



# Sarasota County DEMOCRATIC PARTY

## **PETITION NAME: \$15 Minimum Wage Petition**

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### **TALKING POINTS MINIMUM WAGE PETITION**

- If passed, the measure would raise minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour effective Sept 30th, 2021.
- Each Sept. 30th thereafter, minimum wage shall increase by \$1.00 per hour until the minimum wage reaches \$15.00 per hour on Sept 30th, 2026.
- From that point forward, future minimum wage increases for inflation shall revert to being adjusted annually starting Sept. 30th, 2027.

### **QUICK SUMMARY:**

- About 2 years and a few months from now, the minimum wage on Sept 30th, 2021 goes \$10 per hour.
- Each Sept. 30th until Sept. 30, 2026 the minimum wage will increase by \$1.00 per hour until the minimum wage reaches \$15.00 per hour
- From that, starting on Sept. 30, 2027, future minimum wage increases for inflation shall be adjusted annual.

### **QUESTIONS:**

- Won't this hurt business, will they need to reduce people?
  - Not really as studies in other States, such as Washington State have found that have this law has shown it actually helps the local economy as these employees have more money and they spend their money.
  - Additionally, Walmart, McDonnell's, Target, Amazon and other large business are moving more aggressive to raise the minimum wage as there is now more competition for labor.



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### **Petition Instructions**

- Signer must be a registered Florida Voter
- One signed copy per Voter
- Fill out completely, include name, full address and date of birth or voter identification number
- Sign and date the petition

### **Completed Petition**

- Petitions can be dropped off at the Democratic Headquarter office (front desk) located at: 7358 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231 or
- Petitions can be mailed to: Florida for a Fair Wage, 6619 S. Dixie Highway, #148, Miami, FL 33143; John Morgan, Chairperson, 20 North Orange Avenue, Suite 1600, Orlando, FL 32801-0000

### **The State Process**

The number of signatures required for an initiated constitutional amendment is equal to 8 percent of the votes cast in the preceding presidential election. Florida also has a signature distribution requirement. The distribution requirement is that the signatures collected, must come from at least half (14) of the state's 27 congressional districts.

### **Requirements to get this initiative certified for the 2020 ballot**

- Statewide total needed for judicial and financial impact review: **76,632 valid signatures**
- Signatures: **766,200 valid signatures** are required.
- Deadline: The deadline **for signature verification is February 1, 2020**. As election officials have 30 days to check signatures, petitions should be submitted at least one month before the verification deadline.



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In Florida, proponents of an initiative file signatures with local elections supervisors, who are responsible for verifying signatures. Supervisors are permitted to use random sampling if the process can estimate the number of valid signatures with 99.5 percent accuracy. Signatures are valid if the random sample estimates that at least 115 percent of the required number of signatures is valid.

### **Miscellaneous**

More Information is available from these organization or groups:

- <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/initdetail.asp?account=70115&seqnum=1>
- <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/politics/political-pulse/os-ne-john-morgan-minimum-wage-ballot-measure-signatures-20190122-story.html>
- [https://ballotpedia.org/Florida\\_2020\\_ballot\\_measures](https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_2020_ballot_measures)