

Policy on Nonpartisan Voter Registration and Education Outreach at Community and Candidate Events

The Office of the Supervisor of Elections welcomes invitations from individuals, community organizations, civic groups, businesses, and candidates or campaigns to provide **free, nonpartisan voter registration and education services** at public events. Registering eligible voters is core to this Office’s statutory mission, and we’re glad to attend when asked.

To protect the nonpartisan integrity of the Office and ensure nonpartisan outreach is available fairly to the entire community, all voter registration and education outreach is conducted under the following standing policy, applied uniformly to every request regardless of who is asking:

Definitions for the purposes of this Policy:

- **“Voter Registration Services”** means assisting eligible individuals to register to vote or update their voter registration, including address or party affiliation updates.
- **“Voter Education”** means providing neutral, factual information about election procedures, registration status, and voting methods, without expressing support for or opposition to any candidate, party, or ballot measure.
- **“Public Event”** means an event open to the general public with or without ticketing.
- **“Candidate-Hosted Event”** means an event organized or sponsored by a candidate or the candidate’s campaign committee for a specific race.
- **“Campaign Advocacy”** means speech, materials, or activity advocating for or against a candidate, party, or ballot measure, including fundraising solicitations.
- **“Reasonably Separated”** means that the Office’s outreach area is physically and audibly distinct from campaign advocacy or fundraising activities, as further described below.
- **“Qualified Candidate”** means a candidate who has met all legal requirements to qualify for ballot access for the relevant race.”

1. Purpose Limited to Voter Registration and Education

When this Office attends any event – civic, community, or candidate-hosted – its role is limited strictly to voter registration and voter education (e.g., checking registration status, updating address or party affiliation, answering procedural questions about voting). Staff do not discuss, promote, or comment on any candidate, party, or ballot measure while providing these services. The Office will provide its own voter

registration and education materials and signage including signage stating: “Nonpartisan Voter Registration and Education. No Endorsement Expressed or Implied.” The Office may modify the content of the signage from time to time. Materials provided by the Office at an event will exclude any campaign messaging.

2. No Endorsement

This Office’s attendance at an event, of any kind, is **not an endorsement** of the host, sponsor, candidate, or cause. This Office does not endorse, support, or oppose any candidate, political party, or ballot measure, and attendance at any single event should never be read as a signal of favor toward the host or organizers. In the event that the Office publicizes attendance, it will do so solely to inform the public of availability of services, without reference to support for any host, sponsor, candidate, or cause.

3. Equal Access for All Candidates

This Office will honor requests for the same voter registration and education services, on the same terms, to every qualified candidate or campaign committee who requests them. A request from one candidate or campaign in a race does not create a presumption of exclusivity – this Office affirmatively extends the same opportunity to opponents. Candidates and campaigns are encouraged to request registration services early, and this Office will make reasonable efforts to accommodate scheduling for all requesting candidates or campaigns in a given race. The Office will use neutral scheduling criteria (e.g., date of request, staffing availability, geographic proximity) to allocate limited resources and may offer alternative dates or locations where conflicts exist. If multiple candidates request the same event time, the Office may prioritize larger public events or when feasible rotate attendance.

4. How to Request Voter Registration and Education Services

Voter registration and education services may be requested by contacting [phone/email]. Please provide the event name, date, time, location, and expected audience. Requests are accommodated based only on logistics (staffing, timing, venue access) – never on the political affiliation or identity of the requestor.

5. Reservation of Discretion

This Office reserves the right to decline any request for events that compromise our obligation to provide voter registration and education services on a non-partisan basis such as where the format or venue would not allow registration and education services to be reasonably separated from campaign advocacy or fundraising. Examples of such events include:

- Events where all attendees must purchase tickets to fund a campaign;
- Events where the Office cannot maintain the minimum physical or audible separation described in Section 5A despite reasonable efforts;
- Events requiring the Office to appear on-stage, share branding, or be listed as a sponsor;

- Events lacking adequate table space or safe public access.

This policy is applied consistently to support this Office's obligations under Florida law, including § 104.31, Fla. Stat. (limiting the use of official authority to influence elections), and this Office's broader duty of impartiality in the administration of elections. Questions about this policy may be directed to [phone/email].