination on the primary ballot.

The Preamble: The preamble is the portion of the nomination petition page where information about the candidate is inserted. The preamble includes the office for which the candidate seeks nomination, the name of the candidate, the candidate's occupation, the candidate's residence, and the party affiliation of the signers.

Nomination petitions may be picked up at the Cumberland County Bureau of Elections. It is also common for candidates for committee person to receive nomination petitions from the Party but if not, you know where to get them. There are **hard and fast deadlines** for when you are permitted to circulate – and later to file – nomination petitions. Not knowing the deadlines may ruin your chances to run.

Usually starting sometime in mid-Jan/Feb is the first day to circulate the nomination petition to the early part of Feb/March being the last day to circulate. You can call the Bureau of Elections to find out the exact dates for circulating the nomination petition or look on their website.

<https://www.ccpa.net/66/Bureau-of-Elections> This circulating period for the nomination petition changes each election so you need to find out when it is. Republican committee people in Cumberland County are elected every two years in even years.

### Nomination Petition Requirements:

1. It is critical to complete all information on nomination petitions accurately and legibly. Entire documents can be invalidated because they are defective in some way. You want to do what you can to avoid this.
2. **Here is what must be included on each nomination petition.** (Do not get overwhelmed! These documents are pre-printed and most of the information is already filled in.): Required Identification Information for the candidate includes: • Name of Candidate • Address, Occupation • Date of Election • Voting Division
3. **Who can sign** Registered voters in the **same political party** whose nomination the candidate seeks.

4. **Residence of signers.** The **same voting precinct** as the candidate for committee person.
5. **Date of Signatures.** Signatures dated before the beginning date or after the ending date will be struck as invalid.
6. **Number of Signatures** At least 10 – (we suggest 15-20)
7. **Required Information from Signers** • Signature • **Printed Name** • Address • Date of signing. A voter may sign nomination petitions for only two candidates for committee person. So, when you (or your designee/circulator) are collecting signatures, you should ask the voter if he or she has signed a nomination petition for other candidates seeking the same office.
  - **Required Information from the Circulator - the person collecting the signatures on the nomination petition is called a Circulator** - circulators of nomination papers must be residents of the state. The circulator must sign a statement made under penalty for unsworn falsification to authorities. These are changes as a result of Act 77 of 2019 which eliminates the requirement that a notarized affidavit of the circulator must be included with each sheet of a nomination petition or paper. The circulator must instead include a statement made under penalty for unsworn falsification to authorities. Eliminates the requirement that circulators of nomination petitions be residents of the relevant political district in the petition and that circulators of nomination papers be residents of the state.
8. **Where to File:** Nomination petitions for candidates seeking a position as a committee person must be filed with the county Board of Election. No filing fees are required. [The Cumberland County Bureau of Elections will notarize the Candidate's Affidavit portion for free. Don't forget to bring government issued pictured identification if you plan to have them notarize it.](#)

### **Ensure Signers are Qualified:**

The easiest method to ensure that people are qualified signers is to canvas from door to door within your election division (precinct) by looking at "street lists." Street lists are lists of every registered in an election district by address and party affiliation; they can also include a list of the elections in which voters cast ballots. Street lists can be obtained from the Cumberland County Bureau of Elections. Make sure that the voters signing your petition use the same name as is on their voter registration.

### **Candidate's Affidavit:**

1. The completed signature sheet(s) and circulators' affidavit(s) must be accompanied by a **single** affidavit signed by the candidate. Here is the information that must be included in a candidate's affidavit (again, this is a pre-printed form): • Candidate's name and address • Voting division in which the candidate resides • Office for which the candidate is filing • Party registration • Affirm that candidate is eligible for the office stated in the petition • Affirm that candidate will not knowingly violate any provision of the Election Code or any other law regulating or limiting election expenses or prohibiting corrupt practices in connection therewith • Affirm that candidate is not a candidate for nomination of any other party for this office • Affirm that he or she is not a candidate for an office which he or she already holds, the term for which will not expire in the same year as the office subject to the affidavit. [The Cumberland County Bureau of Elections will notarize the Candidate's Affidavit portion for free. Don't forget to bring government issued pictured identification if you plan to have them notarize it.](#)

## **Campaigning:**

Once you are on the ballot, it is entirely up to you to decide how much you want to campaign – if at all. Many people enjoy campaigning for the same reason they like serving as a committee person: they get a chance to meet their neighbors and become involved in the political process. Some individuals running for committee person will develop and print campaign literature with contact information and the reasons they should represent the division.

