

Petition Instructions – No Stadiums on Public Land Without a Public Vote!

Mail Petitions To: *IndyAustin*, PO Box 41479, Austin, TX 78704 * Call 512.535.0989 * Text 512.657.2078

Petitions Rules and Tips:

1. **Who can sign?** Only registered voters in the city limits of Austin may sign this petition. Ask them clearly and twice – are you a city of Austin voter? If they say they're in the county or "ETJ" (extra-territorial jurisdiction of Austin) do NOT take the signature. They must be in the city limits of Austin.
2. **When is the deadline?** Get them to *IndyAustin* by November 13, 2018 election. The next election is May 2019.
3. **Use black ink pens -- NO "fine point" pens – use "medium point" and NO pencils.**
4. **How many times can someone sign?** *Just once please!* It must be on a hard copy petition. This petition cannot be signed online.
5. **How many signatures do we need?** 20,000 valid signatures within a 180-day window.
6. **What information must signers give? You must sign with your SIGNATURE and a legible PRINTED name.** Only someone you have given power of attorney to may sign for you because this petition is a legal document. You must give address (or at least the name of their street – **no** PO Boxes). You must give Date of Birth (DOB) OR the VUID number on their voter registration card. This information is needed to verify your signature, by Texas election law.
7. **Why give phone number and/or email?** Phone and email are **optional** but save us in campaign costs (hard mailings).
8. **Is this public record?** Yes, but by law petition signatures cannot be used for commercial purposes. We also never share or publish your information. We also redact your phone or email before we file.
9. **Where can I collect signatures?** Besides amongst your friends and family in Austin, you can go anywhere that is public such as sidewalks, in front of government buildings (so long as you're not blocking the door), libraries, parks and early voting and election day polls. You can walk around shopping areas. Just know that you can be asked to leave. If you know a local convenience store owner or manager, these are ideal because they have regular in and out traffic. Some big box stores will ignore you.
10. **Important hints! If you're petitioning outside a poll site or working outside a building with in and out traffic.** Do not block the door. If you're at a poll – stand 100 feet from the entrance. You will see marker that says where that 100 feet starts. You can talk to folks on the way in or out. A good way to get them fired up is to hand them literature to read while inside. In most all cases, they will sign on the way out if they are an Austin voter.
11. **Before they leave, make sure you can read their printed name and they've signed it!**
12. **Turning in your signatures:** If you don't have someone to immediately get your signatures to, contact us.
13. **Be sure to read everything on the *IndyAustin* page for this petition – all the details are there.**

What to say: *Excuse me, are you an Austin voter?* Great. We need your signature to demand a public vote on the City giving a property tax exemption to a private Soccer Stadium on public land. This property was supposed to be for affordable housing! The mayor is allowing the City to negotiate this behind closed doors. It's so bad the Travis County Commissioners Court voted to oppose this exemption! So we need 20,000 signatures to get this on the ballot.

You said you are registered here in the city of Austin, right? Great, please print and sign your name and go all the way across. Email or phone are optional, but help cut our campaign costs.