



LAS VEGAS HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

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Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club Political Activity and Representation Policy (November 3, 2020; Updated November 2, 2021)

1. Reference. The Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club (LVHCC) is a 501(c)(4) entity as designated by the Internal Revenue Service in July 1989. Accordingly,

- Organizations described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 501(c)(4) may engage in an unlimited amount of lobbying, provided that the lobbying is related to the organization's exempt purpose
- IRC 501(c)(4) organizations may engage in political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office provided that such intervention does not constitute the organization's primary activity
- IRC 501(c) organizations may generally make expenditures for political campaign activities if such activities (and other activities not furthering its exempt purposes) do not constitute the organization's primary activity
- Political activity is not the primary purpose of the LVHCC but such activity can assist in impetus to the Purposes and Objectives of our organization (LVHCC Bylaws Article II)

2. LVHCC will remain non-partisan in its approach to political rallies, support to political candidates, and members running for political office will follow certain constraints.

- LVHCC cannot be seen as backing or fully supporting one candidate in any local, city, state, or federal election over another unless related lobbying, campaigns, or expenditures of funds achieve the Purpose and Goals of this organization and have full Membership support as defined below. To do so would be an ethical and tax code violation and fall under the conduct of partisan politics
- LVHCC can provide information to the Membership related to candidates of political parties and even host candidates during various events to provide information to members
- LVHCC can provide Letters of Support, which become matters of public record, as long as the current Pelekekina discusses the intent to support with the Mainland Council Pelekekina AND the Letter requestor provides suitable input related to Native Hawaiian issues they intend to support

3. Intent: this policy is established to ensure civil and political rights of individual members are maintained within LVHCC and, with greater understanding, that LVHCC seeks collective support for its goals and purposes.

POLITICAL CANDIDATES

a. Information on political events and candidate discussion forums may be announced during LVHCC meetings, LVHCC hosted events, on LVHCC social media sites, via the Club's website, and/or recurring emailed notices.

b. LVHCC may invite candidates from differing political parties to present their platforms at General Membership Meetings (GMM) and LVHCC hosted events with oversight by the Pelekikena assuring that the presence of the candidate(s) is in alliance with the goals and purposes of the LVHCC.

c. LVHCC may endorse or protest a political candidate running for Federal, State, County, City, Agency, or Organization should the purpose of the candidate promote or be in conflict with the goals and purposes of LVHCC. Such endorsement or protest must have a unanimous vote at the LVHCC GMM prior to any endorsement or protest. Such endorsement or protest also covers a candidate being appointed to a position.

POLITICAL FORUMS AND TESTIMONY:

a. LVHCC may host, participate or endorse political forums for Federal, State, County, City, Agency, or Organization should the purpose of the forum promote or serve interest in the goals and purposes of LVHCC. An endorsement or protest of the forum must have a unanimous vote at the LVHCC GMM.

b. LVHCC may afford testimony at to Federal, State, County, City, Agency, or Organization levels should the purpose of the testimony promote or serve interest with the goals and purposes of LVHCC. LVHCC members providing testimony must seek a majority vote of support at the GMM. If time is essential (i.e., the GMM occurs after the event) the Board of Directors are to be notified and a require 2/3rd vote of support for the request. Subsequent to the testimony the individual(s) giving testimony will provide a report at the next occurring GMM.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS:

a. Members attending political events do so as regular members of the community. The wearing or display of LVHCC identity items brings the presence of LVHCC to the public's eye, shows solidarity, and gets candidates to acknowledge the Club's presence and issues.

b. It is with this that the Membership of the LVHCC has oversight as to the importance and purpose of LVHCC exposure. Therefore, the Pelekikena, Officer(s), Board of Director(s), or member(s) requesting to wear or display LVHCC identity items to support or protest candidates; promote, support, or protest issues; or attempt to represent LVHCC at non-regular occurring LVHCC events, must first seek prior permission from a unanimous vote at a GMM prior to the requested effort. If the GMM occurs after the event, the Board of Directors via a unanimous vote will approve the effort and immediately report the occurrence to the General Membership as a point of information at the next occurring GMM.

c. If the vote is negative those requesting to wear or display LVHCC identity items or represent LVHCC in any way to support candidates, promote or support issues, or attempt to represent LVHCC at non-regular occurring LVHCC events will acknowledge they are not to represent LVHCC in any way. Also, the Board will immediately report the negative vote occurrence to the General Membership as a point of information.

d. LVHCC members will not coerce other LVHCC members to attend, nor will they discourage LVHCC members from attending, political events, testimony, rallies, or other related political activities nor will they solicit political contributions on the part of the Club—the Club does not conduct fund raising for any political candidates or causes nor does the Club block anyone from civic or political events.

MEMBERS AS CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:

a. LVHCC members running for political office will not use LVHCC as a basis for their candidacy. Unless endorsed by the Membership of the LVHCC, LVHCC members running for political office will not wear LVHCC shirts, use the LVHCC logo in advertisements or literature, or use LVHCC property or LVHCC resources to further their campaign.

b. LVHCC members running for office may seek endorsement by the LVHCC and such endorsement must have a unanimous vote at a GMM. The member will adhere to the Conduct of Members section above.

c. Any LVHCC member wishing to support another LVHCC member running for political office as a member of that campaign must do so on their own.

d. A LVHCC member running for non-partisan public office may inform voters of their status and achievements as a member of LVHCC. The member may not, however, use their status as an LVHCC member, or position on the LVHCC Board of Directors, when signing campaign communications and/or solicitations or identifying themselves on campaign signs. This would create the impression that they are running in their official capacity with the authority of LVHCC behind them.

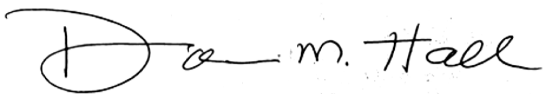
e. Moreover, LVHCC members running for office may not use their title and/or position when endorsing other candidates or political parties.

VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY

a. A member of LVHCC who violates this policy will become the action of the Board of Directors to review. If a review finds intentional violation, they will have their Membership immediately revoked with no refund of any dues paid. Documentation of the infraction by the member and the Board of Directors' judgment will be read into, and recorded, in the next occurring GMM's minutes.

b. Continued violation of this policy is cause for barring future admission to the Club.

4. The LVHCC Executive Board will annually review this policy.



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