

Partisan Politics, UUSO Policy

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1. As a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, the UUSO is specifically prohibited from engaging in partisan politics. The organization – and its members, when they are acting as representatives of the UUSO, not as private citizens – are prohibited from specifically endorsing any candidate for public office or any political party. Further, there may be no campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any political party on UUSO property or at any UUSO function or gathering. This includes, but is not limited to, distribution of campaign materials, circulation of petitions, or fundraising on behalf of any candidate or party. There will be no written and/or spoken partisan advertising at the UUSO.
2. However, the UUSO may engage in general non-partisan political activities such as promoting voter registration, and its representatives may distribute non-partisan election material, such as that provided by the League of Women Voters. Candidate forums at which all candidates are invited are also allowed.
3. The congregation and its representatives may engage in issue advocacy through such activities as educating and mobilizing congregants and the general public, without limit.