

COMPLIANCE WITH RULES
PERTAINING TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY

As a tax-exempt, charitable organization, Temple University is ***prohibited*** from participating in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

- Political Campaign Activities Policy
 - Temple's [Political Campaign Activities Policy](#) (07.50.01) applies to all Temple employees and representatives including faculty and Temple-recognized student organizations.
 - Temple's policy is designed to ensure that Temple employees and representatives rigorously comply with the prohibition against Temple engaging in political campaign activity.
- Political Statements by Temple Employees and Representatives
 - Temple employees and representatives are not permitted to make partisan political comments in official Temple publications or at official Temple events.
 - For all other publications and events, Temple employees and representatives must clearly indicate that their comments are personal statements, do not represent Temple's views, and that any reference to the individual's work for Temple is made for identification purposes only;
 - Temple employees and representatives may not use Temple stationery or a Temple internet domain address to communicate or transmit any partisan political comments, ideas, recommendations or thoughts regarding any candidate for public office; and
 - Funds from Temple's General Activity Fee may not be used in a such a way that they could constitute a gift, donation or contribution to a political campaign.
- Candidate Appearances
 - If Temple invites a candidate to speak at a Temple-sponsored event in his or her capacity as a political candidate, Temple:
 - Will not indicate support for or opposition to the candidate, including in candidate introductions or communications concerning the candidate's attendance;
 - Will not permit any political fundraising to occur at the event; and

- Will provide an equal opportunity to other political candidates to participate in the same or a similar event.
 - If Temple invites a candidate to attend or speak at a Temple-sponsored event as a non-candidate, Temple:
 - Will require that the candidate make remarks only in a non-candidate capacity;
 - Will not refer to the individual's candidacy or the election;
 - Will maintain a nonpartisan atmosphere at the event; and
 - Will clearly indicate the capacity in which the candidate is appearing and will not mention the individual's political candidacy or the upcoming election in communications announcing the candidate's attendance at the event.
- Political Action Committees (PACs)
 - Temple will not make contributions to political organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code such as candidates' committees or PACs.
- Distribution of Political Materials
 - Temple will not distribute materials prepared by others that favor or oppose candidates for public office.
- Temple's Website and Website Links
 - Temple will not post anything on its website that favors or opposes a candidate for public office, nor will it promote, encourage or recommend that viewers use an external link to obtain information about specific candidates or their positions; and
 - Temple will take steps to ensure that external content which is available through links on Temple's website does not constitute prohibited political campaign activity.
- Public Policy Issues
 - If Temple takes a stance on a public policy issue, including an issue that divides candidates for public office (as Temple is permitted to do), Temple will do so in a manner that does not favor or oppose any such candidates.