University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus
Housing & Residential Life Political Solicitation Policy

Political solicitation may take place in residential facilities under specific guidelines. Any individual or group *not* following these guidelines is in violation of residence life regulations. Non-resident offenders should be asked to remedy their actions and leave the premises. If the parties involved refuse to leave, UMPD will be called for assistance. A resident found in violation of solicitation guidelines will be subject to discipline.

Political solicitation is usually conducted during the months of September through November in advance of a general election date, but it may happen at other times based on the timing of primary or special elections. Because residents may register to vote in the precincts where their residential buildings are located, candidates for elected office seeking to represent the precincts often seek to campaign in the residence halls and apartments. The University of Minnesota and Housing & Residential Life encourage all student residents to become politically informed and involved in the electoral process.

Minnesota law (Minn. Stat. § 211B.20) allows residential communities to establish political solicitation guidelines for candidates or workers accompanied by candidates. Specified in the **state law** are the following:

1. Reasonable and proper identification is required of the candidate and campaign volunteer while in residence halls or apartments.
2. Visits by candidates and campaign volunteers accompanying the candidate for the sole purpose of campaigning may be limited to a reasonable number of person(s), reasonable hours, and prior appointments.
3. The University may deny admittance to candidates and campaign volunteers accompanying the candidate for good cause.

The University has established the following **guidelines** for the period in advance of Election Day 2026.

In Advance of Election Day Campaign Process for On-Campus Housing Facilities

1. Prior appointments will be required with the Residence Director or Business Operations Supervisor of the community at least three business days in advance of entry. This can be done by emailing central email for each residence hall/apartment. This allows our staff to provide advance notification to student staff and residents regarding candidates' visits and ensures that no more than one candidate (with accompanying campaign workers) is in a residence hall or apartment at any given time. Campaign workers may not campaign in a housing facility without the presence of the candidate.
2. Candidates and campaign workers must conform to current university public health safety standards (for the latest information, go to the Safe Campus website).
3. No more than five (5) campaign workers may accompany the candidate on any visit to a residence hall or apartment building. No media may accompany the candidate, nor can any campaign workers record in or broadcast video or audio from residential buildings, without advance consultation with the University of Minnesota's Office of University Relations.
4. Candidates and campaign workers (collectively, campaigners) on their arrival and departure must check in and out with the residential community's information desk. All campaigners will be asked to individually sign in and out and will be given a copy of this policy to review and/or take with them at the time of sign-in.
5. Campaigners must wear visible identification (including name and position for which they are campaigning) for the entire length of time they are in the residential community.
6. Campaigners must furnish identification to building staff when requested or halt campaigning temporarily, if asked, while staff verify their approval to be in the building or their status as signed in for campaigning.
7. Any resident may place notice on the door of their room requesting that campaigners not solicit at that door or disturb them. All campaigners must abide by the notice.
8. Campaigners may distribute campaign literature supporting any candidate or campaign issue by handing it to residents or placing it under residents' room doors, unless a resident has placed a notice on the door of their room requesting not to be disturbed. Campaigners may not post flyers or any campaign literature on residents' doors.
9. Reasonable hours for campaigning are determined to be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

10. Residential dining halls may not be used for campaign purposes.
11. Residential post office boxes may not be used for campaign literature unless that literature arrives via U.S. Mail.
12. At no time may campaigners affix banners, posters, or flyers to the residential facility promoting their candidate or initiative.

On Election Day Campaign Process for On-Campus Housing Facilities

Housing & Residential Life will grant political candidates extended access to the on-campus residence halls and apartments on *primary or general election* day for campaigning purposes as outlined below. All procedures remain in place for primary or general election days (unless altered by the extended access items listed below).

1. Campaigners will be permitted access to campaign in residence halls and apartments on primary or general election days between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
2. Campaigners must schedule election day visits by noon on the day before election day, register at the hall/apartment information desk, and wear identification badges at all times while in the residence halls/apartments.
3. Campaigners will be allowed to distribute any campaign literature under resident room doors between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., unless a resident has placed a notice on the door of their room requesting not to be disturbed.

Campus Pop Up or One Day Early Voting Event Campaign Process for On-Campus Housing Facilities

Housing & Residential Life will grant political candidates extended access to the on-campus residence halls and apartments on the day of Pop Up or One Day Early Voting Events held on campus for campaigning purposes as outlined below. All procedures remain in place for primary or general election days (unless altered by the extended access items listed below).

1. Campaigners will be permitted access to campaign in residence halls and apartments on primary or general election days between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
2. Campaigners must schedule election day visits by noon on the day before the event, register at the hall/apartment information desk, and wear identification badges at all

times while in the residence halls/apartments.

3. Campaigners will be allowed to distribute any campaign literature under resident room doors between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., unless a resident has placed a notice on the door of their room requesting not to be disturbed.