# Tent Policy of the Mar Vista Community Council
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1.  The purpose of the MVCC Tents at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market or other venues is to conduct community outreach by:

1.1. Disseminating - to stakeholders - information about the Council's mission, meetings, activities, and current issues.

1.2.  Interacting with, and receiving feedback from, stakeholders.

1.3.  Providing a venue for the community's public officials and service organizations to perform community outreach

2.  The following are General Rules and Standards for Tent Policy:

2.1.  Stakeholders representing the Council at a tent shall conduct themselves at all times as a professional representative of the Council and in accordance with all Council policies.

2.2.  A tent guest host or presenter shall not, in any way, represent him/herself to the public or to any public official as conveying or representing a Council policy or directive.

2.3.  When addressing topics that would generally be considered controversial within the MVCC community, both pro and con views must be presented. The Council Chair - or designee - is the arbiter of whether a topic is controversial.

3.  The following govern Political Activity at the tents

3.1.  Candidates for public office and their surrogates shall not campaign in or near the tents. This prohibition includes candidates for the Council.

3.2.  Advocacy for a public policy position, including but not limited to solicitation of signatures on a petition, is not permitted in or near the tents unless the position can reasonably be linked to a policy or mission approved by the Council. The Council Chair, or designee, is the arbiter of whether such linkage exists.

4.  The following govern Commercial Activity at the tents

4.1.  Displays and media at a tent must conform to the Council's policies regarding such media.

4.2.  A tent guest host or presenter shall not conduct sales or other commercial activity at a tent. They may collect contact information from people stopping by for later follow--up.