



Local Candidate Meet & Greet Guidelines

“Local candidates” refers to municipal and county offices.

Local association name

Event Date

Print name of person authorized to request local TREPAC support

Title

Phone

What is a Meet & Greet?

A meet and greet is a chance for Texas REALTORS® to interact with local officeholders or candidates. These events establish local Texas REALTORS® as stakeholders in the community and give candidates a chance to develop a relationship with local Texas REALTORS®.

Coordinating with Your Field Rep

There are strict limitations on how certain types of meet & greets can be funded, as well as potential reporting requirements to the Texas Ethics Commission. Therefore, it is very important that you involve your field rep in planning any meet and greets to help ensure the event is legally compliant.

Meet & Greets: Dos & Don'ts

- **Do** notify your TREPAC Trustee(s) and PIC member(s) of the event.
- **Do** ensure Major Investors attend by extending personal invitations.
- **Do** provide refreshments and allow public officials enough time to address the group and meet each TREPAC investor.
- **Do not** present contribution checks.
- **Do not** solicit TREPAC investments. (These should be separate events.)
- **Do not** mix state-level and local candidates.

Planning a Meet & Greet

Provide the following information to your field rep

• **Name(s) of local officeholder(s)/candidate(s) who will be attending:** _____

- **Type of event (check one)**
- TAR members only
 - TAR members + invited guests
 - Open to public

• **Purpose of event (check one)**

Campaign support* for attending candidate(s)

This option is available for TREPAC-supported candidates only

Note: Funding must come from the local association's allocation of TREPAC non-corporate dollars. Also, funding may be subject to local campaign contribution limits.

*"Campaign support" broadly refers to providing a campaign benefit to some, but not all, of the candidates running for particular office. Examples: Allowing distribution of campaign materials or requests for voter support of a candidate.

Neutral candidate forum where all candidates running for a particular office have been invited to participate

- Funding (check one)**
- Local association's budget
 - Local association's allocation of TREPAC non-corporate dollars

It is strongly recommended that you do not host a candidate forum for a race where your association has endorsed a particular candidate for the office.

Non-campaign-related* speaking opportunity for current officeholder

Next election date for the attending officeholder(s): _____

Note: Funding will come from the local association's budget. TAR staff will notify you if this event option is not available due to the proximity of the next election.

*The officeholder can only speak about the real estate industry generally and/or the officeholder's role generally.

• **Local ordinance on campaign contribution limits (check one):**

- Attached
- Non applicable

Lastly...



Have fun!!

Meeting your local officials is a fun and important way to involve REALTORS® in the political process.

Please Email form to
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