

## Other government policies

### **San Francisco**

SFGovTV shall be guided by the following policies:

b. NON-POLITICAL: The channel is not intended as a mechanism for building support for a particular ballot issue or candidate for public office. This provision does not preclude the cablecasting of non-partisan programs sponsored by a neutral third party designed to inform the citizens of election issues and candidates.

Declared candidates for any elective office and persons advocating any cause, viewpoint, or proposed policy of a partisan nature will not be eligible to appear on the channel 130 days prior to an election or unless they appear in a forum in which all candidates or sides of an issues are given equal time.

For purposes of policy, a person is considered to be a candidate from the time of announcing publicly for any public office (according to CCSF candidate filing rules) until the election has been held.

This policy does not apply to persons who receive incidental air time as part of a public meeting being cablecast on the channel, nor to officials acting as part of their regular duties when such actions do not involve partisan policies.

### **Las Vegas**

C. The channel is not to be used as a campaign tool. KCLV may, however, provide objective information about election procedures, ballot instructions, polling locations, present candidate forums or issue debates. Campaign laws governing elected-official activities shall be followed with respect to appearing on the City's channel; for example, current-term elected officials may receive coverage only to the extent that such coverage is coincident with the performance of their official duties as an elected official. Once a current-term elected official files for reelection with the City Clerk's office, he/she will no longer appear on Town Hall or Access City Council. Both of these productions feature the Mayor or Council members in an interview setting. The Mayor and Council may appear in other City programming consistent with the normal execution of their offices. Outside candidates who have announced and/or qualified for election to any elective office shall not have a presumed right to use the channel to make individual campaign statements.

### **Pierce County**

#### Political Campaigns and Election Coverage

4.1 Campaign and election coverage may include forums, debates, discussions, interviews and analysis covering local ballot measures and candidates for local offices. Generally, forums and debates shall be conducted by a responsible, third party approved by the RCC/PCTV.

However, RCC/PCTV may also elect to produce public affairs programming covering campaigns and elections.

Political campaign announcements or advertisements will not be aired. No person or group may advocate, for or against, any candidate or any ballot measure on RCC designated channels, except when

participating, by invitation, in programming specifically designed to provide voters with campaign information. All such programming will present balanced information from competing viewpoints.

4.2 RCC designated channel(s) may not be used for the promotion or presentation of any political candidate. Candidates for elective office will not be permitted to make personal statements over these channel(s) during the bona fide campaign period.

Candidates may appear and speak as an invited participant of a candidate forum, debate, discussion or other public affairs program. Candidates may appear during the execution of their regularly scheduled elected duties, provided there is an absence of campaigning.

For the purposes of this policy, a person is considered a candidate from the time of public announcement through the election.

4.3 RCC designated channels are exempt from FCC equal time requirements. Opposing candidates will not be provided equal time for coverage provided incumbents when performing the scheduled and routine duties of their position including participation at regular and special council meetings, committee or commission appointed duties and bona fide news events.