

# POLITICAL ACTIVITY PROHIBITIONS

**Campaign Season is just around the corner... Did you know that the law prohibits the use of County resources for political activity?**

- If you are paid by the County, you cannot perform political activity on compensated time.
- County property and resources cannot be used for prohibited political activity at any time.
- No County official, or employee, may require you to participate in political activity.
- No employee with contract management authority shall serve on the political committee of any elected official, or candidate, for County office.

**What does this look like? While "on the clock..."**

- No elected or appointed official can solicit a political contribution.
- You may not assist at Election Day polls on behalf of a candidate or organization referendum question.
- You may not solicit votes, petition signatures, or donations on behalf of a candidate, organization, or referendum question.
- You may not prepare or distribute any campaign signs or material.

**Do you have questions? Or need to report a violation?**

- Consult Section 2-583 of the Ethics Ordinance for more detailed information.
- Contact the Board of Ethics at: (312) 603-4304 or [CookCounty.Ethics@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:CookCounty.Ethics@cookcountyil.gov).
- Penalties for violating these provisions of the Ethics Ordinance may include employment sanctions (up to discharge), fines of up to \$5,000, and criminal prosecution.
- Whistleblower Protections Apply.

