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Policy of Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. Relative to Political Campaign Participation in Day of Portugal Events

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As Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Service Tax Code, it has adopted the following policy relative to political campaign participation at its events consistent with the code restrictions¹:

1. Campaign signage will not be allowed to be posted or held on the premises where any Day of Portugal event is being held.
2. Candidates for public office will not be allowed to speak on behalf of their candidacy to the crowd assembled for the event, however, candidates cannot be restricted from attending and speaking to individuals.
3. Incumbent elected officials will be invited to participate in and speak at events by virtue of their public office so long as they are not engaged in active campaigning or soliciting votes.
4. Candidates actively campaigning for public office with signage cannot be restricted from public areas such as sidewalks outside of the premises where Day of Portugal Events are being held.
5. Candidates publicly campaigning cannot be invited to march in the Day of Portugal parade but cannot be restricted from public spaces along the parade route.

¹ To be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual. In addition, it may not be an action organization, i.e., it may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.