



Political Campaigning in PHA Hi-Rises

The Public Housing Agency of the City of Saint Paul (PHA) and the PHA Hi-Rise Resident Councils welcome candidates for public office who are seeking PHA residents' support for their candidacy.

Once properly admitted to a PHA hi-rise building, candidates and their workers may approach residents in the common areas and/or knock on residents' apartment doors for campaigning. However, residents may at any time refuse to speak with candidates and/or their workers. Please respect any resident's posted sign stating "No Soliciting", "No Political Messages" or a similar notice indicating that campaigning is not welcome.

In compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 211B.20, the PHA Board of Commissioners has adopted a policy that includes the following provisions:

- Candidates must make arrangements in advance to visit the building.
- Campaign workers must be accompanied by the candidate to be admitted to the building.
- To make arrangements for visiting the building, candidates are first asked to contact the Hi-Rise Resident Council President or another resident designated by the Resident Council.
- To get the name(s) and contact information for the current Resident Council President or designee, please contact Youa Thao, Program Coordinator, at 651-228-3205 or youa.thao@stpha.org.
- If the candidate is unable to gain access to a PHA hi-rise building after repeated attempts to contact the Resident Council representatives, then the candidate may contact the PHA's housing management staff for assistance. PHA staff will arrange a time when a staff member or a resident can admit the candidate to the building.
- As public employees, PHA staff will refrain from actively supporting a candidate for office during their work hours. PHA staff will not arrange meetings with residents for candidates, distribute their campaign literature, introduce them or speak to residents on their behalf.

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