

POLITICAL SIGNS POLICIES

November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election

CITY OF GLENDORA

Campaign signs may be posted or placed on private property with prior property owner's permission. Campaign signs shall not be posted or placed in any way that poses a hazard or traffic sight visibility problem to motorists, pedestrians or cyclists using the public rights-of-way or in any manner that creates a hazard. The City may remove any campaign sign that it deems to be improperly placed.

Campaign signs and billboards SHALL NOT be posted or placed on any building owned, operated, or leased by a public agency; on or within the confines of any public parks, recreation area, or other type of landscaped ground owned or operated by the City or other governmental agency; upon any flagpole or public tree; on any fence owned by a public agency; on any traffic-control sign or device; or on any telephone or utility pole.

The City may, without prior notice, remove campaign signs that are placed on public property as described above. Candidates may reclaim improperly placed signs that are removed by City crews at the City Yard, 440 S. Loraine Avenue, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted. Signs not claimed within 72 hours of removal may be destroyed. The City and its employees are not liable for any claims of damage or loss resulting from the removal, storage or disposal of improperly placed signs. Candidates may wish to visit the City Yard on a regular basis to reclaim any of their improperly placed signs that were removed by City crews. Further questions on the proper placement of campaign signs should be directed to the City Clerk at (626) 914-8210 or the Public Works Director at (626) 914-8246.

Campaign signs may be posted 60 days before the election and must be removed within five days after the election. Each candidate is held responsible by the City for the posting and removal of his/her campaign signs.

Campaign Signs 101:

- Permit not required
- Must be on private property with prior consent of the property owner
- Not allowed in the Public Right-of-Way
- Posted between September 13, 2024 - November 15, 2024
- Should not be posted or placed in any way that poses a hazard or sight visibility problem
- Should not be posted on trees, utility poles or fencing from the edge of the public right-of-way
- City may remove any campaign sign that it deems improperly placed

Examples of Improper Sign Placement Locations are:

- On fences along County flood control channels
- ♦ Nailed or otherwise attached to any public tree (street or park) or utility pole
- In any public tree well
- ♦ On medians in public streets
- On parkways (between the sidewalk and the street); generally speaking, the right-of-way on streets with no sidewalk extends ten feet from curb or end of street pavement.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

It is unlawful to post materials on Edison-owned utility poles (California Penal Code 556.1 and 591). Listed as a misdemeanor, the Penal Code states that the offense is punishable by a fine of \$500 and a maximum five-year imprisonment.

CALTRANS

The California Department of Transportation specifies State law governing campaign signs. Temporary political signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any highway or be visible within 660 feet from the edge of the right-of-way of a classified "landscaped freeway." State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized temporary political signs and bill the responsible party for their removal. Should you have any questions, contact Caltrans at (916) 654-6473 or by visiting <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda/political-signs>.

Office of the City Clerk

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March 2, 2022

Kathleen Sessman, MMC
City Clerk / Communications Director
City of Glendora
116 E. Foothill Boulevard
Glendora, CA 91741-3380

Dear Kathleen:

Since election season is on the horizon, Southern California Edison (SCE) is once again providing a reminder that it is unlawful to post materials on SCE-owned utility poles. However, this practice applies throughout the year. Please ensure all candidates are aware of this policy.

This practice violates California Penal Code 556.1 and 591, which prohibits posting political placards and leaflets, or any other information or advertisement (e.g., community events, garage sales, lost animals, etc.) on utility poles. Listed as a misdemeanor, the Penal Code states that the offense is punishable by a fine of \$500 and a maximum five-year imprisonment.

In addition, this law protects SCE crews who use the poles in their work. Nails or other fasteners used to hold signs create a safety hazard for these employees.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeannette Soriano". The signature is written in a cursive style.

JEANNETTE SORIANO
Government Relations Manager

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM



Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

As a candidate or campaign worker for either office or a ballot measure, this reminder about State law governing campaign signs should be helpful to you.

