



City Policies

Subject: Political Activity At Senior Centers

No. G-22.0

Approved: George K. Noe, City Manager

Date: January 4, 2007

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines concerning the admittance of political candidates and their literature in the City of Corpus Christi Senior Centers so that seniors may receive services without interference from political activity.

POLICY: Political campaigning is prohibited in Senior Centers.

PROCEDURES:

1. Candidates may visit Senior Centers, with the understanding that they are not to represent themselves as candidates while in building. Whenever possible, staff will escort the candidate while in the building.
2. Candidates may leave their literature at the Senior Centers. Staff will place the literature in the reception area, but may not pass it out or make reference to its content.
3. Gifts from candidates to the senior community services program are acceptable as long as reference to their origin is not made to the elderly or the general public.
4. Candidates may campaign outside Senior Centers, as long as they do not cause congestion or otherwise impede access by seniors to the buildings. Seniors should not be forced to listen to the candidates.
5. City employees at Senior Centers are prohibited from making any statements to the seniors concerning any candidate's election or platform.
6. City employees at Senior Centers shall notify their supervisors whenever a candidate visits a senior center and report the types of questions made to employees.
7. Use good judgment when dealing with the candidates. Questions or requests for guidance should be referred to Elsa Munoz telephone 826-3145 or Henry Lara telephone 826-3472.