Gray for Assembly 2016
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Thousands of Voters Make Gray Only California Assembly Candidate to Qualify for Ballot Without Paying Fee

No other candidate for Assembly in state submits enough valid signatures!

Assemblyman Adam Gray submitted over 2,500 signatures of registered voters in his Assembly district to qualify as a candidate in the upcoming June primary election. California law allows candidates to submit signatures in lieu of paying the filing fee. Out of 227 candidates for the State Assembly in the 2016 election, only Gray submitted sufficient valid signatures of registered voters have his fee completely waived, according to the California Secretary of State's office elections division.

"I like working to get the signatures," said Gray. "It's a good test of community support. There is nothing that gives you a more unvarnished reaction from the voters than asking them to sign a legal document putting you on the ballot. It is really humbling that so many people would sign on."

Gray's campaign gathered signatures in both Merced and Stanislaus counties. "Adam, his family, and his friends walked neighborhoods on weekends and evenings, and attended community events and group meetings to get the signatures," said Michael Lynch, Gray's campaign coordinator. "It's a lot of work, but Adam had so much help and so many volunteers that there was never much doubt that we would succeed."

Assemblyman Gray has never had to pay a filing fee for any of his elections to the Assembly. He has been placed on the ballot by sufficient voter signatures each time. "Frankly, I was surprised Adam was the only Assembly candidate in the entire state to achieve this. I know it's a lot of work, but it offers the first real measure of a candidate's support in an election. It says a lot about the candidate and the people who are willing to stand by him," said Lynch.

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