

MCCD Office of General Counsel Administrative Regulations

2.4.8 Petition Signature Solicitation

A. This regulation shall govern access to college premises by representatives who wish to solicit signatures on petitions for the purpose of submission of a ballot proposition to voters, or nomination of a candidate for elective office, in a city-, county-, or state-wide election.

B. Each college president shall designate general hours of accessibility for solicitation and a location on college premises where all representatives on behalf of any candidate or ballot proposition may solicit signatures. The location shall be in a common area where the solicitation will not serve as an obstruction to student activities or otherwise disrupt the college environment.

C. All solicitation must take place in designated areas. Standard space may include one or two tables and chairs. Campus restrictions regarding amplification will apply. Representatives may not distribute or make available to students, employees, or college visitors any tangible item, except for informational literature about the proposed candidate or ballot initiative.

D. Representatives shall notify the designated official at each college or center of their intent to be present on college premises no fewer than three working days prior to soliciting signatures. Upon obtaining authorization, representatives shall be provided a written version of this regulation.

2.4.9 Solicitation

A. Definitions

A "solicitor" is any non-Maricopa Community Colleges-affiliated entity that would, on the premises of any Maricopa Community College or Center, purport to sell or promote any product, service, or idea, but does not include such an entity that would enter the premises for the purposes of promoting, opposing, or soliciting petition signatures in connection with any political candidate or initiative, or referendum ballot.

A "special event" is a college-sponsored event conducted on college premises for the benefit of students that is based on a particular theme, and for which the college has deemed it essential to invite the participation of solicitors whose products, services or ideas are pertinent to the special event's theme.

B. Requirements

1. A solicitor must notify the designated official at each college or center of their intent to solicit on college or center premises. A solicitor who would purport to sell any product or service is responsible for obtaining any necessary tax licenses and must submit to the designated official a certificate of commercial liability insurance and pay to the college or center, in consideration for the opportunity for solicitation, a fee in the amount of \$50 per day or \$125 per full week.

2. Campus restrictions regarding location, time, date, and use of amplification may apply. All requests for space shall be granted on a first-come, first-served basis only upon completion of the requirements contained in this regulation.

3. All solicitation must take place at tables in designated areas. Standard space will be one or two tables and chairs. Solicitors may be limited to no more than fifty (50) hours of solicitation activity per semester at each college or center.

By requesting the opportunity for solicitation on the premises of a college or center, a solicitor warrants that it may lawfully sell or promote its product, service or idea and that such activity does not violate any law, and does not violate any trademark, copyright, or similar proprietary interest. The activity of any solicitor may not violate any existing Maricopa contract.

The president of every college or center shall establish for such location restrictions governing the activities of solicitors. Such restrictions shall supplement, but shall not replace or waive, this regulation.

A college may waive the fee prescribed in this regulation for any solicitor's participation in a special event if the college determines that such participation will be of particular educational benefit to the interests of that college's students; the participation is sponsored by a club, organization, or academic division; and the participation is approved by the college's Student Life and Leadership department. A college may waive both the fee and the insurance certificate requirements prescribed in this regulation for a student purporting to sell or promote a product or service at a special event, provided that:

- a. Such product or service presents low risk of harm to a potential user;
- b. The product or service is not food or food-related and;
- c. The student is soliciting solely on his or her own behalf and not pursuant to any sales agreement, commission agreement, or similar affiliation or contractual relationship with another entity.

7. Any solicitor who violates this regulation may be deemed a trespasser on college or center premises, and therefore subject to appropriate prosecution within the discretion of the College Safety department and other responsible officials at the college or center. The Maricopa County Community College District, its colleges and centers, assume no responsibility - financial or otherwise - for the acts or omissions of any vendor whose presence on college premises pursuant to this regulation is approved by any college official.

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