

NONPROFIT ADVOCACY

DO & DON'T

Board and staff of nonprofit organizations that address affordable housing and homelessness are some of our best experts on topics of relevance to decision makers. Sharing data, personal experience, and expertise is welcome, lawful, and necessary.

This flyer is not legal advice. Consult an attorney or other legal advisor for information specific to your situation.

DON'T	Endorse or raise funds for a specific candidate or office.
DO	Encourage voter registration.
DON'T	Endorse or raise funds for a political party.
DO	Encourage civic participation, such as voting or using the Request to Speak Program.
DON'T	Make campaign contributions, either cash or in kind.
DO	Engage with legislators, through meetings and site visits, to share key information.
DON'T	Use federal grant or contract funds in efforts to influence elected officials on specific issues.
DO	Publically endorse or oppose specific legislation, and be clear about whether you are speaking for yourself or your organization.
DON'T	Post partisan messages on social media.
DO	Speak up on issues of importance to your organization and its work in our communities.
DON'T	Connect organizations' criticism of public officials or a specific issue with voting in an election.