

Volunteer FAQ

The private Facebook SAFEBOR Petitioners group has been set up to exchange information about canvassing locations, scheduling, tips on engagement, and a place to get your questions answered. Please join that group and join in the conversation. You can find more information on our private Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/921286211562961/>

Instructions on the Petition:

The petition is available on the website, and more copies are available at the drop off/pick up location below. It is also available to print from the website. Please see additional instructions below SAFEBOR's address for getting your printer to print a double-sided petition. If you print your own petition, please be sure to use a single piece of 8.5" x 11" paper, and align the document in one direction (i.e. right side up) on both the front and back.

You **must** be a currently registered Alachua County voter in order to sign this petition, and you **must** complete all of the blanks above the SAFEBOR address on the back of the form: name, address, date of birth, date signed, and signature. If you are circulating petitions, you can print your name in the last blank below the voter's information—that is optional.

David Moritz will be collecting all of the petitions and taking them to the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections, who is charging us 10 cents per copy to validate each petition. So if the form is incomplete or if the signer is not currently a registered Alachua County voter, we have wasted your time and the campaign's money. So please ensure that they are registered Alachua voters, signing with the name they used on their voter registration, please.

Answer voters' questions, but be brief. The voters are not voting here, they are just signing a petition to get the question on the ballot. It's not a good use of time to get into long conversations--and it's neither efficient nor effective to get into arguments. If someone opposes your petition,

and some people will, say "thank you" and move on. In petition drives, rejection comes with the territory. Don't take it personally. For people who are interested in the issue of nature's rights, but are unwilling to sign right now, you might hand them the 5 reasons card and/or refer them to the website, safebor.org.

Here is a potential script for engaging with voters.

Excuse me, (sir or ma'am), are you a registered Alachua County voter? We are collecting signatures to give the Santa Fe River her own rights. The petitions will be used to place an Alachua County charter amendment on the fall 2020 ballot. Our goal is to rebalance the power between large corporations and the citizens and creatures of the Santa Fe River bioregion. Would you like to sign the petition so we can get it on the ballot?

You can pick up and drop off petitions at the Alachua County Labor Coalition office, which is usually open 9am to 6pm Monday through Friday, with a drop box out front to drop off and pick up petition forms after hours. See Google Map below.

Alachua County Labor Coalition
Ste. 2B, 502 NW 16th Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32601

If you need to meet with other volunteers, a convenient spot is the coffee shop Curia on the Drag, just north of there, which has extended hours and a covered deck for meetings. See map below of both locations.

Petitions can also be mailed to SAFE BOR's PO Box (at the bottom of the petition form).

The most important part of this work is to have fun. We will meet interesting people and have very interesting conversations on the subject of Nature's Rights.

