Ballot Line Petitioning "New Party Petition"

Suggested script:

"Hello. Are you registered to vote in New Mexico? " (No-->Thank you. Have a nice day/ evening.)
"Will you please sign this petition to re-qualify the Green Party for a ballot line?" (No-->Thank you. Have a nice day/evening.)

Hand clipboard and pen to registered voter. The order of the lines is standard signature, printed name as registered, street address as registered, and COUNTY (fully written, i.e., no abbreviation). Some petitioners also request city or zip code as part of address; however, these may not replace street address and county. If two people from the same household sign consecutively, the address and county have to be written out on the lower line as well--quotation marks will not be counted. After signer completes the information, please check that all lines are completed fully and thank the person.

Common Questions/Comments:

Q/C. Is a mailing address okay?
A. Address needs to be the standard street address on your voter registration. If you did not have a standard street or physical address when you registered to vote, put the mailing address that appears on your voter registration.

Q/C. Oh, I forgot where I lived when I registered.
A. If someone has a smart phone handy or notebook/ipad handy with a connection, pull up the portal at https://voterportal.servis.sos.state.nm.us/WhereToVote.aspx so the voter can check the information. If internet access is not available, politely prompt the voter to remember if registration was in high school or college, etc.

Q/C. I don't want to give my address.
A. The petitions go to the Office of the Secretary of State. The address is how they verify you are a New Mexico voter. The Green Party is not going to enter the information into a data base or put it on a mailing list.

Q/C. I'm not a Green. (or I'm a registered _____.)
A. It's okay. For this petition, anyone registered to vote in New Mexico may sign.

Q/C. What's the Green Party? What do you mean, ballot line?
A. The Green Party is a political party based on the Four Pillars of Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, and Peace/Nonviolence. In partisan elections, the candidate name has a party name next to it. That's because the party has a ballot line. The Green Party is collecting signatures so we can have a ballot line.

Other:

Please do not punch holes in the petitions. Please do not staple the petitions. ALWAYS BE POLITE. Do not get argumentative with people or start swearing. Some voters may try to start a discussion. This is fine, but keep it brief so you do not lose other signature opportunities. Feel free to contact us if you want any talking points. Finally, thank you very much for helping.

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