

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 11/8/2023

Staff Report No. 23-515

TO: AC Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Linda A. Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary
SUBJECT: Board Policy 145

ACTION ITEM

AGENDA PLANNING REQUEST:

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider approving minor amendments to Board Policy 145 - Elections: Political and Campaign Activities.

Staff Contact:
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STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:

Goal - Strong Public and Policymaker Support

The periodic review of election policies prior to upcoming Board elections ensures the District's compliance with fair political practices and communicated clear expectations to candidates running for office.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no budgetary/fiscal impact associated with this report.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The General Counsel and District Secretary, in conjunction with outside legal counsel, have reviewed Board Policy 145 in advance of the 2024 Board election. There are no major amendments proposed to the policy at this time. However, the policy has been updated to add an additional notice requirement to distribute the policy to affected parties by January 15th in even numbered years. The policy is accurate and consistent with the prohibitions set forth in the regulations adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:

Board Policy 145 ensures compliance with FPPC regulations and the avoidance of any potential violations or misuse of District resources for campaign or political activities. There are no disadvantages.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:

There are no practical alternatives to the course of action recommended in this report.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:

This policy was last reviewed in 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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