

SIGNATURE KEY CODES FOR NOMINATING PETITIONS

If a candidate's nominating petition is challenged, this key code can be used to understand the Registrar's determinations regarding the validity of the challenge.

- 1) **V/NR** – This notation means that the signer is not a registered voter in DC. [3 DCMR § 1603]
- 2) **V/IA** – This notation means that the signer is an inactive voter. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(a)]
- 3) **V/AC** – This notation means that the signer does not reside at the address listed for them in the Board's records, but does reside in the same electoral jurisdiction (Ward or Single Member District) as the candidate. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(b)]
- 4) **V/DUP** – This notation means that the signature is a duplicate. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(c)]
- 5) **V/ND** – This notation means that the signature is not dated. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(d)]
- 6) **V/AM** – This notation means that the address is missing. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(e)]
- 7) **V/ILL** – This notation means that the signature is not legible, and that information that would allow for the identification of the signer is either missing or illegible as well. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(f)]
- 8) **V/UC** – This notation means that the petition circulator is not qualified to circulate the nominating petition. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(g)]
- 9) **V/ICA** – This notation means that the circulator affidavit is incomplete. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(h)]
- 10) **V/SDM** – This notation means that the signature does not match the signer's signature as it appears in the Board's records. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(i)]
- 11) **V/WED** – This notation means that the signer does not live in the same electoral jurisdiction (Ward or Single Member District) as the candidate. [3 DCMR § 1607.1(m)]
- 12) **V/PC** – This notation means that the signer is not registered in the same political party as the candidate (applies only for primary elections, not for general and special elections). [3 DCMR § 1607.1(n)]
- 13) **V/RS** – This notation means that the signer timely requested that their signature not be credited to the candidate. [3 DCMR § 1605.4]
- 14) **V/LR** – This notation means that the signer, although a registered voter is a local resident and not a US citizen, and therefore cannot sign a petition for the following offices: President, Delegate to the US House of Representatives, US Representative, US Senator, and any local/national party committee offices. [3 DCMR § 500.2, 1607.1(o)]
- 15) **V/DPW** – This notation means that the circulator did not or could not have personally witnessed the person sign the petition. [DC Code § 1–1001.08(b)(3)(B)]¹
- 16) **OK** – This notation means that the challenged signature belongs to a legitimate voter, and should be credited to the candidate.

Note: The "V" in the notations above, means that it is a valid challenge.

¹This update clarifies the statutory requirement that circulators must “[p]ersonally witness each person sign the petition” (DC Code § 1–1001.08(b)(3)(B), which includes (but is not limited to) scenarios involving pre-dated circulator affidavits (see BOE Administrative Orders 20-024, 22-006, 22-018, 22-025) and/or digitally circulated petitions wherein the circulator does not witness the voter signing the petition (see BOE Administrative Order 24-005).

A DCMR rulemaking update that addresses this clarification, which is consistent with the statute and the above-referenced Board Administrative Orders, is in process.