



ROLANDO
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Community Council

Rolando Park Community Council Policy on Political Campaign Activity

The Rolando Park Community Council (RPCC) is a designated 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization with tax-free exempt status. Nonprofit organizations are prohibited from engaging in “political campaign activity” defined as “supporting or opposing a candidate for public office.” If a nonprofit organization does engage in such activity, IRS regulations mandate that the organization will lose its tax-exempt status.

Furthermore, an individual RPCC member cannot represent RPCC as supporting or opposing a candidate for public office.

Therefore, RPCC cannot permit a candidate for public office to talk about his or her campaign at an RPCC event. A candidate may be invited to speak at RPCC meeting if all other candidates for the same public office are also invited to speak at a candidates’ forum during an RPCC meeting or event.

Candidates may attend RPCC public meetings and may introduce themselves and offer to be available to speak with those attending the meeting outside the meeting venue and may leave campaign literature at a table at the back of the meeting for those who wish to pick it up.

The RPCC Board may schedule a candidates’ forum during a public monthly RPCC general meeting. All candidates for the particular public office will be invited to the forum. Participation is their choice.

This prohibition against political campaign activity (supporting or opposing a candidate for public office) is separate from lobbying or legislative activities which charitable organizations are permitted to engage in within the rules and limitations of IRS requirements. Charitable non-profits may engage in voter registration and voter engagement activities.