

Rules for Collection



- Qualifying Contributions go to the Open and Ethical Election Fund, not the candidate.
- No one can pay for a Qualifying Contribution for another person. Immediate family may use the same card or check.
- No one can sign a Qualifying Contribution form for another person, even family.
- The Office of the City Clerk offers a website to collect Qualifying Contributions.
- The website uses cookies to store info. Users may need to refresh the browser between different users.

Compliance Tips

- ✓ Receipt books may only be used by one collector and must not be shared with others.
- ✓ The collector must sign the receipt.

More Information

Visit the City Clerk's website for detailed information on petitions, public financing, and election guidelines.

cabq.gov/vote



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The Office of the City Clerk's mission is to preserve records, manage a fair and equitable public financing program, and ensure fairness through impartial hearings.



Public Financing and Petition Overview

A Guide to Local Election Petitions and Public Financing in Albuquerque.



What is Public Financing Program and the OEEC?

The Public Financing Program, established under the Open and Ethical Election Code (OEEC), allows candidates to fund their campaigns with public money instead of relying on private donations. To participate, candidates must meet specific eligibility requirements and adhere to strict spending limits.

Qualifying Contributions

A Qualifying Contribution is a \$5 donation made in a candidate's name to the Open and Ethical Election Fund. These Contributions are non-refundable. To qualify for public financing, a candidate must collect and properly document a specific amount of Qualifying Contributions from registered voters in their district. The collection period is:

Mayor Candidates: April 19 → June 21
City Council Candidates June 2 → July 7

Petition Guidelines

- Candidates are responsible for volunteers and campaign staff.
- Candidates cannot offer money, gifts, or anything of value to encourage someone to sign.
- A person can only sign the petition for themselves. No one can sign on behalf of another person.
- A voter can only sign one petition for candidates running for the same office.
- Volunteers or staff can help fill out parts of the form, but only if the voter requests help.

Reasons for Rejections

- ✓ incomplete information
- ✓ outside the geographical area
- ✓ missing signature
- ✓ illegible writing

Collecting Petition Signatures



Collection Period:

- Mayor Candidates: Collect 3,000 signatures from registered voters in Albuquerque.
- City Council Candidates: Collect 500 signatures from voters in their district.

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Who Can Sign a Petition?

- ✓ Registered voters in Albuquerque (or district for City Council).

Check Your Voter Registration Visit