Remember to include information on voter registration and Election Day! If you've attained a street list, you can canvas your precinct, knowing which of your neighbors are registered in your party and thus, eligible to vote for you. Even though the election may be several months away, this would be a good opportunity to make sure your neighbors are registered. Bring voter registration forms and absentee/alternative ballot applications with you. (These are available from the County Board of Elections also remember the [www.VotesPA.gov](http://www.VotesPA.gov) site as a resource.)

## **Election Day:**

On Election Day you can continue to campaign for yourself, as long as you follow state and local rules: • All campaigning – handing out literature, talking to voters – must take place at least 10 feet from the entrance to the room where voting takes place.

People may also register to vote and fill out a request to vote by mail online at [www.VotesPA.gov](http://www.VotesPA.gov).

## **What is the Typical Time Commitment Involved in Being a Committeeperson?**

The committeeperson position is a volunteer role, and as an independently-elected person, you can put as much or as little effort into it as you like. The bare-minimum job description is to show up two days a year on primary and general Election Day to get your neighbors in your division out to vote.

The most active committeepersons will get involved in other neighborhood business like civic association, Friends of School groups, and other local leadership roles, using the position to supplement other activism. They also register voters, help neighbors access constituent services, and closer to Election Day, go door-to-door to promote candidates and raise awareness about the election.

Running a good committeeperson campaign probably takes about 10-15 hours of work between February and May. If you win, you can probably expect to spend 5-10 hours a month on the job during an election month, and a couple hours a month otherwise.

For more information on being a committeeperson look at the document: Duties of a Precinct Committee Person and the Cumberland County Republican Committee bylaws

- Source for Document: Various websites found on a google search.

Electoral District is the Borough or Township you live in plus precinct.  
 Print the information required at top of the candidate.  
 The signers must be REGISTERED Republican Voters from your Precinct.

No ditto marks. The Candidates information at the top must be completed **before** gathering signatures. The signer must complete themselves **all** the info on the line, i.e. you can't fill in their address or anything else and another signer can't fill in the info for someone other than themselves.

# PETITION

Print Candidate Information

To have name of Candidate Printed upon the Official Ballot  
 for the Primary Election

"Electoral District In Which The Nomination Is To Be Made" - Record the name of the jurisdiction in which you are running for office  
 Name of Borough or Township (include precinct)

We, the undersigned, all of whom are qualified electors of Cumberland County and  
Upper Mifflin Townsh. p and are registered and  
(ELECTORAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE NOMINATION OR ELECTION IS TO BE MADE)  
 enrolled members of the Republican Party or Policy, hereby  
 petition the County Board of Elections of Cumberland County  
 to have the name of Theresa Myers  
(TYPEWRITE, PRINT OR WRITE PLAINLY THE ABOVE NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT)  
 whose Profession, Business or Occupation is housewife Place of  
 Residence is 1383 Mountain Rd Newburg, PA 17240  
(WITH STREET, NUMBER (WHERE POSSIBLE) AND ZIP CODE)  
 printed upon the Official ballot of the Aforesaid Party in the said District, for the General Primary  
 for the year 20 20, as a candidate for the Office of Republican Comm. Hec Woman  
(TITLE OF OFFICE)

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**SIGNERS ARE CAUTIONED TO AVOID THE USE OF DITTO MARKS**

| SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR | PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR | ADDRESS WHERE REGISTERED AND ENROLLED |                |                           | DATE OF SIGNING |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
|                      |                         | House No.                             | Street or Road | City, Borough or Township |                 |
|                      | Kingsley B. Asco        | 15                                    | Subdivision Rd | Upper Mifflin Twp         | 2-1-20          |
|                      | Theresa Myers           | 1383                                  | Mountain Rd    | Upper Mifflin Twp         | 2-1-20          |

**One of the signatures on your petition can be your own.**

Circulator do not have to have their statement notarized this was a change with Act 77 of 2019. The candidate still does.

We, the undersigned, all of whom severally declare that we are qualified electors of the County and of the political district set forth above, that we are registered and enrolled members of the Political Party set forth above, and have signed no petition inconsistent herewith, do hereby petition the Secretary of the Commonwealth to have the candidate whose Name, Occupation and Residence are as set forth above, certified to the County Board of Elections of said County or Counties in said District, to be printed on the Primary Ballot of said Party, for the Year and Office set forth above. They need to be Republican from your Precinct to sign your petitions. No Ditto Marks. The signer must complete all the info

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                    |                                       | House No.   | Street or Road | City, Boro or Twp.                    |                 |
|                                    | <b>***</b> themselves                 |   |                |                                       |                 |
| 1.                                 |                                       |   |                | Be careful to put<br>if live in a Twp |                 |
| 2.                                 | NO " " MARKS                          |   |                |                                       |                 |