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Advisory Opinion No.	Date Issued	Brief Description	Key Words
			Citations
<u>Advisory Alert:</u> Guidelines for City Employees Regarding Off-Duty Volunteering Related to the Democratic National Convention	03/28/16	Provided general guidelines to City employees regarding application of City Charter political activity restrictions to off-duty volunteering related to the 2016 Democratic National Convention. Provided examples of prohibited and permissible activity related to the volunteer opportunities offered by the Philadelphia 2016 Host Committee. The Alert instructed City employees to sign up to volunteer with the Host Committee using a specially-created “City Volunteers” portal that offered only permissible volunteer opportunities for City employees. This Advisory Alert was based upon facts provided by the Philadelphia 2016 Host Committee regarding its volunteer opportunities. These facts are detailed in a document attached to the Alert.	POLITICAL ACTIVITY; POLITICAL EVENT; POLITICAL CONVENTION; POLITICAL PARTY; CITY EMPLOYEES; OFF-DUTY VOLUNTEERING; SPECTATOR; DELEGATE; CAUCUS MEETINGS; CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE; FUNDRAISER/FUNDRAISE; PERMITTED ACTIVITIES; PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES Board Reg. 8
<u>Advisory Alert:</u> Guidelines for City Council Staff Regarding Political Activity Restrictions and the Democratic National Convention	03/24/16	Provided general guidelines to City Council staff members regarding political activity restrictions and the 2016 Democratic National Convention. The political activity restrictions for employees of City Council are different from the restrictions that apply to other City employees. City Council staff could select the “General Volunteers” category during the Host Committee volunteer registration process on the Host Committee website. City Council staff are not permitted to: (1) solicit contributions for a political committee, a candidate, a political party, or a partisan political group; (2) use City resources while engaging in political activity; (3) engage in political activity while on duty, in City Hall, or in any other City-owned or leased	POLITICAL ACTIVITY; CITY COUNCIL STAFF; POLITICAL EVENT; POLITICAL CONVENTION; POLITICAL PARTY; OFF-DUTY VOLUNTEER; DELEGATE; CAUCUS MEETINGS; FUNDRAISER/FUNDRAISE; Board Reg. 8

		building, property, or office space; (4) display stickers promoting a political party or candidate in City workplaces; or (5) request or suggest that a subordinate engage in political activity.	
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