

## CONCORD MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL -- POLITICAL POLICY

Thank you for your interest in attending the 13th annual Concord Multicultural Festival! The Festival celebrates the diversity and values of the Granite State, and we welcome all attendees who care to join us in that spirit.

We recognize that the Festival provides an opportunity for political candidates, elected officials, and advocacy groups to interact with community members to learn about the needs and values of our communities and garner support for your cause. We encourage you to attend the Festival as an attendee and to participate in all activities, enjoy some delicious food, and celebrate the many cultures of the Granite State.

The Concord Multicultural Festival does not support or endorse any individual candidate, elected official, political party, nor take a stance on political or politically-charged issues, and we ask for your cooperation in helping us maintain a nonpartisan position.

To ensure a welcoming, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all of our hosts, performers, chefs, artists, and guests, we ask that elected officials, candidates for elected office, advocacy groups, and all members of their campaign staff and volunteers adhere to the following expectations:

You are welcome to attend the festival as a private citizen and participate in all opportunities available to other attendees.

Booths are not available for distribution of campaign materials, soliciting donations, political advocacy, etc.

Distribution of campaign materials, including buttons/pins/stickers and pamphlets/flyers, is not permitted at the Festival.

You may wear a campaign button, sticker, or shirt if you wish. However, large groups of campaign staff or volunteers wearing obvious campaign materials may be asked to leave the Festival or change their attire to prevent the appearance of campaigning at the Festival.

Active campaigning (including presentations, asking for votes, collecting petition signatures, holding placards, etc.)--by candidates and advocacy groups, or by their staff or volunteers--is not permitted during the Festival.

We acknowledge that members of the public may recognize you and ask you campaign-related questions, and/or that your presence may draw a crowd interested in hearing your views. We ask that if this occurs, you take your conversation away from Festival grounds (for example, to an adjacent street or plaza, away from the main Festival).

You may not state or imply that the Festival is associated with or supportive of your campaign in any way (including social media posts, speeches, etc.).

Candidates, elected officials, advocacy groups, and individuals who are not able to follow these guidelines will be asked to leave the Festival grounds. If your campaign materials are found at the festival, your campaign may be billed for cleanup and disposal.

The Festival Committee reserves the right to decide what is in the best interest of the event and all attendees and participants.