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Nonprofit Voter Resources

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The Alliance shares these and additional materials providing answers to frequently asked questions about how nonprofits, including museums, and their staff, board, and leadership can participate in advocacy and lobbying, nonpartisan election activity, and voter engagement.

Election Guidelines – What You Can and Can’t Do

This [checklist](#) by Nonprofit Vote provides additional resources and information on political activity and permitted voter engagement. Bolder Advocacy shares this [Election Checklist for 501\(c\)\(3\) Public Charities](#), to help ensure election year advocacy efforts remain nonpartisan.

While public charities are prohibited from supporting or opposing a candidate or a political party, this does not mean that they must cut off all contact with elected officials and candidates during an election year. Nonprofit Vote shares [Working with Candidates on a Nonpartisan Basis](#) and this Bolder Advocacy [Hosting Candidates at Charitable Events](#) fact sheet addresses appearances involving a single candidate. Bolder Advocacy also shares this brief on [Nonpartisan Candidate Education](#).

Nonprofit organizations may also continue to [engage in education and advocacy to promote their](#) issues during the election season, learn more about [how nonprofits can comment on candidates and campaigns](#) during an election year.

While 501(c)(3) organizations are prohibited from supporting or opposing candidates for public office (“campaign intervention”), this prohibition does not apply to the activities of 501(c)(3) board members when they are acting in their individual capacity. Learn more about what board members can and cannot do in Bolder Advocacy’s [Board Members and Election-Year Activities](#). This [brief](#) by Nonprofit Vote provides succinct questions and answers about nonprofit staff members’ personal participation in political activities.

Voter Engagement Resources

Nonprofit VOTE’s [online guide](#) helps nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations interested in encouraging voting and voter participation among their staff, board, clients, constituents, and communities. It provides in-depth coverage on issues ranging from candidate forums to voter education and issue advocacy, [social media guidelines](#), and much more.

On our [Voter Information](#) page you can use your address to confirm who represents you, access voter registration forms and election deadlines. On Nonprofit Vote’s [Voting in Your State](#) page you can access links to find your polling place, check your voter registration, and find state and local elections offices.

Linked resources are provided for informational purposes only and do not serve as formal legal advice. It is always recommended to consult your own legal counsel with specific questions about you or your museum’s activities.