



Democratic Party of Hawai'i Ethics Policy

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Ethics is the set of principles and applications of principles to ensure fairness. Ethical behavior is based on obligations

Officers in the Party have obligations to their constituent Party members. We have an obligation to avoid using our office for personal financial gain. We have an obligation to be fair in our treatment of fellow Democrats as we should put Party interest before our own political interest. The Party recognizes the following best practices.

PARTY OFFICE

Party Chair and Vice Chair should be fair and neutral in any Democratic primary race.

For non partisan races according to the Rules, the Party is obligated to support a Democratic Party member who asks for Party support over a non-Democrat or a Democrat who does not ask for Party support.

PPP

Neither co-chairs of the PPP may serve as the State Chairperson, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, state coordinator or volunteer coordinator on any presidential campaign committees whether paid or volunteer. All presidential campaigns should have equal access to information. Where there is no local designated representative, the Party should still reach out to campaigns.

Representatives of campaigns should be allowed to have poll watchers at each site to observe and answer questions but they should wear poll watcher badge. No campaigning inside sites.

Wearing a t-shirt is not campaigning. PPP should make boundaries for sites.

PARTY HQ

Use of Party HQ by candidates – DPH HQ may not be used for any candidate activity except between the Primary and the General Election and only those candidates who were successful at the Primary Election and will appear on the General ballot with Party business/meetings taking priority.

RESOURCES

Participating in any DPH Parade units, tabling and other public events – all members of the DPH are welcome and encouraged to participate (walk/ride) in DPH parade units, and volunteer at DPH outreach events. No participant/volunteer is allowed to wear any candidate t-shirts, buttons, hats or other campaign items. The only exception is between the Primary and the General Election and only those candidates that were successful at Primary election and will appear on the General ballot their candidate swag/materials can be worn or displayed at these DPH activities.