

**PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

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**Purpose:**

To set forth the requirements for activities outside of the Pima County Public Library District (“PCPL”) libraries and to set forth the possible ramifications for violation of policy or law.

**Background:**

Freedom of Speech: Although PCPL libraries are not traditional public forums for the direct expression of speech, PCPL is committed to the free flow of ideas and information. It may be appropriate for some political and other expressive activities to occur on the public sidewalks and public grounds near some PCPL libraries.

Petition passing: The Constitutions of the United States and the State of Arizona and Arizona law afford persons the opportunity to influence government via the election of candidates and initiative and referendum processes. Individuals seeking signatures on candidate nominating petitions or initiative or referendum petitions may do so outside of a PCPL library, subject to the restrictions set forth below.

Information sharing: Persons seeking to offer information to the public may do so, subject to the restrictions set forth below.

**Policy:**

The following requirements must be observed by all persons circulating petitions for signatures and persons sharing information (individually or collectively “Speakers”):

- The content of materials being circulated by Speakers is not restricted, provided the materials are not illegal and Speakers are not engaging in unlawful behavior.
- Speakers must follow the policies of any government, commercial or educational complex in which the PCPL library is located.
- ~~Speakers must obtain any permits required by the jurisdiction where the PCPL library is located for the activity being conducted.~~
- Speakers involved in political petition activity must be aware of and follow all laws applicable to the circulation of petitions for signatures.
- Speakers cannot:
  - Interfere with the movement of pedestrians on sidewalks or walkways surrounding a PCPL library;
  - Block PCPL library entrances, exits or book drop areas;

- Impede the flow of pedestrian traffic into and out of the PCPL library in any way;

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- Direct insults or profanity at any pedestrians; or
- Conduct activities in designated fire or emergency lanes or in parking spaces.; ~~or under PCPL library's covered porches~~
- Displays must be:
  - Neat and orderly;
  - Tended at all times; and
  - Removed from the premises when Speakers leave.
- Permanent fixtures or signs are not allowed. Nothing may be affixed to the building or damage the grounds or surrounding landscaping of the PCPL library.
- No loudspeakers, music, sound amplification, yelling, shouting, singing or other activity disruptive to the quiet enjoyment of the PCPL library is allowed.

To ensure uninterrupted library operations or for safety purposes, a PCPL Library Manager may:

- Ask that Speakers relocate the activity; and
- If the number of Speakers exceeds the space available, ~~limit~~ limit the number of Speakers, based on a first-come first-served basis.

PCPL will not:

- Assume responsibility for any harm or injury suffered by Speakers or by those who are signing a petition or engaging with Speakers.
- Provide tables, chairs or any other amenities to Speakers.
- Require registration of Speakers. ~~However, where the local jurisdiction requires a permit, PCPL may ask to see the permit.~~

**Compliance:**

Any Speakers who fail to comply with this policy, or any other applicable policy or law, will be asked to leave the premises for the remainder of the day. Law enforcement will be contacted if any Speakers engage in disruptive, disorderly, or potentially unlawful behavior.

**Disclaimer:**

PCPL cannot and will not, in any way, control the content of any petition being circulated or information being shared near any PCPL library. The presence of Speakers outside of a PCPL library does not constitute PCPL's:

- Endorsement of or opposition to any candidate;
- Support of or opposition to the subject of any initiative or referendum; or

- Concurrence with or objection to any material, point of view, position, belief or affiliation of any Speaker.

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