

2022. POLICY ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND BOARD RESOLUTIONS

References: California Education Code Sections 7054, 7056
Government Code Section 8314

It is the policy of the Long Beach Community College District that no District funds, services, supplies, or equipment, including District e-mail, mailboxes and/or bulletin boards, may be used 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.

Employees are prohibited from engaging in political activity during working hours. This prohibition shall not prohibit an employee from urging the support or defeat of a ballot measure or candidate during nonworking time. "Nonworking time" means time outside an employee's working hours, whether before or after the workday or during the employee's lunch period or other scheduled work breaks during the day.

The Board of Trustees will not take any position advocating or opposing a local, state, or national legislative matter, except if it should vote to do so in a case which is of direct concern to the Long Beach Community College District.

The Board of Trustees will not take any position advocating or opposing any local, state, or national ballot measure or candidate.

The Board of Trustees delegates authority to the Superintendent-President to partake in legislative actions or retain consultants to partake in legislative actions on behalf of the Long Beach Community College District. Legislative actions include but are not limited to, supporting or opposing legislative matters; and drafting, introducing, considering, or testifying on legislative matters.

Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to restrict the right of individual Trustees or employees to take and communicate positions advocating or opposing ballot measures or candidates, so long as no public funds, services, supplies or equipment are expended or utilized.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the use of public funds to provide information to the public about the possible effects of any bond issue or other ballot measure so long as: the information is authorized by the Constitution or laws of the State of California and the information provided constitutes a fair and impartial presentation of the relevant facts to aid the public in reaching an informed opinion regarding the bond issue or ballot measure.

The Board of Trustees will consider resolutions for adoption which meet any one of the following criteria:

- It is required because of a federal or state law or regulation.
- It is required to meet the provisions of a tax, election, appointment, financial, or legal requirement imposed by a government agency, commission, or department.
- It is desirable for the Board of Trustees to take an official position and record on a matter which is considered to be necessary to promote and/or protect the best interest of the District.
- It is desirable for the Board of Trustees to honor a person or entity who has made a significant contribution to the District.

Adopted: August 23, 2011