



Mar Vista Community Council



POL-2018-001 - Tent Policy

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1. Purpose

The purpose of the MVCC Tents at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market or other venues is to conduct community outreach by:

1. Disseminating - to stakeholders - information about the Council's mission, meetings, activities, and current issues.
2. Interacting with, and receiving feedback from, stakeholders
3. Providing a venue for the community's public officials and service organizations to perform community outreach

2. General Rules and Standards

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.

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.

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. Political Activity

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

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. Commercial Activity

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

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.