



District of Columbia Board of Elections

GUIDELINES FOR THE MEDIA

The DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) provides the following guidelines for orderly conduct during the June 16, 2026, Primary Election to protect the rights of all participants in the voting process.

GUIDELINES FOR COVERING ACTIVITY AT THE VOTE CENTER

- When you arrive at a Vote Center, contact the Site Coordinator - they are in charge of the Vote Center, and must keep a record of all visitors. Please show your media credentials to the Site Coordinator as you enter the Vote Center.
- Although you may take pictures in the Vote Center during voting hours, you may not compromise the privacy of voters' ballots. Photographs and camera footage should be taken with a wide-angle lens and should not capture the ballot or any of the voters' selections. Generally, the use of video and/or still cameras is permissible as long as such use is not disruptive and does not interfere with voting.
- DCBOE asks that you ensure that the intended subject of any proposed photograph has agreed to have their picture taken.
- Do not talk to any voter who is in the process of checking in or casting a ballot. During other times, you may converse with voters inside the Vote Center, but you may NOT:
 - Wear any campaign buttons, stickers, or insignia;
 - Hand out any campaign literature;
 - Support or discourage support of any candidate or measure on the ballot; or
 - Impede the voting process or obstruct the Vote Center staff.
- You are permitted inside the Vote Center for media coverage only. Please leave promptly once your work is complete.

GUIDELINES FOR EXIT POLLING

- Question only those individuals leaving the Vote Center.
- Be sure to tell people that responding to questions is purely voluntary.
- Do not interfere in any way with access to the Vote Center.
- Do not position yourself within a 50-foot radius of the Vote Center entrance unless you have written permission from DCBOE to be closer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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