

 **SVIC** 
SILICON VALLEY IMPEACHMENT COALITION
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Instructions for gathering petition signatures

1) Setting up

The two obvious places are the Farmers' Market on Sunday and Castro St on Friday and/or Saturday evenings. In either place, it would be a good idea to have plastic sheet protectors, one for the blank sheets so that they don't get creased and dog-eared and one for the signed ones – same reason. At the Farmers' Market one can set up a table in the "Free Speech Zone". On Castro St, you'll need to be completely mobile so give the matter some thought.

Farmers' Market: you can have stacks of flyers on the table, also sign up sheets for those wanting to leave contact info. The only contact info on the petition itself is Email. If someone is wanting to leave their name and address, skip the email column on the sheet. That leaves you free to buttonhole someone else. If we have managed to make some banners, don't forget to put those up too.

There's an old lady with a table who sometimes gets upset if you wander around accosting people. She sees every person that you accost as someone that you have prevented coming to her table. Be polite but you don't have to stop accosting people.

2) Collecting signatures

a) Make sure that you have pens and a clipboard. If you are working an area where you can't set up a table, you will need a light back pack.

b) Fill the log info below. We want to know how well people did in different areas. It helps with strategizing. Entering date and *time start/time finish* is important for planning.

c) When starting a new day's gathering, select a new Page 1, fill in the date. Then start collecting signatures. When that is full, pick a continuation sheet, fill in both the date and page number, and continue. When done, staple all together with this sheet on top.

d) The reasons for asking the MV City Council to pass a resolution are set out on the petition. People may stop reading after a few words and ask you why. Don't treat them as idiots. They may really be in a hurry. Just explain the reasons and point out that they are on the petition so Council will know and understand why we are asking them to do this.

Log sheet

We need this info for records and for planning. Please fill in!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Location: _____

Time start: _____

Time finish: _____