

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES



ALLOWED

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+ You may be referred to as "The Honorable" and as a "special guest"

FUNDRAISERS

+ You may attend and speak at a fundraiser.

GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

+ If you are the Secretary, you may use a Department car to attend a political event, if paid for in advance.

GOVERNMENT STAFF

- + Your staff may list political events on your schedule.
- + A staff person may accompany you to a political event (including trips) as a Commerce liaison to do agency work (if necessary).

TRAVEL

+ You may engage in both political and official events during a trip if costs for the political portion are paid in advance.

MEETINGS

+ Under Commerce policy, only the Secretary may hold political meetings in a Government office.

- You may not be referred to by your Government title or as a host of the event.
- You may not ask for funds.
- You may not host a fundraiser.
- You may not invite people to a fundraiser.
- You may not use a Government car to go to or from a political event (unless you are the Secretary)
- Your staff may not do advance work for a political event.
- Your staff may not draft speeches.
- You may not use official speeches for political events.
- Your staff may not do political work for you.
- You may not schedule official trips for political purposes.
- You may not travel on corporate aircraft.
- You may not hold a political meeting in an agency office (unless you are the Secretary).
- You may not invite a subordinate to a political meeting.