



# Friendship is Essential to the Soul

## OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED

### Campaign Permitted and Not Permitted Activities

#### Permitted Activities:

##### **Sponsor an appearance by a candidate or public official**

- Don't indicate any support or opposition
- Give other candidates the opportunity to appear
- Be sure the appearance doesn't turn into a campaign stop or fundraiser for that person

##### **Hold a debate among candidates**

- Must invite all the candidates, regardless of party
- Have an independent panel prepare the questions, covering a broad range of topics.
- Provide every candidate with an equal opportunity to speak
- Moderator should state views expressed **DO NOT** represent the views of the fraternity.

##### **Advocate a political issue without intervening in a campaign**

- Can go so far as to try to sway the candidates to your way of thinking and encourage them to take a public stand

##### **Permitted to wear symbols during voter registration and other nonpartisan activities**

##### **Permitted to attend press conferences or other activities with partners that are nonpartisan and aligned with fraternity social justice initiatives**

Symbols can be worn at rallies and other social action activities that align with fraternity social justice mission

**\*\*\*Members must always use good judgment in this space**

#### Not-Permitted Activities

##### **Supporting a candidate or party for election - Chapter**

- Can't get behind or oppose a declared candidate or third-party movement, engage in efforts to draft someone to run for office, or do advance exploratory work for electing a candidate or party

##### **Contributing to a political campaign or endorse a candidate - Chapter**

- This includes indirect support, such as volunteering to make calls on behalf of a candidate as well as direct financial support

##### **Providing any form of monetary or in-kind support - Chapter**

- Barred from donating funds directly or indirectly to a candidate or party, they can't use another event to raise funds

##### **Requesting support for OPPF, Chapter, or the charitable mission of either - Chapter**

- Not from a candidate, political party or other political organization in exchange for endorsement.

##### **Distributing any materials encouraging recipients to vote one way or another. This includes any website or social media communications – Chapter/Brother**

##### **Wearing paraphernalia to campaign events, fundraisers or other partisan activities. – Chapter/Brother**

##### **Posting pictures with themselves wearing fraternity symbols with candidate(s) – Chapter/Brother**

**Speaking on behalf of the fraternity (please refer inquires to IHQ)**

