



## ELECTIONEERING GUIDELINES FOR THE 2025 ELECTION CYCLE

Texas State University

601 University Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78666

*Texas State University is a public institution and supports the free exchange of ideas which includes freedom of speech, freedom of inquiry, and freedom of dissent. Texas State respects the right of individuals to express their social and political views through all forms of legally protected speech, press, and assembly.*

*Texas State University upholds the First Amendment to the United States' Constitution.*

*More information, visit:*

<https://studentinvolvement.txst.edu/freedomofexpression.html>

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### OVERVIEW

Freedom of speech and assembly are essential to intellectual development. As an institution of higher learning, Texas State University affirms its commitment to the free expression of ideas as embodied in the constitution of the United States of America; however, these freedoms are subject to reasonable restrictions, so they do not interfere with the University's academic mission and other essential functions.

### **Texas State University is designated as a Polling Place**

From time to time an area on the University's San Marcos campus is designated as a polling place for national, state, or local elections. The LBJ Student Center (LBJSC) is designated as a polling place for early voting and election day:

#### **LBJ Student Center**

109 Student Center Drive  
San Marcos, Texas 78666

#### **Early Voting:**

Monday, October 21, 2024 to Friday, November 1, 2024

#### **Election Day:**

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

### **UPPS No. 07.04.01 – Expressive Activities Policy**

The [University Policy and Procedures \(UPPS\) No. 07.04.01 – Expressive Activities](#)



[Policy](#) applies to signs and electioneering near polling places during early voting periods and on election days.

### **Designated Places for Signs and Outdoor Spaces for Electioneering**

The Department of Student Involvement & Engagement (SI&E) designates one or more places near the polling place where persons may place signs for or against any candidate, measure, and/or political party.

- As provided in state law ([Election Code § 62.013](#)), these signs must be at least 100 feet from the outside door through which a voter may enter a building in which a polling place is located.
- The designated areas will be large enough to accommodate a reasonable number of signs.
- To accommodate all signs, the SI&E may limit the number of signs that may be placed in the designated areas by a candidate or by the proponents or opponents of a measure being voted on at the polling place.
- SI&E has designated the LBJ Student Center Mall, LBJ Student Center Bus Loop, Quad Area, Bobcat Trail, and Encino Hall as the locations for signs at the LBJ Student Center polling place.
- The persons who place these signs may begin placing signs beginning Sunday, October 20, 2024 and must remove them on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 immediately after the election has ended.

To obtain a list of designated places and spaces at TXST, visit:

<https://studentinvolvement.txst.edu/freedomofexpression/electioneering.html>.

### **No electioneering within 100 feet of an outside door of polling place during Early Voting and Election Day**

- During the time a polling place on campus is open for voting, a person may not electioneer for or against any candidate, measure, or political party within 100 feet of an outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which an early voting polling place is located.
- Individuals cannot advertise either by signs, personal belongings, or hold political meetings in the LBJ Student Center during early voting days ([Election Code § 85.036](#)).
- Be aware that individuals who do not adhere to the election guidelines will be asked to leave the premises.



## **Electioneering Registration Form**

To electioneer on Texas State University's campuses, SI&E **highly encourages** persons or groups to fill out the Electioneering Registration Form. This form is not required.

The completion and submission of this form ensures the following:

- Guaranteeing a designated space as per the Electioneering Request Form.
- Maintaining security, health, and safety for person and property on campus.
- Preserving an academic atmosphere. Classes meeting in their setting should not be disrupted, quiet is necessary in areas assigned for study, social, recreational, and developmental programs and other university activities should not be disrupted.
- Controlling pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so that free movement and free entry and exit from university facilities are permitted.

To access and complete the Electioneering Registration Form, visit:

<https://studentinvolvement.txst.edu/freedomofexpression/electioneering/registration-form.html>

### **Candidates may not:**

- (1) disrupt classes or other university activities;
- (2) violate state law or any university policies, including those identified in [UPPS No. 07.04.01 – Expressive Activities](#);
- (3) post signs or electioneer inside university buildings; or
- (4) post messages on campus electronic message boards.

### **Contact, Questions, or Concerns**

For questions or concerns about the guidelines, contact:

#### **Student Involvement & Engagement**

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