Homecoming Parade Policy for Elected Public Officials

Introduction

The Homecoming Parade for Public Officials Policy outlines the guidelines for current elected public officials' participation in the FSU Homecoming Parade. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the FSU Alumni Association is absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Subsequently, the guidelines below govern the participation of elected public officials in the FSU Homecoming Parade.

Guidelines for Participation

- 1) The Parade Organizers reserves the right to bar parade entries not conforming to the rules and regulations or for refusing to follow instructions.
- 2) There is absolutely no campaigning of any kind allowed in the parade.
 - a. While campaigning does not include the appearance of an elected official, other FSU alumni who are candidates for public office, or registered third-party advertisers at the parade event in their personal capacity, those elected officials or other FSU alumni who are candidates for public office may not display signage or graphics which identifies the individual as a candidate and may not contain language that solicits votes on behalf of the individual, or otherwise advocates for or against any candidate, political party or issue.
 - b. Individuals who hold public office and may be up for reelection are eligible to participate in the parade as long as they follow the guidelines regarding campaigning as outlined in this document.
- 3) To be eligible, politicians and/or elected officials must either be a graduate of Florida State University and/or currently hold office in Tallahassee Leon County.
- 4) Participants are responsible for securing their own vehicle(s).
 - a. Vehicles may not display signage or graphics which identifies the individual as a candidate and may not contain language that solicits votes on behalf of an individual.
- 5) Participants must follow all other guidelines as outlined in the FSU Homecoming Parade Rules and Regulations.

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