Prohibited Political Activity

YOU MAY NOT

 become a candidate for election to public office or vote at the caucus or convention of a candidate or political entity

YOU MAY NOT

 become a member of any political committee or take an active role in the management of a campaign or political entity

YOU MAY NOT

 solicit contributions, volunteer time, or attend fundraising events supporting or opposing any candidate or political entity

YOU MAY NOT

 prepare or distribute campaign material or solicit votes for or against any candidate or political entity

YOU MAY NOT

 publicly support or oppose a candidate or political entity including wearing hats, t-shirts, or other promotional items

YOU MAY NOT

 display a sign on your property or place a bumper sticker on your vehicle supporting or opposing any candidate or political entity

YOU MAY

 serve as a poll commissioner or official watcher on behalf of a governmental entity at the polls

YOU MAY

 belong to a group that endorses a candidate as long as the group’s sole purpose isn’t political and you’re not managing its affairs

YOU MAY

 attend election night parties, victory parties, or inaugural celebrations provided they are not fundraising events

YOU MAY

 sell services you regularly offer at fair market value to candidates or political entities even if it requires attendance at a fundraiser

YOU MAY

 publicly support or oppose issues of public debate or election that do not involve candidates or political entities

YOU MAY

 attend a free public function where all of the candidates for a public office are invited to speak or present their views

A Word About Social Media...

Social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and others have become part of everyday life where we can freely offer opinions and support causes important to us.

However, as a state employee, “Sharing,” “Liking,” or “Following” a candidate or political entity on social media is strictly prohibited and can result in disciplinary action.

Prohibited political activity is defined generally as any effort to support or oppose the election of a candidate or political party at the local, state or national level.

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