

The Dos and Don'ts of Political Involvement

DO **DON'T** Do take your personal time off (such as a lunch hour Don't use College/District telephones, email, or vacation day or non-work time) and act in your computers, or servers¹ to assist a campaign or to private capacity to make your own public or private personally campaign for or against a candidate or appearances, statements regarding a proposition ballot measure. and/or candidate, or engage in campaign activities off Don't use College/District paper (stationary or not), campus. copiers, fax machines, scanners, printers, and other Do encourage students/faculty/staff to register to vote business machines to print, create, edit, duplicate, or and to vote (but not in a particular way, when you are distribute campaign literature for or against a candidate or ballot measure. on work time) and provide voter registration materials. **Don't** use College/District interoffice mail to distribute political materials. **Don't** distribute (i.e. mailing, faxing, handing out), at public expense, campaign literature prepared by private proponents or opponents of a ballot measure. **Do** make clear that your personal position is just Don't encourage or direct College/District employees that—your personal position—and is not being taken to spend their working time preparing materials to on behalf of nor in any way represents the support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure. College/District. Don't use public funds to purchase items like bumper stickers, posters, advertising "floats," or television and Do make clear that no College/District resources have been or are being spent in connection with any radio "spots." partisan presentation you make about a candidate or ballot measure if there is any question that the participation is personal. Do staff a booth or table at your campus—on your Don't campaign in favor of or against a candidate or own time—in favor of or opposed to a ballot initiative ballot initiative while wearing LRCCD, ARC, CRC, or candidate and/or solicit signatures for a ballot FLC, SCC, or LRPD badges, clothing, or uniforms. measure. **Do** solicit funds on behalf of or in opposition to a Don't solicit funds from District vendors to support or candidate or ballot measure away from campus oppose candidates or measures as part of your during non-working hours. contract discussions. Don't solicit funds on College/District property to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures during work time. Do present a "fair presentation of the facts" in Don't provide only one side of the facts when response to a citizen's request for information at any responding to a citizen's request for information or at time and in any place when speaking in an official any meeting when such information is requested by a capacity. Such presentation should include a public or private organization in your official capacity. discussion of the tax rate that will be needed to repay the bonds. **Do** present the College/District's view of a ballot proposal at a meeting of an organization when requested by a public or private organization and when you are authorized to speak on the College/District's behalf.

¹ Incidental use of wireless Internet access available on campus with electronic devices, computers or cell phones not owned by the College or District is not a violation of this rule.