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Political Activity by Nonprofits

Our staff and pro bono attorneys help nonprofits understand how to:

- » Register voters
- » Interact with elected officials
- » Distinguish between permissible advocacy and prohibited political activity
- » Host a successful candidate forum
- » Use grant funds properly
- » Share mailing lists
- » Create an affiliated entity

Visit www.lawyersalliance.org/nonprofits.php to learn more about our legal services for nonprofits.



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Federal tax law restricts 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations from engaging in any partisan political activity. Nonpartisan activities are permissible, including voter education and voter registration drives; candidate forums; appearances by candidates when they are speaking or participating as a non-candidate; and issue-related advocacy that focuses on a nonprofit's viewpoint and not specific candidates' positions.

New York Immigration Coalition is an umbrella policy and advocacy organization for more than 200 groups in New York State working with immigrants and refugees. The NYC's membership includes grassroots community organizations, not-for-profit health and human services organizations, religious and academic institutions, labor unions, and legal, social, and economic justice organizations. Lawyers Alliance assisted NYC with developing a board policy to address situations in which board members run for public office, thus providing clarity and ensuring compliance with nonprofit laws and conflict-of-interest policies.

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Program Tip

An employee of a nonprofit organization may engage in political activity in his or her individual capacity. However, if the employee is a registered lobbyist in New York City, then the organization must report that individual's political consulting or fundraising work in its annual report of lobbying activities to be filed with the New York City Clerk's office.

Web Tip

Lawyers Alliance offers online registration for its trainings for nonprofits. Sign up for a fall webinar on New York State and New York City lobbying registration at www.lawyersalliance.org/workshops.php.



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