

Political Campaigns and Elections

ONI STANDARDS (2005)

Section III.C.7. Positions on electoral issues

Neighborhood Associations shall not take positions in support of or opposition to any political candidate or party. They may take positions on ballot measures and referendums. *(See also IV, B, 2, a, iii: Operational Procedure, Communication. Page 14.)*"

(ONI Standards, p. 13)

Section IV.B.2.a. Communication

The following policies apply to District Coalitions and Neighborhood Association sanctioned communications including print and electronic media:

iii. Neighborhood Associations shall not take positions in support of or opposition to any political candidate or party. They may take positions on ballot measures and referendums.

iv. Neither City supplied funds nor private funds shall be used for communications in support of or in opposition to any political candidate. City supplied funds may not be used for communications in support or in opposition to ballot measures or referendum. Private funds, however, may be utilized regarding ballot measures and referendums.

IRS Restriction of Political Campaign Intervention

"Under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office."

- (From IRS website: "The Restriction of Political Campaign Intervention by Section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organizations" ("Page Last Reviewed or Updated: July 01, 2011"):
<http://www.irs.gov/charities/charitable/article/0,,id=163395,00.html>