

DRAKE UNIVERSITY POLITICAL ACTIVITY POLICY

As a tax-exempt entity, Drake University may not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. However, members of the University community are entitled to fulfill their civic responsibilities as private citizens and to participate as individuals in the political process. There are no restraints upon your personal political activity, provided you are acting as a private citizen and make every effort to indicate that you are not speaking for or representing Drake University. Except as otherwise permitted by law, you may not use University resources, time or property to endorse or oppose any candidate for public office, political party, political action committee or ballot issue.

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