

## Permitted Political Activity For Political Appointees Confirmed by the Senate (PAS Officials)

- ✓ May engage in political activity while on duty\*
- ✓ May engage in political activity in a Government office\*
- ✓ May use Government vehicles for political activities\*
- ✓ May be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections
- ✓ May register and vote as they choose
- ✓ May assist in voter registration drives
- ✓ May express opinions about candidates and issues
- ✓ May contribute money to political organizations
- ✓ May attend political fundraising functions
- ✓ May attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
- ✓ May join and be an active member of a political party or club
- ✓ May sign nominating petitions
- ✓ May campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, and municipal ordinances
- ✓ May campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- ✓ May make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
- ✓ May distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
- ✓ May hold office in political clubs or parties including serving as a delegate to a convention

\*Only PAS Officials may participate in these activities and only when the costs associated with the political activity are not paid for by money derived from the Treasury of the United States. For additional questions, contact the Departmental Ethics Office at (202) 208-7960.

## Prohibited Political Activity For Political Appointees Confirmed by the Senate (PAS Officials)

- ✘ May not be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- ✘ May not wear or display political buttons while on duty or in a Government building
- ✘ May not knowingly solicit, accept, or receive political contributions
- ✘ May not knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business before the Department of the Interior
- ✘ May not be paid for service to or employed by a campaign or political committee (but may accept reimbursement for travel under limited circumstances)
- ✘ May not knowingly solicit or accept contributions of service or money from other employees

\*Political activity is any activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate or partisan political office, or partisan political group

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