

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Shirk, it was agreed for the Lancaster County Board of Elections to approve the Policy Statement of the Lancaster County Board of Elections regarding Electioneering in the Polling Place as follows:

Topic: Shirts, buttons, hats, pins and any other electioneering paraphernalia are permitted to be worn inside the polls so as to display support of a person, political party, or referendum or retention question that is on the ballot.

Voters shall be allowed to wear tee shirts, clothing, buttons, hats, pins or other apparel with a candidate or political party's name, picture or emblem inside of the polling place provided that (i) such items do not involve sound, lights or other active displays of any kind and (ii) the voter takes no further action to influence other voters in the polling place. Apparel may also include references to referendums, retention question and other political issues.

This policy shall only apply to individuals inside of the polling place for the purpose of voting. All other individuals, including poll watchers and election officials, shall not be permitted to wear apparel, pins or other displays favoring a candidate, political party or a position as to a referendum or retention question.

This policy shall be deemed to be modified to conform with any future appellate court decision from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court or Pennsylvania Supreme Court relating to the subject matter of this policy statement.

Adopted this 8th day of October, 2008 by the Lancaster County Board of Elections in lawful session duly assembled.

Motion passed unanimously.

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