

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING

Queen's University is committed to supporting the election process. We recognize that it is important that residents have the opportunity to meet candidates for office in their area, and that candidates meet with the residents.

IN RESIDENCES

Understanding that residence environment is unique (does not fall under the RTA) the following guidelines are in place to ensure that students have the option to engage in the electoral process.

1. Door-to-door campaigning by non-residence election candidates is prohibited, including but not limited to: any campaigning or seeking of nominations on the bedroom floors.
2. Campaign posters are governed by our poster policy and centrally distributed. To submit posters for approval and further information on our guidelines, please read the [Residence Promotions Policy](#) to ensure that your materials aligns with our guidelines, and complete the [Residence Promotion Request Form](#)
 - a. Once approved, physical copies of the posters may then be delivered to the Residence Life Office in Victoria Hall, room D001 75 Bader Lane, Kingston, ON K7L 3N8. Posters are distributed on a weekly basis only.
3. Candidates and/or their canvassers may book space in lobbies at each dining hall (Jean Royce Hall, and Ban Righ or Leonard) through the [Residence Promotion Request Form](#)
4. Candidates and/or their canvassers who wish to meet residents should contact the local residence student government, the Residence Society to request the arrangement of a special speaker event. They may be reached by email: president@ressoc.queensu.ca

IN COMMUNITY HOUSING (An Clachan & John Orr Tower)

Community Housing recognizes that our West Campus properties, An Clachan and John Orr Tower, fall under the Residential Tenancies Act, and political canvassers are welcome to book appointments through our office to have staff provide reasonable access between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. for campaigning, as per both the RTA and Municipal Elections Act.

Please advise our office of your intended schedule in advance by emailing community.housing@queensu.ca with at least one-weeks' notice. Access instructions will be provided.

Entry by canvassers

28 No landlord shall restrict reasonable access to a residential complex by candidates for election to any office at the federal, provincial or municipal level, or their authorized representatives, if they are seeking access for the purpose of canvassing or distributing election material. 2006, c. 17, s. 28. **Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, S.O. 20**

The Election Campaign - Access to residential premises

88.1 No person who is in control of an apartment building, condominium building, non-profit housing cooperative or gated community may prevent a candidate or his or her representative from campaigning between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the doors to the apartments, units or houses, as the case may be. 2016, c. 15, s. 46. **Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32**