



# LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, INC.

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Dear colleagues,

We have received several questions regarding the upcoming US presidential elections and would like to clarify the position of the Lithuanian-American Community.

Our organization holds the status of a nonprofit charitable 501(c)3, and we must limit our political activities to those that are educational and informational only, and only a small portion of our resources can be used to that end. As an organization, we are *not* allowed to endorse any specific candidates or a specific political party. Chapters of the Lithuanian-American Community are also required to follow these guidelines.

We do encourage all members of the Lithuanian-American Community who hold US citizenship to register to vote, and to exercise their right to vote. We encourage individuals to get actively involved in the political party of their choosing, as individuals.

We respectfully request that your chapters do not post events supporting, or officially support a specific candidate, as this is in direct violation of our charitable status, and could hold serious consequences.

We have recently received a grant from Lietuviu Fondas in order to present an advocacy training event this fall, and hope to send more information about this soon.

In the meantime, if you have questions regarding political activity, please contact our LAC Executive Committee Public Affairs Council President Krista Bard [kbard@kristabard.com](mailto:kbard@kristabard.com) and you may also refer to IRS guidelines <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/political-and-lobbying-activities>.

Best regards,

Arvydas Urbonavičius  
Lithuanian American Community Executive Committee President

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