

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT CHECK THE “YES” OR “NO” BOXES AT THE TOP OF THE PETITION SHEET. THIS SECTION IS TO SHOW HOW THE QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT. CHECKING A BOX WILL INVALIDATE THE WHOLE SHEET!!!**

**WE EXPECT THE PETITIONS TO BE CHALLENGED, SO PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FOLLOW THE BELOW DIRECTIONS SO YOUR SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE THROWN OUT.**

### **Petition Circulator**

- A petition circulator must be 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States.
- The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required circulator's statement stating that all signatures were taken in his or her presence. (The circulator may not leave the sheet on a counter for passers-by to sign and return later to pick up the filled-in sheet.)
- No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs the circulator's statement.
- A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet. **DO NOT ADD YOUR SIGNATURE** until this statement is sworn to and signed before a public notary (the Batavia Library offers such service free of charge at the reference desk in the back of the library; banks usually offer them free as well). The notary will ask to see a legally valid I.D. with proof of age, citizenship, and current address --e.g., a driver's license-- from the circulator.
- **DO NOT NUMBER THE SHEETS.** The numbering will be done after all sheets are collected.
- If you know a mistake is made (e.g., someone starts to sign the petition but is not a Batavia resident), strike the signature with a single line through it and write your initials where the strike through occurs. *If this happens, please send me an email. I may have to then email you a “Certification of Deletion” form, but I haven't been able to find one yet for referenda (only for candidate petitions).*
- You do not need to fill the sheet with 15 signatures; partially filled sheets count.

### **Petition Signers**

- The signer **MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN OPPOSITE HIS/HER SIGNATURE ON THE PETITION, AND MUST RESIDE IN THE CITY OF BATAVIA.** Voters living in unincorporated areas of Batavia may NOT sign.
- **A signer must sign his/her own signature on the petition.** The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her family. If the signer signs any other names, he/she is committing the crime of forgery.
- Signers should sign as they are registered to vote, written in the voter's usual style of signature. Most people sign in cursive script. Some, however, always print their names. What is important is that they sign in the same manner as they did on their voter registration record.
- Street address must be filled out by the signer, and may be printed or cursive. Please make sure it is legible, to make it easier to validate.
- Ditto marks are not acceptable.
- Abbreviations such as “St.”, “Ave.”, and “N.” are acceptable.

THANK YOU!

Please return petitions to: Sylvia Keppel, 1420 Becker Ave., Batavia, 630-251-7840, [sskeppel@yahoo.com](mailto:sskeppel@yahoo.com)

*Petitions must be returned by SUNDAY, AUGUST 5,  
so they may be submitted on Monday, August 6, the last day for filing.*

**PETITION FOR SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION  
(TO REMOVE HOME RULE)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the CITY OF BATAVIA, County of Kane, and State of Illinois, and residing at the places set opposite our respective names do hereby petition that the following question be placed upon the ballot at the November 6, 2018 General Election for approval by a majority of the electors of the CITY OF BATAVIA:

<b>Shall the City of Batavia cease to be a home rule unit?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>
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Name (Voter's Signature)	Street Address or R.R. Number	City, Town, or Village	County
1.		Batavia, IL	KANE
2.		Batavia, IL	KANE
3.		Batavia, IL	KANE
4.		Batavia, IL	KANE
5.		Batavia, IL	KANE
6.		Batavia, IL	KANE
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8.		Batavia, IL	KANE
9.		Batavia, IL	KANE
10.		Batavia, IL	KANE
11.		Batavia, IL	KANE
12.		Batavia, IL	KANE
13.		Batavia, IL	KANE
14.		Batavia, IL	KANE
15.		Batavia, IL	KANE

State of Illinois )  
 )  
 County of Kane ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois, that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, within the statutory time period for petition circulation and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the public question is submitted, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_, before me, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.  
 (Name of Circulator) (Month and Day)

(NOTARY SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary Public)