
Policy: Political Activity Policy
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POLITICAL ACTIVITY

College employees may express their opinions and take part in campaigns as a private citizen. However, it is not permissible for College employees to use College property, vehicles, or furnishings for the display of campaign stickers, posters, pins, etc.

In some County employment, a Federal Law called The Hatch Act, sets restrictions with regard to certain political activities. Under The Hatch Act an employee may not:

1. Use your official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with, or affecting the result of an election or nomination for office;
2. Directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command or advise a State or Local officer or employee to pay, lend or contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency or person for political purposes; or
3. Be a candidate for public or political party, elective office in a partisan primary, general or special election.

The Hatch Act applies to the partisan political activity of an officer or employee of a State or Local agency if his principal employment is in connection with an activity, which is financed in whole or in part by loans made by the United States or a Federal agency.