

Subject: Rossmoor Election Media Access

Purpose: Establish a Policy Governing Use of GRF Media for Rossmoor Election Campaigns

For purposes of this Policy, a member is considered a Candidate on or after the date on which s/he is certified as such, either as set forth in GRF Procedure 103.0 governing Golden Rain Foundation Elections, or in the case of any Mutual Corporation election, as prescribed by the board or the applicable policies/procedures of such Mutual Corporation.

Any/all coverage of GRF and Mutual elections and campaigns by the Rossmoor News and/or Rossmoor TV shall be subject to the following limitations:

1. Except as provided in Section 2 below, it shall be GRF's policy not to publish or broadcast campaign materials concerning elections within Rossmoor. Therefore, images, advertisements, news stories, letters and editorials, supporting, opposing or otherwise pertaining to a Candidate in any Rossmoor election shall not be published in the Rossmoor News or broadcast on Rossmoor TV, if in the discretion of the designated senior manager, such materials are likely or intended, to influence an election within Rossmoor
2. Notwithstanding Section 1 above, images or other materials relating to a Candidate in a Rossmoor election may be published/broadcast under the following exceptions:
 - A. Official election notices, announcements, candidate statements and images of individuals upon certification as Candidates by the Golden Rain Foundation or the applicable Mutual Board of Directors in the case of Mutual elections; or
 - B. Candidates' views on issues and topics that may be relevant to the election, which exclude comments regarding opposing candidates or their positions, and which are limited to 300 words published in a separate section of the Rossmoor News each week for no more than four (4) weeks; or
 - C. Materials concerning or originated by a Candidate which arise in the ordinary course of business or the duties of such individual as a director, officer or member of any standing or ad hoc committee; or

- D. Materials concerning or originated by a Candidate which arises in the ordinary course of business and has been redacted to exclude any information concerning an election or any Candidate for election; or
 - E. Candidate forums which actually allow each Candidate to the same office, substantially equal time and access to participate.
3. Notwithstanding any of the above provisions, requests by any Mutual Corporation to impose standards/limitations on publications/broadcasts concerning its own elections that are more restrictive than the above requirements, up to and including a complete prohibition of publications/broadcasts, will be respected by GRF. Any such request must be made in writing to the designated Director of the Communications Department prior to each election and will not become effective until received and acknowledged.

This Policy is effective September 1, 2014

Authority: Policy

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