

As part of its overall petition verification process, between July 5 and August 6, 2010, Elections BC will be interviewing a random sample of people whose names appear on the petition. The purpose of the interview is to verify that these people did, in fact, sign the petition.

BC Stats, the province's statistical agency, is conducting the interviews on behalf of Elections BC. Approximately 6,000 names that appear on the petition will be selected at random from across the province's 85 electoral districts. The verification interviews will be conducted by telephone and respondents will be asked to confirm or deny that they signed the petition. The interview will take less than 5 minutes. The information provided through the survey is protected under the *Statistics Act*.

You will be notified by telephone and mail if your name has been selected for inclusion in this part of the verification process. Your response is important. Please respond to Elections BC's call, or call the toll-free number on the letter you receive and quote your verification reference number. If you have been selected to participate in the verification interview, it is important that you let Elections BC know whether you signed the HST initiative petition to ensure that Elections BC makes an accurate determination of initiative petition results. Elections BC has until August 11, 2010 to complete the verification process.

Question**Answer**

What is the purpose of these interviews?

The purpose of these interviews is to verify that the names and signatures on the initiative petition are valid.

Where did you get my telephone number and other information?

Your telephone number may have been sourced from the HST initiative petition, the phone number Elections BC has on file with your voter registration, or through a published telephone directory. Names and addresses are taken from the HST initiative petition.

Why should I take part in this process?

Your participation will help to ensure that Elections BC makes an accurate determination on August 11, 2010 regarding whether the initiative petition passes or fails. Since only a limited number of people will be interviewed, your information is essential to a meaningful and accurate result.

Will my answers be kept confidential?

Your individual answers will **not** be publicly reported. Elections BC and BC Stats will not provide any individual, organization or government agency with information that could compromise the confidentiality of your responses.

Who is phoning?	Elections BC has commissioned BC Stats to manage the HST petition signature verification interviews. NRG Research has been hired by BC Stats to conduct the phone interviews.
How can I ensure the legitimacy of the survey?	If you would like confirmation that Elections BC is undertaking these interviews, please contact Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 / TTY 1-888-456-5448, or 250-387-5305 in Victoria.
Who should I call if I have questions about the interview process?	If you have questions or concerns about your participation in this part of the verification process, please contact BC Stats at 1-888-447-4427 or by email at BCStats.SurveyMail3@gov.bc.ca