

POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the Board shall not use District funds, services, supplies, or equipment to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including, but not limited to, any candidate for election to the Governing Board.

Members of the Board may not solicit or receive political funds or contributions to promote the support or defeat of a ballot measure that would affect the rate of pay, hours of work, retirement, civil service, or other working conditions of officers or employees of the District during working hours. However, such activities are permitted during non-working time. "Non-working time" is defined as time outside an employees' working hours whether before or after the work day or during the employees' lunch period or other breaks during the day.

If invited by District employees, employee organizations, or student organizations, Board members are free to address groups on campus provided the following conditions are met:

1. The presentation does not interfere with the educational programs or processes of the District, and
2. All candidates for a particular office are offered the same opportunity to address groups on campus, although not necessarily at the same time.

Initiative or referendum measures may be drafted on an area of legitimate interest to the District. The Board may by resolution express the Board's position on ballot measures. Public resources may be used only for informational efforts regarding the possible effects of District bond issues or other ballot measures.

Reference:

*Education Code Sections 7054, 7054.1, and 7056
Government Code Section 8314*

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