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TO: NEW PARTY CANDIDATES
FROM: STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SUBJECT: CONTENTS OF PETITION FILING PACKET
RE: MARCH 2006

Enclosed are the following forms which are prescribed by Illinois law and/or required by the State Board of Elections.

1. **Nominating Petitions****

The packet contains 5 original petition sheets. Duplication of these sheets is permitted **prior** to circulation. PLEASE NOTE: These forms are general forms and may require revision in order to include the necessary space to list the required names and addresses of all persons required to be listed. Candidates are advised to seek legal counsel on the use of the forms for the specific office(s) they seek"?

2. **Statement of Candidacy****

3. **Statement of Economic Interests** (if applicable—**does not** apply to Federal offices)

A **receipt** indicating that the Statement has been filed with the Secretary of State's office, at 111 E. Monroe, Springfield, must be filed with the petition no later than **5:00 pm. on the last day to file.**

4. **Loyalty Oath (optional)**

The following cases have held the Loyalty Oath to be unconstitutional:

Indiana v Whitcomb, 94 S. Ct 656 and **Communist Party v Ogilvie**, 357 F. Supp 105.

5. **Data Entry or Colored Card****

(for office use only—complete appropriate sections —**do not bind with the petition**)

There is an optional line to provide the Campaign Website Address. The Board's Website will link individuals to the candidate website if this information is provided.

6. **Code of Fair Campaign Practices (optional)**

If you plan to file this statement, **do not bind** this document with your petition packet. Please submit it separately at the time-stamping station when you file.

7. **Certificate of Deletion**

8. **Certificate of Officers Authorized to fill Vacancies in Nomination (new party only)**

In order to fill vacancies in nomination, a new party petition must include this certificate. Failure to file this form will result in the party forfeiting the right to fill vacancies.

****The candidate's name should appear in the same form on the Statement of Candidacy, Data Entry Card and Petition Sheets. The Board will certify every candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition (#1). Please see 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1 for information on the designation of names on petitions and nominating papers.**

Please be advised that these petition forms are suggested and are subject to legal attack by objectors if improperly completed. Some examples include:

- (A) failure to describe the office sought or the district to be represented;
- (B) failure to have the signatures of a sufficient number of voters registered in the district.

You are strongly advised to obtain legal advice on the following subjects: (1) your legal qualifications for office; (2) the proper method for completing the petition forms with respect to the office; (3) the minimum number of signatures required; and (4) the qualifications of the signatures and circulators, etc.

In accordance with 10 ILCS 5/10-1 et al, petitions for any Federal, Congressional, Legislative, Representative, Judicial District, Circuit or Subcircuit, or any division or district greater than one county must be filed with the **Principal Office** of the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield Illinois 62704*

OFFICE HOURS

The Principal Board office (Springfield) will be open Monday-Friday during the petition filing period (not the objection period) during the hours 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. On the first day of filing, anyone who is in line as of 8:00 a.m., as well as those petitions received **in the first mail delivery***, will be deemed filed at 8:00 a.m. and a lottery will be held for ballot position.

* Individuals who wish to **mail** petitions and want to qualify for the 8:00 a.m. lottery, should use the U. S. Postal Service and address petitions to the State board of Elections, P. O. Box 4187, Springfield, Illinois 62708. Mail is not delivered to the Principal Office street address until the afternoon.

Filing closes at 5:00 pm. On the last day of filing, the petitions **must be time stamped by 5:00 p.m. IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO BE IN LINE AT 5:00 P.M. NO PETITION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5:00 PM. EVEN IF THE INDIVIDUAL FILING IS IN LINE FOR PROCESSING. PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR TRAVEL AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A LINE ON THE FINAL AFTERNOON OF FILING.**

PETITION COPY REQUESTS

Board staff will begin accepting requests for petition copies at 9:00 a.m. on June 19. Petition copy charges are \$.25 per sheet. Payment must accompany the request. No copies will be made until full payment is made either in the Springfield or Chicago office of the Board (in person or by mail). The Board accepts **only** cash or checks for payment of petition copy requests.

FILING PERIOD

JUNE 19 - 26, 2006
First day to circulate – March 28, 2006

OBJECTION FILING DATES

June 27, 28, 29, 30 & July 3, 2006

OBJECTIONS

Objections may be filed in either the Springfield or Chicago office of the State Board of Elections. Under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/10-8, individuals who wish to file an objection to a candidate's nominating petition must file **BOTH** an original **plus** one copy. The Board requests an additional copy for each candidate listed on a slate petition against which an objection is filed. Board staff will not make copies of objection petitions for filers.

Historically, the Board's offices receive numerous objection filings on the last day to file. Potential objectors are cautioned that all objections must be **FILE STAMPED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M.** on the last day to file objections (5 business days following the last day to file nominating petitions). Please plan accordingly. **NO OBJECTION FILING WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5:00 P.M., EVEN IF THE OBJECTOR IS IN LINE FOR PROCESSING.**