

## SER 10

### ELECTIONEERING POLICY

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#### GENERAL CAMPAIGNING RULES

By law candidates may seek petition signatures, promote their candidacy, and pass out leaflets in front of the building and in the parking lot.

The current Board of Trustees of the Antioch Public Library District determines what a candidate may and may not do within the building.

#### CAMPAIGNING RULES FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

1. By State law the cost of election campaigns is entirely the responsibility of the candidate.
2. Candidates may not ask staff members to campaign for them during working hours.
3. Candidates may not ask staff of the Antioch Public Library District to produce flyers, handouts, or press releases for any candidate.
4. Candidates may not use the Antioch Public Library District's logo or other promotional material on their campaign materials or on their social media sites.
5. Candidates may not imply that the library endorses their candidacy in any way as the Library and its staff must remain neutral during this process.
6. Candidates may not campaign or hand out leaflets within the building.
7. No campaign posters, adds, or signs will be permitted in the building or on the library's property.
8. Candidates may not put any promotional material about their campaign on our website nor can they link their website to the library's.

#### ELECTION DAY

The Antioch Public Library serves as a polling place for local, state and federal elections. On each Election Day, all state and federal election laws are enforceable on library grounds. On Election Day, the Election Officials shall place two or more cones a distance of 100 horizontal feet from the entrance to the room used by voters to engage in voting, which shall be known as the "polling room." When the polling room is located on the ground floor, then the markers shall be placed 100 horizontal feet from the Library's main entrance. The area within where the markers are placed shall be known as a "campaign free zone." At or near the door of each polling place, the election judges shall place signage indicating the proper entrance to the polling place. In addition, the election judges shall ensure that a sign identifying the location of the polling place is placed on a nearby public roadway. On Election Day no judge of election, pollwatcher, or other person shall do any electioneering or soliciting of votes or engage in any political discussion within any campaign free zone; no person shall interrupt, hinder or oppose any voter while approaching within those areas for the purpose of voting. Furthermore, advertising

pertaining to any candidate or proposition to be voted upon shall not be displayed in or within the campaign free zone. The area on polling place property beyond the campaign free zone is a public forum for the time that the polls are open on an election day. A person shall have the right to congregate and engage in electioneering on any polling place property while the polls are open beyond the campaign free zone, including but not limited to, the placement of temporary signs.

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