

QUICK REFERENCE ADDENDUM...
TO THE GUIDANCE FOR ACCESS TO CAMPUS FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY
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Please refer to the **Guidance for Access to Campus for Political Activity and UTRGV's Handbook of Operating Procedures** for a more complete explanation of the rules, guidance, and explanations found in this addendum.

ELECTIONEERING AT POLLING LOCATIONS ... When UTRGV is hosting a polling location, a candidate for political office may electioneer in the specially designated electioneering area(s). Otherwise, candidates are considered off-campus guest speakers and generally must gain access to UTRGV's *limited public forum* through the invitation of a registered student organization, faculty organization, staff organization, or UTRGV's student government.

- Electioneering must be conducted 100 feet from a polling location in designated spaces
- Amplified sound is prohibited within 1,000 feet of a polling location

CAMPAIGN SIGNS ... Candidates may install signs in approved electioneering locations and only while UTRGV serves as a polling location. **Signs & equipment are ALLOWED as follows:**

- Signs may be placed no earlier than 48 hours before voting begins and must be removed within 48 hours of the closing of the election voting period.
- Traditional yard signs (3' x 3' max); one canopy (12' x 12' max); and one table (8' max).
- See guidance for placement requirements and additional restrictions. Signs/equipment found in violation will be removed at the candidate's expense.
 - **NOT ALLOWED:** 4' x 8' signs; feather flags; traditional flags

EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS ... Specific areas of UTRGV's campuses have been designated as open to the public – including candidates for public office or their campaigns – to engage in expressive activities. These *designated public forums* are identified in [Appendix I of UTRGV HOP Policy ADM 02-300](#).

USE OF UTRGV'S NAME, LOGOS, OR TRADEMARKS ... UTRGV's name, logos, and trademarks are state resources, and are prohibited in any political advertisement or use, whether in film media, printed media, or in social-media posts, and also including signs, banners, flags, wraps, tents, canopies or similar items; or for another political purpose (e.g., an invitation to a political event), regardless of whether the use occurs on a UTRGV campus.

FILMING ON CAMPUS ... Photography or filming for purposes of a political advertisement may not occur on a UTRGV campus.

NO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING AT TAILGATING EVENTS ... UTRGV Athletics offers fans the opportunity to tailgate before football & baseball games; tailgating policies prohibit signs, banners, flags, wraps, tents, canopies, or similar items regarding political candidates or issues in tailgate areas and electioneering is not permitted in tailgate areas.