

Florida Association of Counties, Inc.
Policy No. 2026-1

Subject: Officer and County Caucus Representative Campaign Guidelines

Objective: To provide advance guidance to any candidate seeking to be elected as an Officer or County Caucus Representative as to appropriate campaign activities

Guest Invitation to Executive Committee Events. Those county commissioners who have been determined to be eligible and qualified for FAC office and County Caucus Representative will receive a courtesy invitation to the Executive Committee meeting at Annual Conference along with an advanced agenda packet for that meeting. Subject to space availability, they will also be invited to attend one FAC Leadership Dinner, with the Executive Committee during Annual Conference.

Campaign Tables

- FAC will provide one campaign table at each event, in the conference space as determined by FAC staff; no campaign tables will be provided or allowed at receptions or at other events within events.
- It is allowable to provide candy at a candidate's campaign table. While donuts, cookies, cake slices, and coffee have been "given away" at campaign tables in the past, outside food is generally prohibited at FAC's conferences and events. Any food or beverages to be "given away" at campaign tables must be in accordance with hotel and/or conference space contracts and not at the expense of FAC. Candidates must coordinate with the hotel and/or conference space management to arrange and pay for any food or beverage offerings.
- Candidate provided tablecloths and table back drops are acceptable at candidate campaign tables, so long as all equipment to support and display such items is provided by the candidates and nothing is affixed to hotel/conference space walls. Campaign materials should not extend beyond the six foot candidate table space or interfere with any other candidate's materials.

No Competing Campaign Events. There should be no campaign events that are held during FAC's conferences and events and their associated events (examples: a campaign rally/lunch during a conference or a campaign rally/happy hour scheduled during an conference hospitality event).

No Logo Use. Candidates are not permitted to use the FAC or ICG logos or any conference/event branding on any campaign materials.

Endorsements Limited. The FAC Executive Committee, the FAC Board of Directors, the ICG officers (as a group) and the ICG Board of Directors do not endorse any candidate. And, individual FAC Executive Committee members do not endorse any candidate.

Signage and Other Campaign Materials

- No signs, posters, or other materials may be affixed on any walls, floors or permanent structures in hotels or conference/event space.
- Candidates can have signs/posters on easels or other sign stands. All signage, signage support, and signage display must be provided by the candidate and at the candidate's expense. Candidate signs may be placed throughout FAC's designated conference/event space but should not block any conference, event, hotel, emergency or other candidate signage.
- Campaign (paper) materials are allowed to be placed on chairs/tables in committee meetings and workshops during FAC's conferences and events. Any such materials are to be in place prior to the start of any meetings or workshops. Candidates must also remove any handouts or materials that may end up appearing more as litter than resource. Hotel staff often refresh rooms between meetings and any remaining campaign materials will be discarded.
- Any campaign activity that involves audio is only permitted at the campaign table and only when the candidate coordinates with the event space management to obtain any power drops necessary, at the candidate's full expense, and only if the audio is maintained at respectful levels and is muted during any programming that may be occurring within range of the audio's volume.

Database Lists

- Upon request, each candidate can receive one Excel database list of all county commissioners, their county office phone numbers, their physical county addresses, and their county email addresses.
- Two weeks prior to each FAC conference and/or event, each candidate will receive an Excel database list of all registrants for that conference/event. The data will include name, county, email, and physical address information for each registrant. For the Annual Conference, each candidate will also be given the same Excel database information approximately 36 hours prior to the first official event of the Annual Conference.
- Upon request, each candidate may receive one Excel database list of all registrants for the year's prior Annual Conference to include name, county, email, and physical address.
- When FAC data is requested by any candidate, the data is shared with all candidates.

Candidate Speeches. No campaign speaking opportunities are provided at FAC conferences/events for candidates, except at the Annual Meeting for Officer candidates. For County Caucus Representatives, no campaign speaking opportunities will be provided at FAC

conferences/events, except at the County Caucus meetings in odd years when the Representatives are elected. There, two minutes is allotted for each candidate. Candidates will be recognized, by the President, at the FAC Board of Directors meeting during Annual Conference. However, candidates who have speaking obligations as a part of other duties and/or responsibilities they have during FAC conferences and events may continue to perform those roles (e.g., chair committee meetings, moderate a workshop panel, participate in discussions during Board and committee meetings and workshops).

Further Questions. Any questions not addressed by the guidelines provided in this policy should be addressed to the FAC Executive Director, who will notify the Executive Committee of the question and solicit an answer. The question and answer will be provided back to all of the candidates in writing.

Executive Committee Authority. Any campaign activities not addressed by this policy will be reported to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee is hereby provided with the authority to provide guidance, consistent with this policy.

Reservation of Authority. The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify, amend, or abolish this policy by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board or at any special meeting of the Board called for this purpose.

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As approved by the Board of Directors this 24th day of June, 2026.

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