

# Guidance for clubs with regard to supporting elections:

Since the VFRW is not a Political Action Committee, PAC, our support to Federal elections is very limited compared to our support to state and local elections.

## Before any PRIMARY:

1. No candidate can be endorsed by the club or by the RW club's President
2. No RW club funds can be donated to any primary campaign or candidate
3. Primary candidates may be invited to speak, however all candidates running for a particular office must be invited and offered the same amount of time to speak (at different meetings is OK). Not everyone will accept your offer to speak, but you must honor your invitation to those who do accept.

## State and local PRIMARY elections ONLY:

RW clubs can support debates for all candidates running in the primary for an office. **Do not host event for 1 specific candidate.** They must be treated fairly with time, advertising, and questioning. This is considered a "gift in kind" and therefore cannot be done for any Federal primary.

## After the PRIMARY - State and local elections:

1. RW clubs can host fund raisers, door knockings, phone banking, and other campaign activities requiring labor.
2. You are free to donate more than \$200 to one or more candidates and limit all contributions to less than 50% of the clubs treasury for 2 years (ex: 1/1/20-12/31/2021).
3. **Allowed to operate as PAC only if there is a separate account from your RWC.**

## After the PRIMARY - Federal elections:

1. RW clubs cannot donate money
2. RW clubs cannot hold any official club activity which would donate gifts in kind or time to any Federal election
3. A member in your club can host a campaign activity for a Federal election, such as door knocking or a call bank. The member can then make an announcement at your club's meeting inviting all members to come to her event to support the Federal candidate.
4. Work with your county Republican Party since they can support Federal elections. Have a member organize something with them and invite all the members of the RW club to join her efforts with the County Republicans.