

Quick Reference Guide: Temporary Assignments for the 2026 Primary Election

This guide is a basic outline of how the City's political activity rules apply to Executive Branch officers & employees on temporary assignment to the Office of the City Commissioners. For more details about the political activity rules, see ethics.pub/Reg8.

Political activity is activity to support or oppose a candidate, campaign, political party, or partisan political group.

Political activity is **prohibited** if you are...

- X On duty
- X In uniform
- X In City offices
- X Using City resources
- X Using your City title or status

Political fundraising and political management are **always prohibited**, even if you are off duty.

As an employee of the Executive Branch,* you may volunteer in a non-management role in support of a candidate for **non-local office****.

A temporary assignment to the Commissioners, however, will **restrict** your ability to volunteer for a candidate, campaign, political party, or partisan political group during certain periods.

*Except employees & officers of the Police Department

**Local offices are listed in Regulation 8, Paragraph 8.9(d).

If you accept a temporary assignment related to the May 19 Primary, you may not volunteer for a candidate, campaign, political party, or partisan political group on:

1. Any calendar day **before** May 9 on which you perform election-related duties
2. All calendar days from May 9 through May 19 **and**
3. If the assignment extends past May 19, all calendar days through the last day on which you perform election-related duties.

If you have engaged in campaign activity **on or after May 9**, you are **not eligible** for temporary assignment to perform duties related to the **May 19 Primary Election**.

^A calendar day runs from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

2026 Primary Election Campaign Activity Restriction Timeline

