

**Ethics at a Glance**  
**ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**  
**AND ENGAGING IN OFFICIAL EVENTS WITH CANDIDATES**

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ vote</li> <li>+ contribute money to a campaign or party</li> <li>+ attend political rallies and fundraisers</li> <li>+ speak at a rally or fundraiser (unless a career SES)</li> <li>+ run for office in a non-partisan election</li> <li>+ run for office as an independent candidate in certain localities (including Washington, D.C. and its suburbs)</li> <li>+ participate in a referendum campaign</li> <li>+ display a political bumper sticker on a personal vehicle</li> <li>+ allow a fundraiser in your home (which you attend as a guest) (unless a career SES)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– fundraise for a candidate or political party, including by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- forwarding/retweeting a fundraising email/tweet</li> <li>- “liking” a post that promotes donating to a party or candidate</li> <li>- inviting someone to a fundraiser</li> <li>- having your name appear on an invitation to a fundraiser</li> <li>- serving on a host committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>– engage in political activities when on duty (unless a PAS)</li> <li>– use Government resources for political purposes</li> <li>– engage in political activities when on Government premises (unless a PAS)</li> <li>– use the authority of your Government position to influence an election</li> <li>– run for office in a partisan election (other than as an independent candidate in some local elections)</li> <li>– career SES only: assist a campaign or hold a position with a political party</li> </ul>

**PARTICIPATING IN OFFICIAL EVENTS AT WHICH A CANDIDATE IS PRESENT**

You may participate in an official Government event at which a candidate is present (such as a Member of Congress running for reelection) only if:

- participation serves a Government purpose/supports an agency program or policy
- the candidate’s participation is non-preferential (participation is not based on party affiliation)
- political/election matters are not discussed at the event