INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDELINES for PRIMARY CANDIDATE(S) Running for SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE

- COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON THE FACE OF THE PETITION PRIOR TO CIRCULATION.
- 2. This petition is to be used by candidates for **Sheriff**, **County Clerk**, **Surrogate**, **Commissioner**, **Member of State Committee**, and Delegates to National Conventions when nominated or elected in all or part of Sussex County.
- 3. This petition may be circulated as a **joint** petition for the **same office when the terms of said office are the same**; in filing jointly the two candidates must share the same slogan. Their two names then will be drawn as a *single unit* for ballot position. The order in which their names appear on the jointly circulated & filed petition determines the order of their names within the unit.
- 4. If the candidate(s) want to use a slogan that includes the name of an individual other than the candidate or incorporated association of this State, written consent must be attached. Candidates wanting to use an official "county party slogan" must gain prior written approval from the party's chair. Candidates who want to align with bracketed commissioners must gain prior written approval from the bracketed candidates' campaign manager.
- 5. Candidate(s) must provide a functioning campaign email address on their petition. This email address will be made public.
- 6. Petition must contain the **minimum number of legal voter signatures** as stipulated under N.J.S.A. 19:23-8. Signers must be registered to vote in Sussex County and be members of the same political party as the candidate; multiple "books/sets" may be filled in order to meet the statutory minimum signature requirement. Unaffiliated voters also may sign a partisan petition.
- 7. Each petitioner must sign in his/her own handwriting and print his/her name next to their signature, and provide their residence and post office address in the presence of the circulator of the petition book/set.
- 8. The circulator of the petition book/set MUST sign on page 17 of the petition and make the affidavit required before some officer authorized by law to take affidavits.
- 9. The candidate(s) MUST take the Oath of Allegiance (page 18 of the petition) before a notary or other officer authorized to take oaths), and MUST sign the Certificate of Acceptance, stating that (s)he is qualified for the office and is a member of the political party named in the petition. The **Oath** and **Certificate of Acceptance** need only be taken and signed **once** and annexed to the first petition book, if multiple books are filed.
- 10. This petition must be filed with the Sussex County Clerk not later than 4:00 p.m. March 24, 2025.

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RESIDENCY and REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS of CANDIDATE(S) for COUNTY COMMISSIONER (See Chapter 94 Laws of 1980)

Commencing in 1981, no person shall be eligible to be a candidate unless said person is: (1) a Registered Voter in Sussex County and (2) a Resident of Sussex County for **one year*** prior to the date of the General Election.

*RESIDENCY and REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS of CANDIDATE(S) for **SHERIFF** (See NJSA 40A:9-94)

Applicable only to candidates for <u>Sheriff</u>: No person shall be eligible for the office of Sheriff of any county unless he shall have been a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county for at least **three years** next preceding his election.

(COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE PRIOR TO CIRCULATION)

PRIMARY PETITION NOMINATING CANDIDATE(S) FOR SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE

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Please clearly print or type	e this section: <mark>(On</mark>	ıly candidates runnir	ng for the same offic	e & term	n may file joint	tly.)
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AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION AND WITNESSES SIGNATURES

The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the names on this set (book) of signatures. The witness must take the affidavit for each set he/she solicits and sign in the presence of a person authorized to administer affidavits (e.g., notary public), but may sign only one signature page endorsing the candidate. Note: A candidate may sign and circulate his/her own petition. The circulator is not required to sign as a petitioner, but may do so as long as he/she is a registered voter of the State in which the candidate for whom the petition is being circulated is running for office and a member of the same political party as the candidate.

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NOTE TO CANDIDATE(S): If multiple petition "books" are circulated, candidate(s) need to sign the following Oath of Allegiance and Certificate of Acceptance page only once. Adhere the signed Oath & Certificate page to first petition book when multiple books are filed with petition.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (R.S. 41:1-1 & 2)

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