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act exempts the placing of Temporary Political Signs from normal outdoor advertising display requirements.

A Temporary Political Sign meets the following criteria:

- A. Encourages a particular vote in a schedule election.
- B. Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the schedule election and is removed within 10 days after that election.
- C. Is no larger than 32 square feet.
- D. Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign (Attached).

A completed Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to:

Division of Traffic Operations
Outdoor Advertising Program
P.O. Box 942874, MS-36
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Temporary Political Signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any highway, or be visible within 660 feet from the edge of the right-of-way of a classified "Landscaped freeway".

State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized Temporary Political Signs and bill the responsible party for their removal. We are calling these provisions to your attention to avoid possible embarrassment to you and your supporters. Please pass this information along to those assisting in your campaign.

Should you have any questions, comments or need additional information, please call (916) 654-6473.

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM



**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY
POLITICAL SIGNS**

Election Date: _____ June _____ November Other: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Office sought or Proposition Number: _____

County where sign(s) will be placed: _____

Number of signs to be placed: _____

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (Include Area Code) _____

The undersigned hereby accepts responsibility for the removal of Temporary Political Signs placed pursuant to Section 5405.3 of the Outdoor Advertising Act for the above candidate or proposition.

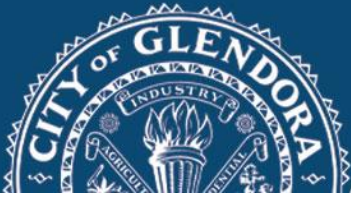
It is understood and agreed that any Temporary Political Signs placed sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the election and/or not removed within ten (10) days after the election, may be removed by the Department and the responsible party will be billed for any associated removal costs.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY

DATE

Mail Statement of Responsibility to:

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POLITICAL SIGNAGE

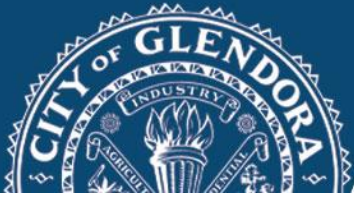
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With permission of the Property Owner



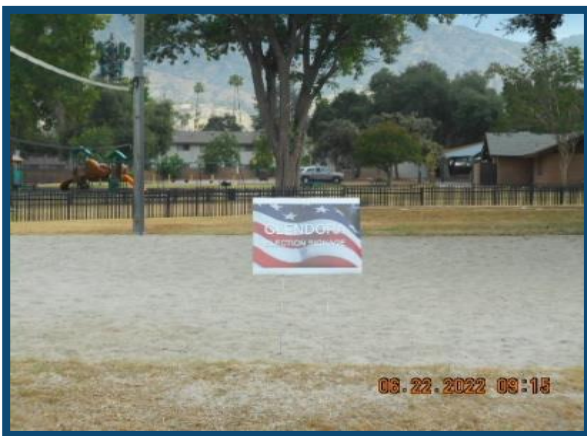
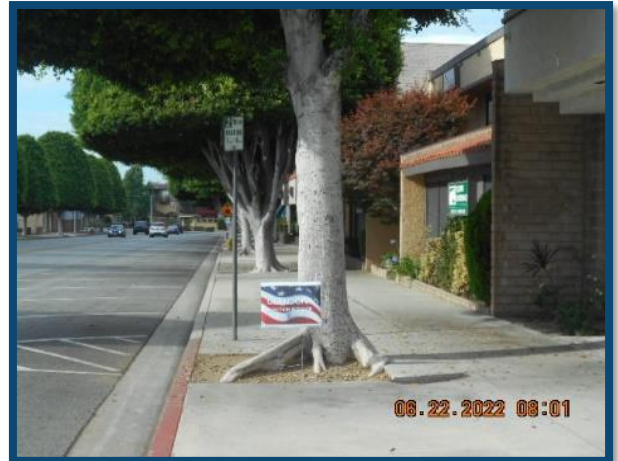
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