

## Politics and Social Media

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Social media is being widely used in political campaigns at all governmental levels. Social media accounts provide news, information on candidates, discussion of the campaign issue, and voter outreach. It is important for your municipality to remain mindful of the fact that the municipality's social media site and all "political platform" sites are to be separate. Employees should be aware that any form of campaigning while on the job is in the majority of cases a violation of public policy.

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<http://www.pewinternet.org/fact-sheets/social-networking-fact-sheet/> [1]

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