

# Leisure Village® West Association

AT MANCHESTER, NEW JERSEY

## POLICY CONCERNING PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN LEISURE VILLAGE WEST

**WHEREAS**, Leisure Village West is a private, gated, residential, 55+ community, wherein access to the Community is not available to the general public; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the same time, the Trustees recognize that an informed citizenry is an enlightened citizenry, with neither the Village nor its residents existing in a vacuum, isolated from the events or conditions surrounding them; and,

**WHEREAS**, the security and tranquility of the Community are deemed enhanced by the establishment and enforcement of regulations designed to recognize and address the time, place, and manner for the use of the common facilities for political activities within the Village and,

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees of Leisure Village West Association have the obligation to establish policy and appropriate rules and regulations regarding the use of the common facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the express intention of the Association to protect the Constitutional rights of residents of Leisure Village West to disseminate information about partisan political issues, elections, and candidates and,

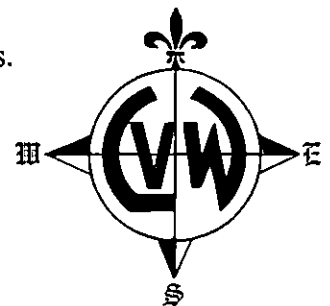
**WHEREAS**, it is the further intention of the Association to establish and maintain a balanced and objective approach to the usage of the common facilities,

**IT IS NOW. THEREFORE**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, declared to be the policy of Leisure Village West Association, as to the use of the common facilities, that:

1. The following are considered to be **partisan political activities** that promote the general welfare:

- a) Collecting signatures for petitions for candidacy for public office
- b) Discussions, debates, or presentations regarding partisan issues, wherein two or more sides to an issue have emerged
- c) Presentations by candidates for election or re-election to public office

2. **Collecting signatures for all petitions** can be conducted in common facilities by residents or Trustee-authorized organizations who have obtained written approval from the Association. Such activities can take place for no more than seven consecutive days.



3. The Association or a Trustee-authorized club or group, within the guidelines established by their bylaws and those of this policy, may sponsor **discussions, forums, debates, and presentations** regarding partisan issues where two or more sides emerge or regarding candidates for public office. **NO FUNDRAISING may take place** at these events.

a) If the event is club/group-hosted, the Recreation Director's permission must be requested at least six weeks before the scheduled event. The request must include all event particulars (facilities to be used, subject, participants, date, time, etc.). The Recreation Director will notify the Board of Trustees of approval or rejection of the request for its confirmation and will reply to the requesting club or group within two weeks of the request with approval or rejection.

b) All Leisure Village West residents are allowed to attend these events. Non-residents cannot attend.

c) Whether trustee—hosted or club/group-hosted, invitations to participate must be tendered in writing to proponents of each side of the issue or to each candidate, with copies to the Board of Trustees.

d) Invitations to participate must include dates, the specific format to be used, the time involved, limitations, etc. The Recreation Department must approve all scheduled dates and times.


e) If one side of the issue or election declines to appear before the event's actual scheduling and publicizing, the sponsor is responsible for securing another equally qualified representative; otherwise, the event will not be authorized.

f) If the parties agree to appear, the event is scheduled and publicized, and one or more of the representatives withdraw from participation, the event may be conducted as scheduled at the discretion of the sponsoring organization. The Board of Trustees must be notified as soon as the change occurs.

4. The Trustees must approve the use of the LVW media to publicize the event.

5. Event organizers may request that KLVW record and rebroadcast the event. Such approval may hinge on factors such as other TV scheduling and TV personnel and equipment availability.

6. Nothing in this policy statement is to be construed as limiting or restricting residents' rights.

  
Joyce Carmody, Board Secretary

Board Approved: March 28, 1990

Amended: December 4, 2024