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Community Development Districts

To: Candidates for Election

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Subject: Political Campaign Activities

Each election period raises questions about allowable campaign activities within The Villages Community Development Districts (District). In order to assist all Candidates, we have prepared the following overview. However, any questions with regard to activities allowed or prohibited should be directed to District Administration at (352) 751-3939.

Signs:

1. For information on displaying signage at your residence, please refer to your Declaration of Restrictions or contact Community Standards at 352-751-3912.
2. Signs may not be placed on, against, implanted, or affixed to the interior or exterior of District property. Signs placed on District property will be removed and the District is not liable for the return of removed signs.
3. No political campaign signs, flyers or related documents are to be posted on District bulletin boards and, if discovered, will be removed immediately.
4. Signs may be held by Candidates or their supporters.
5. Signs may be affixed to golf carts or Low-Speed Vehicles.

Election Day Polling Places:

1. Activities at polling places shall be in accordance with the interpretation of state statute or local ordinance by the applicable Supervisor of Elections. The Supervisor of Elections is the entity to interpret the statutes and local ordinances.
2. Persons in support of Candidates or issues shall not interfere with any member of the public accessing/using District property or voters attempting to enter a polling place located on District property.

Community Development District Public Facilities and District Government Employees

1. Candidates and their supporters are allowed to stand on the exterior of District property (i.e. postal facilities, recreation centers and at public events) in compliance with the Rules of the District.
2. Candidates and their supporters may hold signs or affix them to golf cars or Low Speed Vehicles.
3. Candidates and their supporters may not set up tables on District property. Candidates and their supporters are not allowed to interfere with persons attempting to access District facilities and/or activities.
4. Candidates are afforded the same opportunities as other persons or groups to reserve a room at a District Recreation Center in accordance with the published rates adopted in the respective Rate Rules.
5. No Candidate or their supporters shall solicit or knowingly accept any political contribution on any District Property, unless a room is reserved, as stated above, at a District Recreation Center for the specific purpose of hosting a fundraiser or similar function.

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6. Candidates and their supporters may not, in furtherance of their candidacy, use the services of District Government Employees during their scheduled working hours. District Government Employees also may not campaign for Candidates or political issues while in their official capacity or use the District's resources in furtherance thereof.

Per District Legal Counsel, a reminder as to:

- Fla. Stat. s. 102.031(4)(a): No person, political committee, or other group or organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or within 150 feet of the entrance to any polling place, a polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, an early voting site, or an office of the supervisor where vote-by-mail ballots are requested and printed on demand for the convenience of electors who appear in person to request them. Before the opening of the polling place or early voting site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no-solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.
- Fla. Stat. s. 102.031(4)(e): The owner, operator, or lessee of the property on which a polling place or an early voting site is located, or an agent or employee thereof, may not prohibit the solicitation of voters outside of the no-solicitation zone during polling hours.