



COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINES FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS

In order to ensure you do not violate state and federal election laws while volunteering please observe the following rules regarding your communications activities leading up to the 2020 election. These restrictions only apply when using COS resources, including your COS email account, your COS volunteer title, the COS mailing list, the COS Slack teams, and the COS Facebook pages. We strongly encourage you to be active in 2020 elections as a private citizen using your own resources. Find candidates who support your values and get involved with their campaigns, then encourage your friends to do the same.

DO	DON'T
<p><u>Do</u> encourage volunteers to get out and vote <i>E.g. do say "make sure to get out and vote."</i></p>	<p><u>Don't</u> tell volunteers who to vote for <i>E.g. don't say "Re-elect our sponsor Sen. Patriot."</i></p>
<p><u>Do</u> encourage general political activity in a nonpartisan manner <i>E.g. do say "make sure you get involved with candidates who support your values."</i></p>	<p><u>Don't</u> encourage political activity in support of a particular candidate or party <i>E.g. don't say "make sure you vote Republican."</i></p>
<p><u>Do</u> use your personal resources to support candidates of your choosing <i>E.g. do post in support of candidates you like on your personal Facebook page.</i></p>	<p><u>Don't</u> use COS resources to support candidates or political parties <i>E.g. don't post on the COS Facebook pages or send out an email to the COS list for a particular candidate.</i></p>
<p><u>Do</u> lobby candidates to support our application <i>E.g. do ask candidates to pledge to support our application if elected.</i></p>	<p><u>Don't</u> ask people to vote for pro-COS candidates <i>E.g. don't say "get out and support candidate Patriot. He's pledged to support COS."</i></p>
<p><u>Do</u> provide neutral, nonpartisan information about all candidates running for a position <i>E.g. do say "Here's a list of the candidates in your area, check out their websites and get involved."</i></p>	<p><u>Don't</u> give special treatment to particular candidates or parties <i>E.g. don't say "Here's a link to Sen. Patriot's re-election page, check it out and get involved."</i></p>

We also have programs for candidate surveys and block walking. Contact your Regional Director for information about running these programs in your state.

Questions regarding these guidelines should be directed to COSA's attorneys at legal@cosaction.com