



# *Departmental Memorandum*

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To: All Police  
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## **FIRST AMENDMENT, PROTECTED POLITICAL ACTIVITY, AND VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS**

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The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) is in the process of creating General Order 360.02 (First Amendment and Protected Political Activity). The contents of this memorandum are effective immediately and shall expire upon publication of GO 360.02. Please direct your questions regarding this Departmental Memorandum to the Professional Standards Unit.

### **PROTECTED POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

1. When responding to calls for service regarding political or candidate signage SPD employees should not remove political signs from public or private property.
2. Officers responding to allegations of criminal or improper activity should document observations, statements, or other information in an appropriate report.
  - a. Employees shall use their body worn cameras in accordance with General Order 525.07 (Body Worn Camera).
3. No exceptions to law or policy should be made for someone who identifies themselves as a political candidate or as someone who is operating on the behalf of a candidate.
4. Any requests for information regarding the use of police or city data in political matters should be routed to the City's Public Information Office or the SPD Public Information Office.
5. Officers should respond to trespass concerns, including politically motivated trespasses, in accordance with General Order 538.02 (Trespass Violations).
  - a. Officers shall not take actions in civil disputes.

Next, all SPD employees shall remain professional when communicating (e.g., emails, MDC to-messages, SMS, etc.) and coordinating responses to First Amendment activities and calls for service related to protected political activities and vote centers.

Any SPD employee becoming aware of a call for service related or possibly related to election activity shall notify the district sergeant and watch commander.

Officers should be familiar with the following information pertaining to electioneering, corruption of the voting process, voter intimidation, and election interference:

- California Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement Information Bulletin:  
<https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/2024-dle-11.pdf>
- Sacramento County, Voter Registration and Elections:  
<https://elections.saccounty.net/Pages/Electioneering.aspx>

The vote centers located in the City of Sacramento (see list below) have been flagged with premise histories (effective 10/28/2024 to 11/11/2024) to include the following information:

ELECTION/VOTE CENTER (10/26/2024 TO 11/05/2024, HOURS: 0800-1700 HRS, 0700-2000 HRS ON 11/05/2024). ADVISE DISTRICT SGT AND WC OF ANY CFS IN/AROUND RELATED TO VOTER ACCESS, POLLING LOCATIONS/WORKERS, POLITICAL THREATS, ETC.

2024 CITY OF SACRAMENTO VOTE CENTERS		
BEAT	LOCATION NAME	ADDRESS
1A	Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA)	7000 Truxel Rd, Ste 3
1A	Natomas Charter School	4600 Blackrock Dr
1A	North Natomas Library	4660 Via Ingolia St
1B	South Natomas Community Center	2921 Truxel Rd
2A	Greater Sacramento Urban League	3725 Marysville Blvd
2B	Robertson Community Center	3525 Norwood Ave
2C	Sacramento Public Library	1122 Del Paso Blvd
3A	California Museum	1020 O St
3A	Mirasol Village	1200 Richards Blvd
3B	CLARA Auditorium	1425 24th St
3M	Central Library	828 I St
4A	Marina Vista Community Center	240 Seavey Cir
4A	Sierra 2 Center	2791 24th St
4A	Sacramento City College	3835 Freeport Blvd
4B	Centennial United Methodist Church	5401 Freeport Blvd
4B	La Familia Mape Neighborhood Center	3301 37th Ave
4C	Belle Coolegge Community Center	5699 S Land Park Dr
4C	Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library	7335 Gloria Dr
4C	Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6	6446 Riverside Blvd
5A	Department of Human Assistance-Florin	2450 Florin Rd
5A	Sam & Bonnie Pannell Community Center	2450 Meadowview Rd
5B	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	7595 Center Pkwy
5C	Common Ground Church	8355 Arroyo Vista Dr
5C	South Sacramento Christian Center	7710 Stockton Blvd
5C	Valley Hi-North Laguna Library	7400 Imagination Pkwy
6A	Oak Park Community Center	3425 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
6B	Coloma Community Center	4623 T St
6C	George Simm Community Center	6207 Logan St
7A	The East Jay Building	5025 J St, Ste 102
7B	California State University Sacramento	3020 State University Dr
7B	Campus Commons Clubhouse	650 Commons Dr
7C	InAlliance	6950 21st Ave