Permitted Political Activity For Non-Career SES and Schedule C Employees

✔ 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 hold office in political clubs or parties including serving as a delegate to a convention
✔ 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

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Prohibited Political Activity For Non-Career SES and Schedule C Employees

✗ May not use official authority or influence to interfere with an election
✗ 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 candidates for public office in partisan elections
✗ May not wear or display political buttons while on duty or in a Government building
✗ May not engage in political activity while on duty*
✗ May not engage in political activity in any Government office*
✗ May not engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform*
✗ May not engage in political activity while using a Government vehicle*

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

*Only PAS Officials may participate in these activities.

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