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## POLICY FOR SIGNATURE SOLICITATION

This policy shall govern access to Essex Agricultural Society's ("EAS") property by individuals ("representatives") who wish to solicit signatures on petitions for the purpose of a ballot proposition/referendum to voters, or nomination of a candidate for **public office**, in a city, county, or statewide election. Solicitation of signatures for the above-mentioned purpose shall hereafter be referred to as "SOS".

1. **Notice:** Prior written notice ("Notice") must be provided to the manager of EAS no fewer than three (3) weeks before SOS. The Notice must contain the following:

- a. The name, address and telephone number of anyone who will be engaging in SOS;
- b. The purpose of SOS;
- c. The date and time you wish to engage in SOS; and
- d. The reason you cannot use a public space instead of EAS property.

2. **Conditions:** Any SOS will be subject to the following conditions unless the representative can show good cause to except the SOS from any such conditions:

- a. The maximum number of people to engage in SOS shall be limited to three (3);
- b. EAS shall establish reasonable date, time, place and manner restrictions on SOS activities;
- c. Any SOS shall be limited to public events such as the Topsfield Fair;
- d. Any SOS must be unobtrusive, reasonable and not interfere with EAS's use of its property;
- e. The purpose of any SOS must be to solicit signatures on petition for a ballot proposition/referendum to voters or nomination of a candidate for public office in a city, county, or statewide election in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- f. The SOS activity must require personal contact.

3. **Termination of SOS:** Failure to comply with EAS' policy may result in the termination of any SOS activities.

Final decisions regarding access to EAS property for SOS shall remain within the discretion and authority of EAS.

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